



The Official Minutes of the
61th National Convention
of Alpha Rho Chi
Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts
Reno, Nevada – March 14-15, 2008

Call to Order

Grand Worthy Architect, Brother Vicki J. Horton
March 14, 2008 – 8:40 a.m. PDT

Credentials

Delegates listed as present and in good standing by Credentials Committee
(18 in order at opening):

Andronicus	Austin Murray	Andronicus AA	Kurt Hanna
Anthemios	Andrew Wilke	Anthemios AA	Andrew Graumlich*
Apollodorus	Kimberly Gillar	Apollodorus AA	Manuel Perez
Cleisthenes	Geri Powell		
Cossutius	Chad “Zee” Metheny		
Daedalus	Bonnie Miller*	Daedalus AA	Ryan Upp*
Dinocrates	Jordan Vann/Jessie Weber*		
Domitian	Rosanna Collars*		
Iktinos	Jessica Mattson	Iktinos AA	Dana Habel/ Mara Braspenix
Imhotep	Christin Mains		
Metagenes	Desiree Hollar	Metagenes AA	Richard L Jenkins*
Pytheos	Nathaniel Holland*	Pytheos AA	
Rabirius	Hillary Englehart/ Nathan Steeber*	Rabirius AA	Joe Henderson/ Turisa Tuttle
Satyros	Diana Figueroa	Satyros AA	Teresa Dorsey
Seshait	Alicia Crumbly/ Roger Tenant, Jr.	Seshait AA	Marcus Barnes*
Vitruvius	Chelsea Weaver/ Steve Prukowski*	Vitruvius AA	Aaron Feldman
		Xenocles AA	P. Kyle Horton
		Grand Council	Stephen P. Janick

* *seated later*

Credentials Committee Report is accepted by Convention (17 aye/ 1 nay).

Delegate Roll Call

Motion to review delegates not certified by the Credential Committee. Passes.

Motion to seat Anthemios Alumni Associate delegate without credentials – Passes.

Motion to seat Daedalus Chapter delegate without credentials – Passes.

Motion to seat Daedalus Alumni Association delegate without credentials – Passes.

Motion to seat Dinocrates Chapter delegate without credentials – Passes.

Motion to seat Domitian Chapter delegate without credentials – Passes.
 Motion to seat Pytheos Chapter delegate without credentials – Passes.
 Motion to seat Rabirius Chapter delegate without credentials – Passes.
 Motion to seat Satyros Alumni Association delegate without credentials – Passes.
 Motion to seat Seshait Alumni Association delegate without credentials – Passes.
 Motion to seat Vitruvius Chapter delegate without credentials – Passes.

Amended committee report lists 28 delegates

Election of Convention Officers

Nominations Committee reports one nomination received for President of the Convention – Christina Caputo (SATY).

AndrAA nominates Alberto Lopez (AndrAA) for President of the Convention from the floor.

President of the Convention

Brother Lopez is elected as President of the Convention with 20 votes.
 Bro. Lopez is installed and seated as President of the Convention.

Secretary of the Convention

AndrAA nominates Lannis Kirkland (CLEI) for Secretary of the Convention.
 SeshAA nominates Mellisa Gordon (SESH) for Secretary of the Convention.
 Bro. Kirkland is elected with 16 votes and is seated as Secretary of the Convention.

Appointments by the President

- Sgt. At Arms – Anthony Tavlian (Andr)
- Parliamentarian – Christine Brazill (VitrAA)

Installation of Convention officers follows.

Bro. Kirkland (CLEI) is installed and seated as Secretary of the Convention.
 Bro. Anthony Tavilian (Andr) is seated as Sgt. At Arms of the Convention
 Bro. Christine Brazill (VitrAA) is seated as Parliamentarian of the Convention

Motion to accept standing rules of the Convention.

META moved
 ADNR Seconded
 Approved with one abstention

Motion to suspend the order of business in order to vote on the Motion 61-1 to strike the grand council vote at Convention

VITR moved
 META Seconded
 Approved with Grand Council delegate abstaining

Motion 61-01

“The Constitution of Alpha Rho Chi, Article V, Section 06, to strike the sentence, “the Grand Council shall have collectively one (1) vote at Convention”

Motion made by Bro. Ellars
Seconded by ANDR AA

Motion passes with 24 ayes, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention

Motion by VITR to restore normal of business
Approved

Appointment of Committees

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Audit Committee to review the WGE’s report to the Convention.

Bro. Nathan Steeber, Bro. Rob Ford, Bro. Marcus Barnes, and Bro. Andy Liang are accepted by the Convention. This Committee will submit their report to the Convention during Saturday’s business session.

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Resolutions Committee for the Convention. These volunteers shall be responsible for the review and submission of all motions received and shall distribute copies of these motions to all delegates.

Bro. Rick Jenkins, Bro. Michael Ellars, and Bro. Kurt Hanna are accepted by Convention. The President stated that the end of today’s business session. 6 p.m. is the deadline for resolutions to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee for consideration of the Convention. The President instructs the Resolutions Committee to meet with the Secretary after the deadline to prepare and copy the resolutions in advance of the next business session.

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Nomination Committee to collect Nominations for next year.

Bro. Andrew Graumlich, Bro. Hillary Englehart, and Bro. Roger Tenant, Jr. are accepted by the Convention. The committee will meet at the close of the business session tomorrow.

Report of the Grand Council

Worthy Grand Architect, Vicki J. Horton submits and presents the report for Grand Council. *See Grand Council Reports section.*

Read by Bro. Horton in summary. Motion to accept the WGA's report. Seconded. Motion carries with one abstention.

Reports of the Chapters and Alumni Associations

Please see Chapter and Alumni Association Reports section.

Andronicus Chapter
 Andronicus Alumni Association
 Anthemios Chapter
 Anthemios Alumni Association
 Apollodorus Chapter
 Apollodorus Alumni Association
 Cleisthenes Chapter
 Cossutius Chapter
 Iktinos Chapter
 Iktinos Alumni Association
 Metagenes Chapter
 Metagenes Alumni Association
 Rabirius Alumni Association
 Satyros Chapter
 Seshait Chapter
 Seshait Alumni Association
 Vitruvius Alumni Association
 Xenocles Alumni Association

Motion to approve reports when received, by META
 Second by VITR
 Approved unanimously

Motion is made and seconded to accept reports of Chapters and Alumni Associations as submitted to the Convention Secretary. Motion carries unanimously.

Report of the Branding Committee.

Ryan Rosen DAED requested a postponement requested a postponement of the report.

Report of the Committee to Examine National Lecture Circuit Feasibility

Mara Braspenninx, IKTI AA Committee on Lecture Series requested an postponement of the report.

Nominations of Members to the Grand Council

Bro Ellars, Nominating Committee, reported the following nomination:

Nominees for Worthy Grand Architect:
 Vicki J. Horton, Xenocles Alumna
 Nominees for Worth Grand Scribe: None

Motion passes to receive the report of the Nominating Committee.

The President requested additional nominations for Worthy Grand Architect from the floor.

SESH AA nominated Brian Swilling Alumnus

The President requests additional nominations for Worthy Grand Scribe from the floor.
 Bro Amber Ford, Alumna and Bro Pickard, Alumnus were nominated

The President closed nominations from the floor for the time being.

Unfinished Business

Motion 60-02

Article IX, Section 01(A) (B), & (C) be amended to read:

“(A) Active Members

Active members shall consist of students registered in the departments, schools, colleges or professional courses of architecture or architectural engineering, or in professional courses in landscape architecture, interior design, sculpture, or allied fields leading to a Bachelor’s degree, or equivalent thereof, provided however the membership of any active Chapter shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) of students registered in architecture or allied fields. When an active member transfers to another school at which a Chapter of this Fraternity is located, he may affiliate as an active member of the second Chapter with its approval **and cease membership in the former chapter.**

(B) Non-graduate

Non-graduate members shall consist of members **who fail to maintain their membership and participation in an active chapter of the Fraternity.**

(C) Alumni

Alumni members shall consist of members who have received degrees from institutions at which Chapters are located, or at any other institution, **or members permanently withdrawn from college before receiving a degree.”**

Motion by ANDR to reopen discussion on Motion 60-02

Motion by META to postpone consideration of the motion until the Saturday business session. RABI seconded. Motion approved

Motion by VITR to refer Motion 60-02 to the Resolutions Committee
 XENO seconded. Unanimously approved.

The President declared the Convention in recess until 2:30 pm.

The President reconvened the Convention at 2:30

Roll call

26 delegates present; 1 (Domitian) absent

Report from the Resolution Committee, Bro Jenkins

The Resolutions Committee received resolutions prior to the Convention and recommends proceeding with them in the order in the delegates' binders.

Motion to approve the Resolution Committee's report by ANTH AA, ANTH seconded.
Passes with 1 abstention

New Business

Motion 61-02

Article III, Section 02 of the National Constitution be amended to read: "The classifications of membership of this Fraternity shall consist of Actives, Non-Graduates, Alumni, Faculty, Honorary and Master Architect members of the several Chapters, as more particularly described by Article IX, Section 01 of this Constitution.

Motion made by: WGA Vicki Horton
Seconded: Bro. Kyle Horton, XENO

Bro. Vicki Horton described the motion as a simple renumbering to correct a reference.

Bro. Kyle Horton called question

Motion passes unanimously

Motion 61-03

Article V, Section 02 of the National Constitution be amended to read: "The Convention shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the Fraternity as more particularly specified in the By-Laws of the Fraternity, and shall be the final court of appeals for the interpretation of the Constitution and By-Laws. It may amend said Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to and in accordance with Article X of the Constitution."

Motion made by: WGA Vicki Horton
Seconded: Bro. Kyle Horton, XENO

Bro. Vicki Horton described the motion as similar to a motion last year. There is a concern that the Grand Council would have to determine legality; this leaves it more vague while protecting the fraternity

Motion passes unanimously

Motion 60-4

Article XVIII, Section 01 of the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended to include a new cause: "E. For violations of the law that are deemed to be a danger to the Fraternity."

Motion made by: WGA Vicki Horton
Seconded: Bro. Kyle Horton, XENO AA

Motion to amend the motion by Bro. Jenkins META to strike "the" before law. Secretary read motion as amended: "E. For violations of federal or state law that are deemed to be a danger to the Fraternity". Discussion on motion as amended.

Motion to amend the amendment to the motion by VITR to read "E. For violations of applicable laws that are deemed to be a danger to the Fraternity." Maker of motion to amend the amendment to the motion considers the amendment to the amendment not friendly.

Motion to close discussion on amendment to the amendment passes unanimously

Amendment to the amendment to the motion passes with 17 ayes.

Bro. Jenkins META requests to withdraw amendment. Bro. Metheny COSS objects.

Motion to withdraw the amendment fails to pass (9 aye, 16 nay, 1 abstention)

Motion reads:

Article XVIII, Section 01 of the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended to include a new cause: "E. For violations of applicable law that are deemed to be a danger to the Fraternity."

Motion fails to pass with 15 ayes, 11 opposed, no abstentions.
(A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority was required.)

Motion to seat delegate from DOMI is approved without objection.

MOTION 61-05

Section 02 of Article XXI of the National By-Laws be amended to read: "Each Chapter and Association shall possess a seal which shall be in the custody of the Worthy Architect of that Chapter or the President of that Association, respectively, and an impression of the same shall be deposited with the Worthy Grand Scribe."

Motion made by: Bro. Ellars ANDR-AA

Motion to amend by Bro. Gillar APOL to add “Such seal shall be impressed on all Chapter and Association reports, notices, summons, and all official communications to the Grand Council. Passes.

Question called on the motion.

Section 02 of Article XXI of the National By-Laws be amended to read: “Each Chapter and Association shall possess a seal which shall be in the custody of the Worthy Architect of that Chapter *or the President of that Association, respectively*, and an impression of the same shall be deposited with the Worthy Grand Scribe. Such seal shall be impressed on all Chapter and Association reports, notices, summons, and all official communications to the Grand Council.”

Motion passes with 26 ayes, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

MOTION 61-06

Section 02, Article XXVI of the National By-Laws be amended to read: “The Grand Council and each Chapter and Association shall possess copies of the Fraternity’s Ritual.”

Motion made by: Bro Ellars, ANDR AA

Motion fails to pass with 3 ayes, 23 opposed, and 1 abstention

MOTION 61-07

“Alumni Dues are not raised beyond current levels without seeking input via an electronic survey of APX Alumni regarding any proposed change to seek their comments and input regarding any potential increase. A survey of our alumni should include questions including but not limited to how they would respond to a proposed increase, how they feel about the current rate, poll to see if they would pay annually if dues were lower.

Cost: Survey Monkey Costs \$19.95 per month with a max. of 1,000 surveys or \$200 per year w/ unlimited Surveys. Vitruvius AA will guarantee funding of up to \$200 from our dues or donations to fund the survey.”

Motion made by: Bro. Chambers VITR-AA

Seconded: Bro. Wilke ANTH-AA

Motion fails to pass with 1 aye, 25 opposed, 1 abstention

Motion to suspend rules to allow candidates to address the convention passes.

Motion to recess at 3:55 for 5 minutes passed

Convention reconvened at 4:01

Nomination Speeches for WGS

DINO gives a three-minute nomination speech in support of Brother Pickard

Bro Kitchel seconding speech one minute

Bro Pickard gives a five-minute nomination acceptance speech.

APOL AA gives a one-minute seconding speech in support of Brother Amber Ford

Bro Ford delivers a five-minute nomination acceptance speech.

Convention recesses until Saturday, 8:30 am

Saturday, March 15

President calls the Convention to order at 8:35 a.m.

Roll call

26 delegates present/ANTH-AA missing

Motion to suspend the rules for the Branding Committee to report by VITR, Second by XENO passes.

Report of Branding Committee

Presented by Bro. Jason Kasperek *See Grand Council Reports section.*

Return to normal order of business

Report of Audit Committee

Presented by Bro SESH AA. *See Grand Council Reports section.*
Committee found the finances in good order.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Bro. Ellars

11 motions were submitted to the committee. Motions are distributed to delegates, convention officers, and gallery. 4 more were received before the deadline. 59-05 and 60-02 are intertwined; 60-02 is ruled out of order.

Motion to accept by VITR, SESH second. **Report accepted**

Motion 61-08

“The Lecture Circuit Committee established at the 60th Convention be extended for one year to report to the 62nd Convention.”

Motion by: Mara Braspenninx, Iktinos Alumna
Seconded by: Hilary Englehart, Rabirius Active

Motion to amend by Bro Ellars moved to add “and that monthly reports be given to the Grand Council”. Seconded by APOL

Motion to amend the amendment by Bro Jenkins to add “and that bi-monthly reports be given to the Grand Council”

The amendment to the amendment passes.

The amendment to the resolution, as amended, passes.

“The Lecture Circuit Committee established at the 60th Convention be extended for one year to report to the 62nd Convention and that bi-monthly reports be given to the Grand Council.”

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to seat ANTH AA passes.

Motion 61-09

“The Branding Committee be extended for one year, reporting at the 62nd National Convention.”

Motion by: Aaron Feldman, VITR AA
Seconded by: Jason Kasparek, RABI AA

Motion to amend by Bro. Gillar APOLL to add “and also to give bi-monthly reports to the Grand Council.” Seconded by Bro. Feldman VITR.
Amendment passes unanimously.

“The Branding Committee be extended for one year, reporting at the 62nd National Convention and that bi-monthly reports be given to the Grand Council.”

Motion passes unanimously

Motion 61-10

“Move that the fraternity designate the status of the Rhoecus Chapter as no longer active until the chapter can be reestablished per the fraternity’s Constitution and By-Laws.”

Motion by: Bro. Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe
Seconded by: Bro. Henderson, RABI AA

Move to vote by secret ballot by Bro. Murray ANDR, seconded by Bro. Feldman VITR, passes.

Motion passes with 26 ayes, no opposed, and 1 abstention

Motion 61-11

“Move that the Grand Council acquire a Fraternity standard (flag) consistent with the coat-of-arms of Alpha Rho Chi for display at the 62nd and all subsequent National Conventions.”

Motion by: Bro. Ellars, ANDR AA
Seconded by: Bro. Hanna, ANDR AA

Motion to amend by Bro Jenkins to strike “the 62nd and all subsequent” passes

“The Grand Council acquire a Fraternity standard (flag) consistent with the coat-of-arms of Alpha Rho Chi for display at National Conventions.”

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to postpone indefinitely 60-02 by RABI, seconded by ANTH passes

Motion to suspend order of business passes unanimously

Nominations for Convention President for 62nd Convention

Scott Strnad ANTH AA
Nathan Steeber, RABI
Anthony Tavlian, ANDR

Nominations for Convention Secretary for 62nd Convention

Kurt Hanna, ANDR AA

Convention recessed at 9:35
President reconvenes Convention at 10:01

Call for any other new business; none reported. New business closed

Additional Nominations of Officers to the Grand Council

The President requests additional nominations for Worthy Grand Architect from the floor.

Bro Swilling respectfully declined his nomination

The President requests additional nominations for Worthy Grand Scribe from the floor.
None

The President closes nominations from the floor.

Election of Officers to the Grand Council

Worthy Grand Architect

With no other nominees, Bro Vicki Horton declared elected by acclamation by President.

Worth Grand Scribe

Candidates are Bro Charles Pickard and Bro Amber Ford

After voting, Bro. Charles Pickard is elected.

Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity

- Bro Horton read portions of the ritual and asked that all should take this back and read it again.
- Bro Hanna suggested that in addition to Bro Horton's request, Brothers read those parts of the ritual that are not the 3 degrees.
- Bro Horten suggested Grand Council should look into finding some legal counsel.
- Bro Ellars expressed thanks and gratitude to the Convention Officers.
- Bro. Jenkins suggested chapters view the good maintenance of their operations as a tradition to be developed and passed from one brother to another.
- Thanks to Bro Wilson for another wonderful Convention.
- Bro Janick gave an explanation of the difference in AIA and APX. Usually the question is what has the organization done for me. For APX, it's what have you done for APX. It's not what APX has done for you; it's what you have done for APX, because we are all family.
- SESH AA was glad to see as many Alumni Associations here; encouraged members to give mentorship to the Chapters.
- Bro. Kasperek: Bro. Laura Schmidt had a session for setting up chapter; commend her for this job.

President declares recess for lunch at 10:25 to reconvene at 3:00 pm.

President reconvenes Convention at 3:00 pm

Roll Call

26 delegates present/ 1 absent

President suspends the order of business to hear the Report from the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

Bro. Vicki Horton introduced Bro Brian Swilling

Report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

Bro. Brian Swilling, Vice President of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation presented the report. *See Officer and Committee Reports section*

Report of the APX Foundation received without objections.

Suggestions for Meeting Places for Future Conventions

Bro Wilson explained how the committee determines the actual site for conventions. Inquiries are made with prospective cities. Usually 2nd tier cities are selected. Cruises are not feasible.

Mentioned sites for future conventions:

- Richmond, Va

- Austin, Tx
- Portland, Oregon
- San Antonio, Tx
- Athens, Ga
- Philadelphia, Pa
- Charlotte, NC
- Savannah, Ga
- Raleigh-Durham, NC
- Tampa, Fl
- San Diego, Ca
- Long Beach, Ca
- Minneapolis, Mn
- Palm Springs, Ca
- Providence, RI
- Flagstaff, Az
- Pensacola, Fl
- Washington, DC
- Kansas City, Mo
- Houston, Tx
- Anchorage, Alaska
- Biloxi, Ms
- Louisville, Ky
- San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Baltimore, Md
- Pasadena, Ca

Motion to adjourn: President of Convention. Seconded by many. Motion carries unanimously. So adjourned.

The 61th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Professional Architecture Fraternity is adjourned at 3:35 p.m. PDT

We, the undersigned, do attest and affirm that the above text is an accurate record of the proceedings of the 61th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Architecture Fraternity, held in the City of Reno, Nevada on March 14 and 15, 2008.

Brother Alberto N. Lopez
Convention President

Brother Lannis Kirkland
Convention Secretary