

Annual Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity March 25, 2007

SpringHill Suites Hotel. Memphis, Tennessee

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe
Scott Swanson, National Director

Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator
Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor
Charles Pickard, Expansion Director

Called to Order, Sunday March 25, 2007, at 9:15 am CDT

Review of minutes from previous Grand Council meetings deferred to a future meeting.

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

Received draft of by-laws for Cleisthenes AA. The organization is working through incorporation questions, including the association being previously constituted in Texas. The leadership will be contacting the WGA.

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

Discussion of speaker/lecture circuit possibility as raised by the Convention motion

- Iktinos Fund is currently sponsoring speakers at University of Michigan.
- Speaker program may coordinate well with Master Architect development or APX Gold Medal programs
- The AIA may have a similar program in place to help bring speakers to several of its chapters.
- Continuing Education Units may be a basis for charging admission to architectural professionals. Students should have free or nominal admission. Funds raised could go to fund continuing the program.

Worthy Grand Scribe

- Metagenes Chapter will hold a Founder's Day Picnic April 21, 4-8 pm. Plans include honoring Bro. Kim Clark with Dwight Palmer "Pop" Ely Award
- Senenmut Chapter will hold initiation Apr. 28. WGS will investigate possibility of flights/schedule to attend.
- College Fraternity Editors Association will hold its Convention in Richmond, VA in May. Registration will be approx. \$225. GC authorizes WGS to make plans to attend. In addition, WGS will forward 2007 dues invoice to WGE for payment.

Worthy Grand Estimator

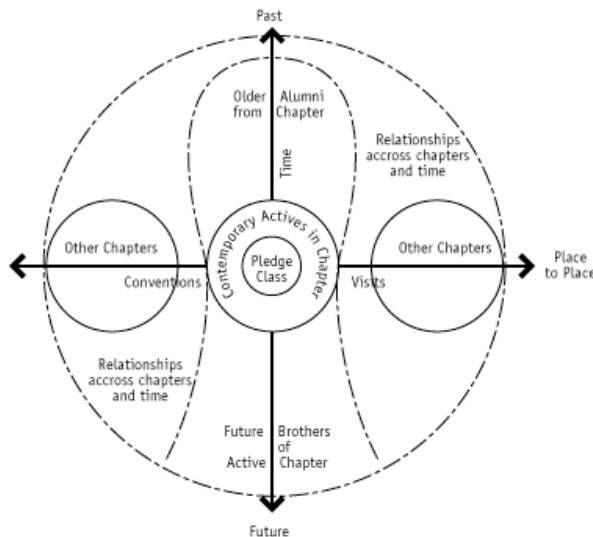
- As of Convention, all organizations were in current with dues/reports except Imhotep, Rhoecus and Nicon chapters.

- A dues forgiveness “matching” plan has been established for Rhoecus.
- Nikon Chapter is current with dues for this year.
 - There is a need to establish a plan for the members to pay receive badges (pledge and initiation fees) and to dispose of past debt
 - WGA to provide WGS with names on Nikon’s charter to ensure that they are all in our member database.
 - Nikon will be initiating new members this month. We may need to confirm that the number of pledges was not over-reported in their monthly E-2 reports (5+14 pledges).
- Daedalus and Domition were absent from Convention
- Senenmut is not currently incorporated. Need to confirm that incorporation is in process.
- Imhotep attendance at Convention in Memphis. The establishment of an Imhotep Alumni Association may be beneficial in supporting and advising the active chapter. Frequency of meetings and activities a concern.
- Follow-up items from Robert Ivy initiation
 - Ivy indicated interest in contributing to *The Archi*.
 - Ivy was interested to hear about Vern Swansen artwork at Daedalus Chapter. GC should follow up with message containing photos (displayed at Convention in Las Vegas).
 - Ivy noted that the connection with students was a major attraction of his to Alpha Rho Chi.

Recess for a “hug break”

Grand Advisor

- Initiation at Convention was a great experience. It should be a recurring event at Convention.
- Status of membership. Like classification of membership, the national fraternity should note status, perhaps establish criteria to note which members are in both “good standing” and “great standing”. *A table with some personal thoughts on the issue is attached to these minutes.*
- Alumni Associations are finally taking their proper place alongside and supporting the chapters. Alumni bring experience and wisdom, actives bring enthusiasm. The GC should continue its efforts to help AAs become more formal entities.
- Conceptual model of expanding fraternalism, beginning with pledge brothers, the active chapter and extending through time and over place.



- Announcing that Iktinos Building Committee (aka IktiAA) will be electing new president after his 30 years of service.
- GA is upgrading his Internet connections

Expansion Director

- Following chance meeting following the convention awards banquet, potential interest may be coming from Kent State
- Interest email received from University of Texas at San Antonio. Dean had been in contact with WGS in 2004 in conjunction with medal program.
- Received call from Eric Gilbey (DemeAA). Interested to get RABI, IKTI, or ANTH actives to visit Columbus to help make a connection with current students.
- Need plans/policies to handle a rush of interest in forming new colonies should that occur.

National Director

- Recruitment Handbook
 - Danielle Likvan has developed a recruitment handbook for ANTH. The program has been very successful for the chapter this past year. Handbook covers all the basics, step by step.
 - Danielle is working on a national version that will be less chapter-specific and will incorporate advice or examples from other chapters.
 - Danielle is writing an article on this topic for the APX Letter.
 - Danielle has also expressed interest on being on the Branding Committee.
 - Expansion Director will coordinate with Danielle Likvan and Adriana Esquivel to coordinate work on the national version.
- Handbook for members.
 - Number of previous versions collected (mostly hard copy). 1986 National Edition, IKTI local version, checking on APOL version. Note: ANTH has officer binders with similar content
 - Established a task group including Danielle Likvan (AnthAA) and Sam Applebaum (HADR).
 - Collecting copies of all chapter C&BLs
 - Book is intended to be comprehensive guide to chapter and national operations.
 - Vision is to have document not only available online, but in hard copy to all new members of the fraternity.
- Nikon update
 - NICO and APOL holding joint initiation next weekend
 - RD3 traveling to NICO in May to work on chapter training. To be held on May 12 or 19, based on availability.
 - Intended to be an organizational retreat to plan schedule and budgeting for following year. Should set programs for social, professional and recruitment.
 - RD3 looking for facilitation help. WGS to plan on attending, if possible.
 - Agreement to offer matching debt forgiveness plan on RHOE model.
 - Chapter is looking to revise their bank account to fix cumbersome countersign process involving the chapter's faculty advisor.
 - Grey Pelley may be able to provide an outline for the planning meeting.
- All chapters and alumni associations have a seal that they used on their credentials.
- Suggest need for better handoffs of AA-1 reports.

- ND has had poor contact with RD1 in past couple of months.
- WGA has asked VITR WA for contact information regarding previous incident follow-up. WGA has yet to receive the promised information.
- Although not present at Convention, DOMI was doing well at last update a couple months previously. ND will follow up.
- Rhoecus update:
 - Grand Council met with Rhoecus on Friday, March 23.
 - Chapter has 15 actives. 10 will graduate, 5 will remain.
 - Established a matching debt forgiveness program to begin in the Fall. This program will be contingent on filing of all reports and dues to national fraternity.
 - RD6 will confirm draft of transition plan in April.
- Cossutius Colony:
 - WGS, ND, and RD8 met with the colonists attending the Convention on Saturday, March 24.
 - President expressed his concern about completing colony process before his graduation in December.
 - We were clear that we would not rush the process, that we were most concerned about establishing a stable, enduring chapter.
 - Fraternalism will be a challenge and a priority in the colony's development.
 - WGS to write a letter to the membership of the colony. Colony has concern that too much of the contact is funneling through the president. The colony secretary should be copied on most email. Messages may also be distributed through the Yahoo Group.
 - The chapter installation should be scheduled well in advance.
 - RD8 is documenting the process to make suggestions for revising the colony process and collect tools to be used by future RDs and pledge educators.
- CPR/First Aid
 - ND is looking at certifications and training costs.
 - Will propose that national fraternity underwrite chapter/association costs for this program.

Old Business

None

New Business

Business from the 60th Convention

Unofficial dispensation of the resolutions.

- Passed: 59-05 (C&BL), 60-01, 60-04, 60-05, 60-06a, 60-06c, 60-07, 60-08, 60-10, 60-12, 60-14
- Failed to Pass: 60-02, 60-03, 60-06b, 60-09, 60-11
- Tabled to 61st Convention: 60-13

Motion 60-08 directed the WGS to post previous Convention minutes on the fraternity website (see also related 60-10)

- WGS to post what he has
- WGS to distribute list of what's missing to other GC members to fill gaps

60-14 continued Branding Committee for following year.

WGS to get draft from Convention secretary and coordinate collection of reports through apx60@alpharhochi.org email account.

Several members expressed interest in HQ search committee. WGA did not collect names and contact information. She will look for them to use their own initiative to join the committee. Office space is not really a feasible option, although subleasing space from a brother's firm may be an option.

Summer Meeting

The WGAA's parents have offer use of a house south of Tuscon (with hotels nearby) as a location for the GC Summer Meeting. Air conditioning is confirmed.

Motion to hold summer meeting near Tuscon, AZ passes.

Meeting will be limited to 3 days. RDs will not be requested to attend.

Primary date: Friday June 15- Saturday June 16. Meetings begin Friday at noon. Arrivals late Thursday and early Friday. Departures on Sunday. **Update:** availability of house confirmed for these dates.

Backup dates: July 13-14

Convention "Post-mortem":

Observations, both positive and negative, were solicited.

- We over-planned for initiation, but under-planned for set up and practice. Would like to see Ritual a reoccurring feature of Conventions. Catering may be a requirement to feed and provide water for participants. Lateral thinking will be required in planning
- Attendance of professional programs was low. Saturday 4:30 time not good and should not be repeated. Perhaps a professional program could be held prior to business and concurrent with credentials.
- Credentials until 9 am. Options: appointments in advance, two desks working in parallel. Perhaps credentials should be set end 1/2 prior to scheduled start of business.
- Check in was smooth.
- Lunch – good food, bad line. Consider returning to box lunch. Parallel lines should be a requirement for buffet service.
- WGS should call for collecting chapter reports as insert to the credentials and notification packet sent by the GC 45-30 days prior to Convention.
- A checklist for chapters for Convention should be prepared along the lines of the alumni association checklist currently available.
- Tour capacity vs. no-shows
 - Tour times are not stated at registration
 - Attendees finding competing reasons to "peel off" at time for the tours
 - A "no, thank you" should be added to registration forms.
- Banquet attendance was expected 194 from registrations.
- Only 1 onsite registration. Online registration may have helped.
- Liked organized welcome reception. It was a more effective mixer than previous reception gatherings at restaurants. Should be a standard feature of Convention planning.
- Hospitality room worked out well. Should be a model for future Conventions.

- Motion to establish an annual Steve Janick Award, bearing his name and the motto “Best Convention Ever”. The award should be presented annually to the Convention Director and his/her committee. Motion passes unanimously.
- A GC officer (typically the WGA) should be made responsible for advising the Convention officers and helping shepard the business sessions.
- Hold a convention class during credentials
- LC07 to promote Convention offices and help prepare them for the job.
- Microphones too slow, but the volume was necessary.
- Speakers should stand when addressing the Convention.

Officers to investigate petitions for Alpha Rho Chi Silver Medal nominations.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Richard L Jenkins
Worthy Grand Scribe,
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity