

**The Official Minutes of the
57th National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
for Architecture and the Allied Arts
Radisson Hotel – 1500 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
March 26-27, 2004**

Call to Order

Worthy Grand Architect, Brother Gregory Pelley

The 57th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts is called to order on Friday 26 March 2004 – 2:00 p.m. CST.

Credentials

Delegates listed as present by Credentials Committee:

Andronicus	Alberto Lopez	Andronicus AA	John Sterni
Anthemios	Victoria Lichocki	Anthemios AA	Scott Strnad
Apollodorus	James D. Wall		
Cleisthenes	Carmon Marshall		
Daedalus	Alejandro Gomez		
Iktinos	Melissa J. Goris*	Grand Council	Frank Kitchel
Imhotep	Lauren Jackson	Iktinos AA	Steven Janick
Pytheos	Amy Cooper	Metagenes AA	Richard Jenkins
Rabirius	Meghan Hayden & Sharon Trask	Pytheos AA	Lenora A. Nelson
Rhoecus	Jenny Haworth*	Rabirius AA**	Joe Henderson
Satyros	Deva N. Powell	Satyros AA	Joshua L. Thompson
Seshait	Richard S. King		
Vitruvius	Emily Dziubek	Vitruvius AA	Gary Ehrlich
		Xenocles AA	P. Kyle Horton

*Seated by special consideration as granted by delegates in good standing

** Greg Pelley is in receipt of a petition for affiliation as an alumni association from alumni members of the Rabirius Chapter and moves that the seated delegates of this convention vote on the petition immediately. Motion is seconded. Motion to accept the petition for affiliation as the Rabirius Alumni Association passes unanimously and the Rabirius Alumni Association seats Brother Joe Henderson as their delegate.

Credentials Committee Report is accepted by Convention.

Delegate Role Call. All present.

Worthy Grand Architect asks all those requesting special consideration from the delegates in good standing to seat a delegate to come forward.

- (1) Iktinos Chapter requests special consideration from the seated delegates in good standing. The chapter representative explains that Iktinos continues to experience difficulty paying their national dues and is currently several months in arrears, for a total of \$2,150.00. They have made arrangements with the Worthy Grand Estimator to make full payment by May 31, 2004. Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Iktinos Chapter's request for special seating. After several minutes of discussion and consideration by the delegates in good standing, motion passes unanimously and the Iktinos Chapter seats their delegate as listed.
- (2) Rhoecus Chapter requests special consideration from the seated delegates in good standing. The chapter representative explains that Rhoecus continues to experience difficulty

paying local and national dues and is currently several months in arrears to the fraternity in the amount of \$863.48. They have made arrangements with the Worthy Grand Estimator to make full payment by May 31, 2004. Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Rhoecus Chapter's request for special seating. After several minutes of discussion and consideration by the delegates in good standing, motion passes unanimously and the Rhoecus Chapter seats Brother Jenny Haworth as their delegate as listed.

Chapters and Alumni Associations present, not requesting special consideration to seat a delegate:

Apollodorus Alumni Association
Daedalus Alumni Association

Satyros Alumni Association
Seshait Alumni Association

Election of Convention Officers

President of the Convention

The Worthy Grand Architect asks for Report from the Nominations Committee.

Nominating Committee gives report. Brother Christine Brazill (Vitruvius Chapter) nominated for President of Convention.

Worthy Grand Architect asks for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, WGA closes nominations from the floor.

Motion is made and duly seconded to elect Brother Christine Brazill (Vitruvius Chapter) by acclamation. Motion passes unanimously.

Secretary of the Convention

The President asks for Report from the Nominations Committee.

Nomination committee gives report. Brother Adriana Esquivel (Cleisthenes Chapter) nominated for Secretary of Convention.

The President calls for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the President closes nominations from the floor.

Motion is made and duly seconded to elect Brother Esquivel by acclamation. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointments by the President

The President appoints the following:

- Sgt. At Arms – Brother Scott Miller (Rabirius Chapter)
- Parliamentarian – Brother Jason Kasparek (Rabirius Chapter)

President calls for the acceptance of the Standing Rules of the Convention. Motion is made and duly seconded to adopt the Standing Rules as submitted. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment of Committees

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Audit Committee, which will review the Worthy Grand Estimator's report to the Convention. Brothers Andrew Giffin, Jeff Brown, and Jenny Haworth are accepted by the convention.

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Resolutions Committee, which shall be responsible for the review and submission of all motions received and shall distribute copies of these motions to all delegates. Brothers Michele LeTourneur, Rick Jenkins, Lenora Nelson, and Matthew Zawacki are accepted by the convention. The President states the deadline for submitting resolutions to the Convention Secretary for consideration at this convention is March 26, 5:00 p.m. CST.

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Nominations Committee to collect nominations for the 58th National Convention. Brothers Emily Dziubek, Daniel Lee, Christine Brazill, and Dana Habel are accepted by the convention.

Report of the Grand Council

Worthy Grand Architect, Brother Gregory Pelley submits the report for the Grand Council. *See Grand Council Reports Section.* Read by Brother Pelley in summary.

Worthy Grand Estimator, Brother Frank Kitchel submits the report of fiscal year 2004. *See Grand Council Reports Section.*

Motion is made and duly seconded to receive the Report of the Grand Council. Motion passes with one abstention.

Report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

Vice President of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation, Brother Ted Ertl, submits the report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. *See Alpha Rho Chi Foundation Reports section.* Read by Brother Ted Ertl in summary.

Motion is made and duly seconded to receive the Report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion is made and duly seconded to Recess for 20 minutes – motion passes unanimously.
Session is in recess at 3:00 p.m. CST**

Session reconvenes at 3:20 p.m. CST

Convention Secretary takes role call. All delegates are present.

Report of the Chapters and Alumni Associations

See Chapter and Alumni Association Reports Section.

Andronicus Chapter
Andronicus Alumni Association
Anthemios Chapter
Anthemios Alumni Association
Apollodorus Chapter
Apollodorus Alumni Association
Cleisthenes Chapter
Daedalus Chapter
Iktinos Alumni Association

Imhotep Chapter
Pytheos Chapter
Rabirius Chapter
Rhoecus Chapter
Satyros Chapter
Seshait Chapter
Vitruvius Chapter
Vitruvius Alumni Association
Xenocles Alumni Association

Motion is made and duly seconded to delay the Chapter and Alumni Association Reports until following business session. Motion passes unanimously.

Report of Alumni Expansion Committee

Brothers Michele LeTourneur and Lenora A. Nelson submit the report of the "Alumni Expansion Committee." *See Alumni Expansion Committee Report Section.*

As a response to motion 55-06, this committee continues to explore the various aspects of alumni association expansion. This year, the committee chose to focus primarily on the constitutional aspects of alumni associations, which will be addressed by several resolutions presented to the convention for consideration by the delegates.

Report of Awards Committee

Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect) submits the report of the Awards committee and reads the report in summary.

Convention Secretary Announcements

All Brothers currently needing member badges are encouraged to speak directly to the Worthy Grand Architect. The Grand Council must be informed of all initiation dates if Chapters wish for them to follow up on outstanding badge orders.

Resolutions are due to the Convention Secretary by 5pm CST today.

Motion is made and duly seconded to Recess

Convention is in recess and will resume Saturday, March 27, 2004 at 10am.

Session reconvenes at 10:20 a.m. CST on Saturday, March 27, 2004.

Convention Secretary takes Roll Call. All present.

Unfinished Business

Reading of Chapter and Alumni Association reports tabled from March 26 session of the 57th National Convention. Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the reports of the Chapters and Alumni Associations as submitted (without verbal presentations) to the Convention Secretary. Motion passes unanimously.

Report of the Audit Committee

Brother Andrew Giffin submits the Audit Committee Report. *See Audit Committee report section.* Read by Brother Giffin in summary. Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Report of the Audit Committee. Motion passes unanimously.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Brother Rick Jenkins reports that as of 5:00 p.m. CST on 26 March 2004, the committee received eleven (11) resolutions. They have been distributed to the convention delegates and officers. Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Report of the Resolutions Committee. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Motion 57-01

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that delegates to the Convention cannot be seated in consecutive years on special consideration.

Motion made by: Brother Eric Heinsohn (Daedalus Alumni Association).
Seconded by: J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council Delegate)."

As neither the maker nor the second of the motion are present, Brother Kitchel (Grand Council delegate) seconds the motion to open for discussion and speaks on behalf of the motion. Special consideration should not be considered an annual occurrence, but rather a rare exception.

Motion is made and duly seconded to open the floor for discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

Gallery: Is this motion just for this year, or is it to be added to the Standing Rules for all future conventions?

Grand Council Delegate: The future dispensation of this motion will be decided by the delegates assembled here.

Satyros Alumni Association requests an explanation of potential situations leading to "Special Consideration" seating.

Metagenes Alumni Association states this is a good rule of thumb for future conventions.

Gallery: Circumstances may not be under a chapter's control, but the motion is good and provides a wake up call. Suggests that more emphasis should be placed on the role of the chapter's Worthy Estimator, including more stringent policies and procedures directly related to that office.

Gallery: The intention of the resolution is good, but this fraternity historically approaches convention as a place for the chapters to start anew and to become current with their financial obligations as agreed to in promissory notes to the Worthy Grand Estimator.

Grand Council Delegate: Agrees fully with the last statement from the Gallery. The intent of the word 'delegate' is not to be directed to any one person or organization. Admittedly, the resolution as written needs further work and the Grand Council will continue to discuss this topic for consideration by future convention delegates.

Andronicus Alumni Association requests the Convention President consider an exception to the Standing Rules such that delegates and gallery members may speak more than once on this subject. Motion is made and duly seconded to extend discussion as requested. Motion passes with one abstention.

Vitruvius Alumni Association Delegate: reiterates that it is not necessary to be seated at the delegate table in order to comment on resolutions.

Andronicus Alumni Association Delegate: one of the chapters apparently in question here was seated without special consideration, due to last minute actions. If the convention continues to make such rules, the fraternity may lose sight of what we're trying to do as an organization.

Anthemios Alumni Association Delegate: While he agrees it is important to keep the Constitution and Bylaws as simple and efficient as possible, there has never been a time that a chapter or association was refused seating by special consideration. Delegate feels the convention should accept them, but that adoption of this motion will provide additional incentive to chapters and associations to prevent similar circumstances in subsequent years. Special consideration seating should be considered more than just a formality; there must be some accountability involved.

Rhoecus Chapter Delegate: in a chapter such as Rhoecus, which is small, the actions (or inactions) of just one or two people can break the chapter financially, yet the chapter still wishes to have their voices heard at convention via a vote at the table.

Rabirius Chapter: especially with new chapters, it may take more than a year to sort out all the requirements necessary to stay in good standing.

Pytheos Alumni Association Delegate: perhaps this year's financial situation has served as a red flag for Rhoecus Chapter and indicates their need to more aggressively raise funds – and highlights the importance of retaining good standing within the fraternity

Gallery: Apollodorus Alumni Association is working hard to regain good standing, but still lacks in two areas, so the alumni members chose not to appeal for special consideration, out of respect for the other organizations

Rhoecus Chapter Delegate: asks how precluding an organization a seat at the delegate's table can help them. The Rhoecus Chapter worked hard to send representatives to convention, such that to be denied a seat at the delegate table would have been counterproductive.

Pytheos Alumni Association Delegate: a hard year is difficult to overcome, but it is a good guideline and provides a good learning experience to the chapter.

Satyros Alumni Association: every situation is different and requires special consideration

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Convention Secretary reads the motion for a second time.

Motion 57-01 fails to pass: 11 in favor, 12 against.

Motion 57-02

The Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that delegates seated on special consideration (not in good standing) shall be precluded from voting for the Grand Council Officers, but may vote on all matters pertaining to policy and procedures of the Fraternity

Motion made by: Brother Eric Heinsohn (Daedalus Alumni Association)

Seconded by: Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council Delegate)”

As neither the maker nor the second of the motion are present, Brother Kitchel (Grand Council delegate) seconds the motion, to open for discussion and speaks on behalf of the motion. It is believed that the author's intent is to highlight the need to make seating by special consideration a rare exception, rather than the rule. As it exists now, seating by special consideration is viewed as something that is expected. If we continue this trend, there is no reason for chapters and associations to continue to meet the constitutional requirements for good standing. If they continue to be seated year after year without paying their national dues, or retaining their good standing within their respective states, why bother having the clause in the constitution at all? Seating as a delegate is a form of recognition by the fraternity to a chapter or alumni association – a recognition of their hard work in the year since the last convention.

Motion is made and duly seconded to open the floor for discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

Iktinos Alumni Association: the younger members of this fraternity continually need help to understand that the funding of this fraternity is important, but feels the consequences of this motion are too harsh to adopt. The fraternity must continue to remind the chapters and alumni associations of

the importance of retaining their good standing, but consideration must still be given to chapters that fall behind during the course of the year.

Andronicus Alumni Association: fully agrees with reminding organizations of their obligations, but feels the current constitutional requirements where good standing is concerned are sufficient. Address the situation by enforcing the current rules, not by adding new ones.

Metagenes Alumni Association requests clarification of the motion

Pytheos Alumni Association: As this clause would be added to the Standing Rules, subsequent conventions would still have authority to adopt or reject it

Gallery: this motion would effectively create a second class delegate. In order to be in good standing, everyone must pay dues to the organization, they must be incorporated within their state, they must have sent a delegate in the previous year. Each chapter and alumni association must deal with their time and financial resources. Without either, we aren't an organization. The check that is written serves as the individual's, chapter's or association's recommitment to the membership.

Gallery: the elections at the 56th National Convention were extremely close. Because so many were seated by special consideration at that convention, obviously organizations not in good standing had a tremendous effect on the outcome of that election.

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion is determined to be out of order, by virtue of its conflict with Article IV, Section 01 of the National Bylaws. In light of this, the Grand Council delegate withdraws his second of the motion.

Motion 57-02 is withdrawn by the Second.

Motion 57-03

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Article XIV, be amended as follows:

Section 03 shall be amended to read: "Each officer and appointee of the Fraternity..." , thus replacing the word 'director' with 'appointee.'

Motion made by: Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes Alumni Association)

Seconded by: Brother Lenora Nelson (Regional Director)"

Maker speaks on behalf of the motion, explaining that the only intent is to provide clarity and consistency in the language currently used by the fraternity.

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 57-03 passes unanimously.

Motion 57-04

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that the following articles of the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended as follows:

Article XIII: A new Section 09 shall be inserted following Section 08 to read: ‘The Convention Director (CD) shall assist the Grand Council in the performance of its duties as they pertain to the planning, coordination, and execution of any National Convention, as directed by Article V of the Constitution. The Grand Council shall encourage and identify a Chapter and/or Alumni Association to serve as host of the Convention.’

Article IX: Amendment 1: Section 03 of the By-Laws to be deleted.

Amendment 2: Old Section 04 shall be changed to Section 03, as a result of this removal.

Motion made by: Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes Alumni Association)

Seconded by: Brother Lenora Nelson (Regional Director)”

Maker speaks on behalf of the motion. This motion would, in effect, require that the convention planner report to the entire Grand Council, not just to the Worthy Grand Associate Architect.

Motion is made and duly seconded to open the floor for discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

Grand Council Delegate: does not support the deletion of Section 03, as the convention planner should report to the Worthy Grand Associate Architect, for the same reasons the Expansion Director reports to the Worthy Grand Scribe.

Gallery: if this motion passes, the entire Grand Council is to be held responsible for planning Convention. With the responsibilities already required of each officer by the Constitution and By-Laws, most officers will not have time for this added responsibility.

Historically, the convention was held every other year to allow the person responsible for its planning time to effectively plan the event. Since the WGAA is now responsible and it is an annual event, the WGAA is required to spend far more time on convention planning than on their other duties.

Gallery: In prior years, the convention planning was left up to the host organization and, as a result, the fraternity lost several chapters to inactive status. That was the reason the convention planning duties were transferred to an officer of the Grand Council. If this motion passes, the Convention Planner should report directly to the Worthy Grand Associate Architect – not the entire Grand Council. Also, this would essentially be an experimental situation, as there is no way to determine the outcome of having such an appointment. The Convention Planner position has only existed for one year and should be given more time to see how it well it works.

Gallery: Agrees that the details of planning Convention should be delegated to members other than the WGAA, but feels a rewording of the motion to allow for a Convention Planning Committee be considered.

Gallery: Convention Planning guidelines and policies should be directed by the Grand Council so as to gain the most flexibility

Gallery: Perhaps we should relieve the WGAA of duties relating to alumni and alumni associations, rather than convention and have someone responsible for alumni functions report to the Worthy Grand Associate Architect

Pytheos Chapter Delegate: WGAA should absolutely not relinquish responsibility of alumni and alumni associations, especially in favor of a singular event such as convention

Pytheos Alumni Association Delegate: the reelection of past Worthy Grand Associate Architects has always been closely tied to the perceived success or failure of convention. This motion appears to take the burden of the success or failure off of the WGAA and place it on an appointee.

Gallery: suggests the WGA appoint a committee for convention planning

Metagenes Alumni Association Delegate: point of clarification, how would the convention planning committee be assembled?

Gallery: as the Constitution currently exists, the fraternity has the flexibility to assign convention planning to either the WGAA, or to several people – i.e. a committee.

Vitruvius Alumni Association Delegate: both the current constitution and this amendment provide for flexibility. Suggests a friendly amendment to remove Article 08 and Article 09.

Gallery: question of order for a friendly amendment, as it would not fall within the 60 day notice for constitutional amendments

Convention President states that in the past, friendly amendments have been accepted to constitutional amendments and that in this case, friendly amendments will be accepted.

Pytheos Alumni Association Delegate: the goal of this motion is to be consistent, so the friendly amendment is not accepted.

Anthemios Alumni Association Delegate: there is no need for this motion, as the constitution already states that any member of the Grand Council, including the Worthy Grand Associate Architect, may appoint an individual to assist with his/her duties as necessary. Constitutional changes should be considered very sparingly. Maker is asked to withdraw the motion.

Pytheos Alumni Association Delegate: agrees that the Constitution and Bylaws already allow for appointing committees, but feels most members are unaware of the opportunities, or that the committee system is not working properly. As Second, will not agree to withdrawing the motion, but will consider further friendly amendments

Gallery: amendments to the Constitution should never be considered on an experimental basis and that is what appears to be the gist of this motion.

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 57-04 fails to pass, with one abstention.

Motion 57-05

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that Article II of the Constitution of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended as follows:

Section 02 (A) shall be amended to add: "and Associations" after the word Chapters

Section 02 (C) shall be amended to add: "and Associations" after the word Chapters

Section 02 (D) shall be amended to add: "and Associations" after the word Chapters

Motion made by: Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes Alumni Association)

Seconded by: Brother Lenora Nelson (Regional Director)"

Original articles are read in full. Maker speaks on behalf of the motion.

Anthemios Chapter Delegate: point of clarification, why isn't "alumni" used instead of "and Associations?"

Maker: intent is to remain consistent in the wording throughout the documents

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 57-05 passes unanimously.

Motion 57-06

The Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the following Articles of the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended:

Amendment 1: The title of Article XVIII shall be amended to read: "SUSPENSION OF CHAPTERS AND ASSOCIATIONS" thus adding the words *and Associations*.

Amendment 2: Article XX Section 01 to read: "...communications to the Chapters and Associations" thus adding the words *and Associations*.

Amendment 3: Article XX Section 02 to read: "Each Chapter and Association shall possess a seal...Such seal shall be impressed on all Chapter and Association reports, notices, summons, and all official communications to the Grand Council." thus adding the words *and Associations*.

Amendment 4: Article XXII Section 04 to read: "The colors of the Fraternity may be used as an emblem as any active member of the Fraternity sees fit." thus removing the words *the Chapters see* and replacing it with the words *any active member of the Fraternity sees*.”

Motion made by: Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA)

Seconded by: Brother Lenora Nelson (Pytheos AA)

The maker speaks on behalf of the motion. This motion is more housekeeping, making it possible for all brothers, not just actives, to use symbols and colors of the fraternity.

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 57-06 passes unanimously.

Motion 57-07

The Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that Article XVII of the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity shall be amended as follows:

Section 07 shall be amended to read: "...and other assets for the use and benefit of the Fraternity." in lieu of *an active Chapter*”

Motion made by: Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA)

Seconded by: Lenora Nelson (Pytheos AA)

Maker speaks on behalf of motion. The intent of this motion is to broaden, not tighten, Alumni Association powers.

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 57-07 passes unanimously.

**Motion is made and duly seconded to Recess for 10 minutes. Motion passes unanimously.
Session is in recess at 12:00 p.m. CST.**

Session reconvenes at 12:10 p.m. CST

Convention Secretary takes roll call. All delegates are present.

Motion 57-08

The Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that Article VIII of the Constitution of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended as follows:

Amendment 1: Section 01 FORMATION, MAINTENANCE AND OBJECTIVES, shall be amended to read: "...bound and subject to the ALPHA RHO CHI FRATERNITY Constitution, By-Laws, and Standard Operating Procedures."

Amendment 2: Section 02 OFFICERS, shall be amended to read: "Each Alumni Association shall have such officers and directors as are reasonably necessary for its orderly government in conformance with Article XVII Section 06 of the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity and all applicable local laws."

Amendment 3: A new Section 02 NAME is inserted following Section 01 to read: "Each Alumni Association of the Fraternity shall be designated by the name of its respective Chapter."

Amendment 4: Section 03 MEETINGS shall be amended to read: "Each Alumni Association shall meet on a regular basis, in conformance with all applicable local laws."

Amendment 5: Old Section 02 shall be changed to Section 03.

Amendment 6: Old Section 03 shall be changed to Section 04.

Amendment 7: Old Section 04 shall be changed to Section 05.”

Motion made by: Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA)

Seconded by: Lenora Nelson (Pytheos AA)

Maker speaks on behalf of the motion. This is the reason the Alumni Expansion Committee was formed, and this motion officially invalidates the idea of regional alumni associations. The maker also accepts a friendly amendment to strike Amendment 1 from the motion. Brother Lenora Nelson explains that Standard Operating Procedures are not an official document.

The Secretary reads the amended motion:

“I move that Article VIII of the Constitution of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended as follows:

Amendment 1: Section 02 OFFICERS, shall be amended to read: "Each Alumni Association shall have such officers and directors as are reasonably necessary for its orderly government in conformance with Article XVII Section 06 of the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity and all applicable local laws."

Amendment 2: A new Section 02 NAME is inserted following Section 01 to read: "Each Alumni Association of the Fraternity shall be designated by the name of its respective Chapter."

Amendment 3: Section 03 MEETINGS shall be amended to read: "Each Alumni Association shall meet on a regular basis, in conformance with all applicable local laws."

Amendment 4: Old Section 02 shall be changed to Section 03.

Amendment 5: Old Section 03 shall be changed to Section 04.

Amendment 6: Old Section 04 shall be changed to Section 05."

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 57-08 passes unanimously.

Motion 57-09

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended as follows:

Amendment 1: Articles XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, and XXV shall be renumbered to Articles XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, and XXVI, respectively, and a new Article XX shall be inserted to read:

ARTICLE XX

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

- Section 01** **A. Each Association shall forward membership reports as required to the Worthy Grand Estimator.**
B. Financial records of each Association shall be kept by the Treasurer of that Association in such manner and following such format as prescribed by the Worthy Grand Estimator of the Fraternity and in conformance with all applicable local laws.
- Section 02** **Each Association shall send promptly to the Worthy Grand Scribe a list of the names and addresses of all newly elected officers.**
- Section 03** **Each Association shall draft By-Laws which are consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity and the requirements of the state of its incorporation. In no Association shall there be any class of membership that is exempt from the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity, nor free from the obligations imposed by the Fraternity's schedule of charges and regulations. Before these By-Laws or any subsequent amendments or additions shall go into effect they must be approved by the Grand Council.**

Amendment 2: Article XVII Section 08 to be deleted due to its modified incorporation into Article XX."

Motion made by: Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA)

Seconded by: Lenora Nelson (Pytheos AA)

Maker speaks on behalf of the motion. The intent is to have equal wait time for Alumni Associations as with chapters. Currently this happens, the motion is to make it official.

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 57-09 passes unanimously.

Motion 57-10

The Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the Alumni Associations (AA) and the Grand Council (GC) of the Fraternity direct the Worthy Grand Estimator (WGE) to collect Alumni Member dues for both the national fraternity, as well as for each Active Alumni Association. The WGE then would disperse the portion of the total alumni dues intended for the AAs to each AA treasurer at regularity to be agreed by AAs and GC.”

Motion made by: Brother Eric Gilbey (Demetrius AA)

Seconded by: Brother Gregory S. Pelley (WGA)

As neither the maker nor the second of the motion are delegates, Brother Kitchel (Grand Council Delegate) seconds the motion, to open for discussion. Brother Pelley speaks on behalf of the motion. The intent is to develop a new system for the process of collecting alumni dues. Brother Gilbey’s intent was to learn from other Alumni Associations.

Gallery: Chapters collect their own money, as should Alumni Associations. No more duties should be added to the WGE.

Pytheos AA Delegate: It may seem simple, but sometimes it is the only thing that the RD receives and giving it to Grand Council would not help.

Metagenes AA Delegate: Will be happy to never explain the need for checks and have one invoice. Some brothers may feel the need to pay for the Alumni Association and not national dues.

Vitruvius AA Delegate: Torn because he has not spoken with his Alumni Association, but will support the motion because he feels it is a move for the better. It is possible to email the file to the WGE, but a single task will be easier.

Grand Council Delegate: This puts a larger burden on the WGA and WGAA because of logistics. Suggests discussing with your alumni association and reporting back next year.

Satyros AA Delegate: How long will this process take? It seems to be too much.

Andronicus AA Delegate: Currently there are too many papers and paying dues is too hard. Look at the chapters – part of their dues go to nationals. Consider using that process.

Iktinos AA Delegate: What about inactive Alumni Associations? It can get complicated. Is it possible to review individual organizations to see who has paid what?

Satyros AA Delegate: Agrees and makes motion to table this motion to the next year. Seconded

Motion 57-10 tabled: 22 in favor, 1 abstention

Volunteers are accepted to explore motion. Brother Pelley volunteers Brother Gilbey as chair; if declines, Brother Pelley will accept. Additional volunteers are Brother John Sterni, Brother Scott Strnad, Brother Jennifer Williams, Brother Stephen Janick, Brother Richard Jenkins, Brother Joe Henderson, and Brother Joshua Thompson.

Motion 57-11

The Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the 57th National Convention accept the petition for affiliation to form the Nikon Chapter of APX.”

Motion made by: Brother Gregory S. Pelley (WGA)

Seconded by: Brother James D. Wall (Apollodorus)

Maker speaks on behalf of the motion. Yesterday Grand Council received the petition and wholeheartedly wishes for the convention to accept it.

Motion is made and duly seconded to Call the Question. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 57-11 passes unanimously.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Brother Karen Walker (Seshait) submits the report of the Nominating Committee. See Nominations Committee Report Section for candidates' resumes.

Worthy Grand Architect Nominees:

Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect) by Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA). Accepted.

Worthy Grand Scribe:

Brother Vicki Horton (Worthy Grand Scribe) by Carlos Machado (Cleisthenes). Accepted.

Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Report of the Nominating Committee. Motion passes unanimously.

Election of Officers to the Grand Council

Worthy Grand Architect Election

The President calls for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none after three calls, the President closes nominations from the floor.

Motion is made and duly seconded to elect Brother Gregory Pelley by acclamation. Motion passes: 22 in favor, 1 abstention.

Brother Pelley is elected to the office of Worthy Grand Architect.

Worthy Grand Scribe Election

The President calls for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none after three calls, the President closes nominations from the floor.

Motion is made and duly seconded to elect Brother Vicki Horton by acclamation. Motion passes: 22 in favor, 1 abstention.

Brother Horton is elected to the office of Worthy Grand Scribe.

Betterment of the Fraternity

Brother Lenora Nelson (Pytheos AA) moves to create a grammar committee with the purpose of finding inconsistencies in the Constitution and By-Laws to benefit the whole of the fraternity. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Volunteers are taken for the Grammar Committee: Brothers Jason Kasparek (Rabirius), Victoria Lichocki (Anthemios), Scott Strnad (Anthemios AA), Scott Miller (Rabirius), Amber Ford (Apollodorus AA), Andrew Giffin (Vitruvius), Christine Brazill (Vitruvius) are accepted by the convention.

Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect) suggests talking about how the committee will proceed. The changes are getting messy, and the more we codify, the harder it is to read them. He suggests simplifying.

Brother Carlos Machado (Cleisthenes) suggests a change in standing rules of convention to consider allowing the chapters to have a chance to discuss nominations before balloting begins.

Brother Gary Ehrlich (Vitruvius AA) suggests that Brother Machado work on an amendment for next year.

Brother Laura Schmidt (Worthy Grand Associate Architect) motions to create a Convention Planning Committee. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Brothers Amy Cooper (Pytheos), Sharon Trask (Rabirius), Jenny Haworth (Rhoecus), Deva Powell (Satyros) Joshua Thompson (Satyros AA), Adrian Burrow (Seshait), Hilary Engelhart (Rabirius), Meghan Hayden (Rabirius), Grady Bergstrom (Anthemios), Lori Beth Wilson (Rabirius), Adriana Esquivel (Cleisthenes), and Christine Brazill (Vitruvius) are accepted by the convention.

Brother Jennifer Williams (Demetrios AA) notes the expansion in the past year, and the number of people seated at the table has grown.

Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect) notes that the expansion goal is to have 25 chapters by 2006. Right now we have about 19, including letters of intent and colonies. Keep working towards the goal.

Suggestions for Meeting Places for Future Convention

Suggestions for the 58th National Convention:

- Seattle, WA
- Miami, FL
- Key West, FL
- New York City, NY
- Montreal, Quebec
- Toronto, Ontario
- Tempe, AZ
- Phoenix, AZ

Brother Lenora Nelson (Pytheos AA) asks if the intent is to hold convention at a chapter one year and at an expansion city another year.

Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect) responds that the leadership conference will always be at a chapter. Previous discussions have suggested that premier cities may lead to higher attendance, but second tier cities show better treatment at a lower cost. Buffalo, NY is willing to roll out the red carpet for APX. Seattle creates a travel problem because all brothers would need to fly.

Ledia Osmani (Cleisthenes) notes that Canada was mentioned and that international students may have a problem crossing the border.

Additional suggestions for cities are San Francisco, CA, Pittsburgh, PA, Detroit, MI, Denver, CO, and Buffalo, NY.

Motion to Adjourn by Brother Frank Kitchel. **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The 57th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity is adjourned on Saturday 27 March 2004 – 1:10 p.m. CST.

We, the undersigned, do attest and affirm that the above text is an accurate record of the proceedings of the 57th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts, held in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, March 26-27, 2004.

Christine M. Brazill
Convention President

Adriana Esquivel
Convention Secretary