

**The Official Minutes of the
58th National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
Hyatt Regency Hotel – Two Fountain Plaza
Buffalo, New York
March 18-19, 2005**

Call to Order

Worthy Grand Architect, Brother Gregory S. Pelley

The 58th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts is called to order on Friday March 18, 2005 – 2:30 p.m. EST.

Credentials

Delegates listed as present by Credentials Committee:

Chapters

Andronicus	Erin N. Williams
Anthemios	Nathan Mowry
Apollodorus	Christopher Lee
Cleisthenes	Matthew Zawacki
Daedalus	Kirsten Borg
Domitian	Thomas W. Sutton, III
Imhotep	Rusty Hollingsworth
Pytheos	Amy Vrtiska
Rabirius	Meghan Hayden/Hilary Englehart
Satyros	Theresa Dorsey
Senenmut	Paul Dudowski
Seshait	Karen Williams *
Vitruvius	Brian Taylor

Alumni Associations

Andronicus	Kurt Hanna
Anthemios	Scott M. Strnad
Apollodorus	Daniel Lee
Daedalus	Ryan Rosen
Demetrios	Charles L. Nickel
Iktinos	Stephen P. Janick, Jr.
Metagenes	Richard L. Jenkins
Pytheos	Erin Froschheiser
Rabirius	Jay C. Blackburn
Satyros	Deva Powell
Vitruvius	Andrea Hauber
Xenocles	P. Kyle Horton
Grand Council	Frank Kitchel

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

Credentials Committee Report is accepted by Convention.

Delegate Roll 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.

Seshait Chapter requests special consideration from the seated delegates in good standing. Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Seshait Chapter's request to seat a delegate under special consideration. After several minutes of discussion and consideration from the seated delegates in good standing, the motion passes unanimously and the Seshait Chapter seats their delegate as listed.

Election of Convention Officers

President of the Convention

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

Nominating Committee presents Report. Brother Amber Ford (Apollodorus Alumni Association) and Brother Carlos Machado (Cleisthenes Chapter) are nominated for President of Convention.

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

Each Candidate is provided with five minutes to express their reasons for wanting to serve the Fraternity as a Convention officer.

Paper ballots are distributed to the seated delegates and counted by representatives designated by each candidate. **Brother Carlos Machado (Cleisthenes Chapter) is elected Convention President.**

Secretary of the Convention

The Convention President asks for Report from the nominations Committee.

Nominations Committee presents Report. Brother Farid Dehghan (Cleisthenes Chapter) nominated for Secretary of the Convention.

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

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

Appointments by the President

The President appoints the following:

- Sgt. At Arms – Brother Adriana Esquivel (Cleisthenes Chapter)
- Parliamentarian – Brother Mike Ellars (Andronicus Alumni Association)

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 Melissa Robles (Andronicus Chapter) and Scott Swanson (Daedalus Alumni Association) 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 Farid Dehghan (Cleisthenes Chapter), Thorne Ransom (Imhotep Chapter), Christine Brazill (Vitruvius Alumni Association) are accepted by the

convention. The President states the deadline for submitting resolutions to the Convention Secretary for consideration at this convention is March 18, 2005 by 7:00pm EST.

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Nominations Committee to collect nominations for the 59th National Convention. Brothers Christine Brazill (Vitruvius Alumni Association), Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes Alumni Association), and Danny Lee (Apollodorus Alumni Association) are accepted by the convention.

**Motion is made and duly seconded to Recess for 5 minutes – motion passes unanimously.
Session is in Recess at 3:36pm EST.
Session Reconvenes at 3:42pm EST.**

Report of the Grand Council

Worthy Grand Architect, Brother Gregory S. Pelley submits the report of the Grand Council. See *Grand Council Reports section*. Read by Brother Gregory Pelley in summary.

Worthy Grand Estimator, Brother Frank Kitchel submits the report for the fiscal year 2005. See *Grand Council Reports section*.

Motion is made and duly seconded to receive the Report of the Grand Council. Motion passes unanimously.

Report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

President of Alpha Rho Chi Foundation, Brother Chuck Nickel, submits the Report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. See *Alpha Rho Chi Foundation Reports section*. Read by Brother Nickel in summary.

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

Convention floor open to discussion.

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

Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. Motion passes with one abstention (Daedalus Chapter).

**Motion is made and duly seconded to Recess for 10 minutes – motion passes unanimously.
Session is in Recess at 4:38pm EST.
Session Reconvenes at 4:48pm EST.**

Delegate Roll Call – 25 members seated; Satyros Alumni Association not present.

Report of the Chapters and Alumni Associations

See *Chapter and Alumni Associations Reports section*.

Motion is made and duly seconded to delay the Reports of the Chapters and Alumni Associations until the following business session. Motion passes with one abstention (Andronicus Chapter).

Report of the Alumni Association Committee

See Alumni Association Committee Report section

Motion is made and duly seconded to call roll. Motion passes unanimously.

Roll Call – 26 members seated.

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

Unfinished Business

Motion is made to temporarily suspend business to hear Grand Council nomination speeches today so that the delegates have time to deliberate before elections.

Motion is made to call the question to suspend business. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion is made and duly seconded to suspend “regular order of” business. Motion passes with two abstentions (Andronicus and Rabirius Chapters).

Report of Nominations Committee

For the Grand Council office of Worthy Grand Associate Architect:

Brother Laura Schmidt is nominated by Brother Carlos Machado and Brother Greg Pelley.

For the Grand Council office of Worthy Grand Estimator:

Brother Frank Kitchel is nominated by Brother Carlos Machado and Brother Greg Pelley.

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

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

Call for nomination speeches.

For the Grand Council office of Worthy Grand Associate Architect, Brother Laura Schmidt accepts nomination.

For the Grand Council office of Worthy Grand Estimator, Brother Frank Kitchel accepts nomination.

Motion is made and duly seconded to return from the table Motion 57-4 from the 57th National Convention. Motion passes with one abstention (Metagenes Alumni Association).

Motion is made and duly seconded to open discussion. Motion passes unanimously. Discussion is now open.

Motion is made by Brother Greg Pelley to table the motion to collect Alumni member dues for both National Fraternity and for each Alumni Association because it is a non-issue to this convention.

Motion is made to create a discussion section on National website message board. Motion fails.

Brother Greg Pelley's motion is duly seconded to table this resolution until the 59th National Convention. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion is made by Anthemios and duly seconded for the Sgt. at Arms to remove all non-active members for esoteric matters.

President confirms with Sgt. at Arms that all non-active members are removed.

Report of the Grand Lecturer

Brother Brian Swilling (Seshait Alumni Association) submits Report of the Grand Lecturer. See *Grand Lecturer Reports section*. Read by Brother Swilling in summary

Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Report of the Grand Lecturer. Motion passes with two abstentions (Daedalus Chapter and the Vitruvius Chapter).

President requests that the Sgt. at Arms re-admit non-members.

Announcements

Audit Committee will meet 6:30pm EST.

Grand Council will meet at 7:00pm EST.

Break-Out sessions will meet immediately after adjournment

Esoteric discussion will meet in room 802 immediately after adjournment.

Audit committee will meet immediately after adjournment.

Motion is made and duly seconded to recess.

**Convention is in recess at 5:36pm EST and will resume
Saturday March 19, 2005 at 8:00am EST.**

Session reconvenes at 8:00am EST on Saturday, March 19, 2005.

Roll Call – 26 delegates seated (all present)

Report of Resolutions Committee

Resolutions Committee reports there are six (6) resolutions submitted and in order for the delegates' consideration. Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Report of the Resolutions Committee. Motion passes unanimously.

Report of the Audit Committee

The Committee reviewed the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 financial statements submitted by the Worthy Grand Estimator. In the Committee's estimation, the Fraternity's financial affairs are being conducted in a manner consistent with acceptable accounting practices. The committee also commends Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator, for his efforts.

Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the Report of the Audit Committee. Motion passes with one abstention (Metagenes Alumni Association).

New Business

Review of the Motions

Motion 58-01:

Mr. President: I move that the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended adding a subsection 09 (Duties of the Development Director) to Article XIII to wit:

The Development Director (DD) shall assist the Grand Council in the creation and execution of the Development Plan of the Fraternity. The DD shall assist the Worthy Grand Associate Architect in maintaining and promoting the Alumni Development Program.

Motion is made by Greg S. Pelley, Anthemios Alumni Association

Motion is made to open discussion on the motion. Greg S. Pelley explains motion.

Demetrios offers friendly amendment that the second sentence, "The DD shall assist the Worthy Grand Associate Architect in maintaining and promoting the Alumni Development Program", be deleted for clarity. Friendly amendment is accepted by the maker of the motion.

Suggestion from Andronicus Alumni Association that the fraternity could benefit from non-brothers holding this position.

There is a call to question and is duly seconded. Call to question passes unanimously. Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the amended motion as read.

Mr. President: I move that the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended adding a subsection 09 (Duties of the Development Director) to Article XIII to wit:

The Development Director (DD) shall assist the Grand Council in the creation and execution of the Development Plan of the Fraternity.

Motion passes with one abstention (Seshait Chapter).

Motion 58-02:

Motion is made by WGE Frank Kitchel that:

Individual alumni dues be collected by the Grand Council in two manners, per the preference of the Alumni member; on being the current format of one annual payment of \$50 by cash or credit card; the second being the option of an automatic monthly payment plan that would be directly paid from the alumni member's savings or checking account of choice and direct deposited in to the Fraternity's checking account. Should the alumni member choose the automatic monthly payment plan, the minimum monthly amount to be paid will be \$7.00 per month. The WGE will be responsible for administering all policies and procedures of this program.

Motion is made and duly seconded to open discussion on the motion. Frank Kitchel (WGE) provides a brief explanation.

A hostile amendment is offered by Metagenes Alumni Association to change the minimum monthly amount from \$7 to \$5. Maker of the motion requests a vote of the membership. Hostile amendment fails with 4 in favor, 15 against, 7 abstentions. (Per constitutional requirements, this motion requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority)

Cleisthenes Chapter offers a friendly amendment. The amendment fails due to lack of second.

Call to question is made and duly seconded.
Motion is read in its entirety, and passes by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority.

**Motion is made and duly seconded to recess for 5 minutes.
Business meeting is in Recess at 9:17am EST.**

Business meeting reconvenes at 9:23am EST.

Roll Call – 25 delegates seated, Anthemios Chapter absent.

Motion 58-03

Motion is made by Brother Michael Marvin (Worthy Architect-Domitian Chapter), and duly seconded by Brother Thomas Sutton (Worthy Estimator-Domitian Chapter) that:

Article XVI, Section 04 be which presently reads: "No Chapter shall be installed until at least ten (10) qualified applicants are presented at the time of installation," be amended to read: "No Chapter shall be installed until at least ten (10) qualified applicants are

presented at the time of installation, or unless a majority vote of the Grand Council agrees that a lesser number of applicants are qualified and should be installed.”

Motion is made and duly seconded to open discussion on the motion.

A friendly amendment is offered by-Brother Charles Pickard (Anthemios Alumnus), “that no colony can be seated without 12 colonists.” Amendment is rejected by the makers of the motion.

Daedalus Chapter offers a friendly amendment to change “...majority vote...” to read “...unanimous vote by Grand Council...” Friendly amendment is accepted by the Maker.

Motion is made to call the question. The Secretary reads the motion as amended.

Article XVI, Section 04 be which presently reads: “No Chapter shall be installed until at least ten (10) qualified applicants are presented at the time of installation,” be amended to read: “No Chapter shall be installed until at least ten (10) qualified applicants are presented at the time of installation, or unless a unanimous vote of the Grand Council agrees that a lesser number of applicants are qualified and should be installed.”

During voting, division is called and the President requests a hand count.

Hand count: 18 in favor, 6 against, 2 abstentions. Motion fails due to the necessary $\frac{3}{4}$ majority requirement.

Roll call vote is requested.

Roll call vote:

Chapters

Andronicus
Anthemios
Apollodorus
Cleisthenes
Daedalus
Domitian
Imhotep
Pytheos
Rabirius
Satyros
Senenmut
Seshait
Vitruvius

Alumni Associations

Andronicus
Anthemios
Apollodorus
Daedalus
Demetrios
Iktinos
Metagenes
Pytheos
Rabirius
Satyros
Vitruvius
Xenocles
Grand Council

Motion is made and duly seconded to recess for 5 minutes to allow Convention Officers time to tally votes.

Business meeting is in recess at 10:08am EST.

Business meeting reconvenes at 10:15am EST.

Vote by ballot: With 17 ayes, 7 nays, 2 abstentions. Motion fails due to the necessary $\frac{3}{4}$ majority requirement.

Motion 58-04

Motion is made by the WGA, Greg Pelley, that:

The 58th Convention approve the Petition for Affiliation as submitted by the Dinocrates Colony of Alpha Rho Chi.

Motion is duly seconded.

Call to question is made and duly seconded.
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 58-05

Motion is made by the Expansion Director, Charles Pickard, and duly seconded by Andronicus Alumni Association that:

The 58th Convention direct the Grand Council to adopt a policy that enables the de-pledging of a colonist. The decision to de-pledge a colonist would require approval by the majority of the three parties: the Sponsoring Organization, the Regional Director, and the Grand Council. Each party would receive one vote.

Motion is made and duly seconded to open discussion.

Metagenes Alumni Association offers friendly amendment to change "...a Regional Director..." to "...the Regional Director..." Friendly amendment is accepted.

Daedalus Chapter offers a friendly amendment to change, "...would require approval by the majority of the three parties..." to read, "...would require unanimous approval..."
Maker rejects friendly amendment.

Daedalus offers hostile amendment to change, "...would require approval by the majority of the three parties..." to read, "...would require unanimous approval..."
Hostile amendment fails to pass.

Motion is made and duly seconded to accept the motion as altered by friendly amendment.
With 15 in favor, 3 opposed, and 4 abstentions, motion passes.

Division is called. Hand count shows 16 in favor, 7 opposed, and 3 abstentions, the motion passes.

**Motion is made and duly seconded to recess for 5 minutes.
Business meeting is in recess at 11:09am EST.**

Business meeting reconvenes at 11:17am EST.

Roll Call – 26 delegates seated. In light of the esoteric nature of Motion 58-06, the Sergeant-at-Arms removes all non-members from the convention announces that all doors will be kept closed throughout the duration of this motion.

Motion 58-06

Motion is made by Vitruvius Alumna Nicole Morris Dress and duly seconded by Metagenes Alumnus Richard L. Jenkins that:

The enclosed Graduation (Alumni) Ceremony be adopted within The Ritual of Alpha Rho Chi. [See Esoteric Resolutions package for details]

Motion is made and duly seconded to open discussion on the motion. Richard Jenkins explains the motion. Andronicus Alumni Association moves to table the motion. Motion is rejected and withdrawn.

Discussion continues.

Apollodorus Alumni Association moves for a friendly amendment to the Graduation (Alumni) Ceremony, to allow the Alumni Association President or other Association officer preside over Ceremony instead of the Chapter Worthy Architect. Friendly amendment is accepted by the makers.

Call to question is made and duly seconded.

Convention Secretary reads motion 58-06 as amended. A unanimous vote is needed. With 6 ayes, 16 nays, and 3 abstentions, the motion fails.

Discussion is opened to the floor on the failed motion.

Anthemios Chapter moves to refer this motion to the Ritual committee. Motion is duly seconded.

Division is called. With 16 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention, motion carries, and the Ritual Committee is formed.

Ritual Committee:

Diana Nelson (ANDR), Luis Esquivel (ANDR), Nate Mowry (ANTH), Scott Strnad (ANTH AA), Theresa Dorsey (SATY AA), Christopher Lee (APOL), Michael Ellars (ANDR AA), Kurt Hanna (ANDR AA), Lori Beth Wilson (RABI AA), Jason Kasperek (RABI AA), Karen Williams (SESH AA), Rob Ford (APOL AA), Amber Ford (APOL AA), Christine Brazill (VITR AA), Emily Dziubek (VITR), Lenora Nelson (PYTH AA), Jay Mock (ANDR AA), Brian

Swilling (SESH AA / Grand Lecturer), Tom Sutton (DOMI), Rick Jenkins (META AA), Ryan Rosen (DAED AA), Alberto Lopez (ANDR), Dana Naso (ANDR), Zara Moore (DINO), Carlos Machado (CLEI), Adriana Esquivel (CLEI), Vicki Horton (XENO AA).

Report of Nominations Committee

No changes to report as submitted on March 18, 2005

Additional nominations to Grand Council

Convention President calls for additional nominations from the floor, per the Standing Rules. No additional nominations are made and the President closes nominations.

Motion is made by the Seshait Chapter and duly seconded by the Vitruvius Alumni Association to accept by acclamation the nominees for Worthy Grand Associate Architect and Worthy Grand Estimator. Motion passes unanimously.

Brother Laura Schmidt is reelected to the office of Worthy Grand Associate Architect, and Brother Frank Kitchel is reelected to the office of Worthy Grand Estimator by acclamation.

Brother Greg Pelley moves to suspend regular order of business to consider 59th National Convention officers. Convention President opens floor to discussion.

Andronicus Chapter offers a friendly amendment to the motion to "nominate" convention officers. Maker of the motion accepts friendly amendment.

Motion is called to question and is duly seconded. Motion passes unanimously

Nominations are opened for 59th National Convention officers

For Convention President:

Amber Ford (Apollodorus Alumni Association)
Michael Ellars (Andronicus Alumni Association)
Scott Swanson (Daedalus Alumni Association)

For Convention Secretary:

None

Andronicus Alumni Association moves to resume normal order of business. Motion is duly seconded and meeting resumes regular order of business.

Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity

Double-sided printing should be considered for all convention reports
Post information on website regularly
National History – consider a Centennial Ceremony
Grand Council is creating a Risk Management Committee
Encourage all members to visit another chapter to watch their Ritual

Read the Grand Council meeting minutes on Grand Council page of website
Grammar Committee will work with WGA to review the national Constitution and By-laws
Contact information for committees formed during this convention will be made
available online

Suggestion for Meeting Places for 60th National Convention

Orlando, FA	Portland, OR	Fort Worth, TX
San Diego, CA	Austin, TX	Savannah, GA
Caribbean Cruise	Phoenix, AZ	Pittsburgh, PA
Memphis, TN	Atlanta, GA	

Motion is made and duly seconded to adjourn the 58th National Convention. Motion passes
unanimously.

**58th National Convention Business meeting adjourns Saturday
March 19 - 12:30pm EST.**

I do attest and affirm that the above text is an accurate record of the proceedings of the 58th
National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi Professional Architecture Fraternity, held Friday, March 18
through Saturday, March 19, 2005.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of June, 2005:

Carlos Machado, Convention President

Farid Dehghan, Convention Secretary