

# Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity May 1, 2007

## *Attending*

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect  
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect  
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe  
Chooch Pickard, Expansion Director

Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator  
Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor  
Nicole Morris Dress, Development Director  
Scott Swanson, National Director

The meeting was held on a conference call.

## **Called to Order, May 1, 2007 at 9:02 pm EDT**

Changes made to Feb. meeting minutes. Approval of Feb. meeting minutes and March annual meeting deferred until next meeting.

## *Reports*

### **Worthy Grand Architect**

1. C&BL updates: I still have not started on this, but I don't expect it to take more than a few minutes once I do. However, I'd prefer to wait until I have the convention minutes in hand before I begin, so as to make the changes accurately. Per one of the motions, once I'm done, I will send them in PDF form to everyone on the master directory and we can update the website versions.
2. LC07 update: Little activity on this project, but plan to start conference calls later this month. Top priority is finding a second speaker, preferably from the local/university community.
3. Headquarters search committee: Received one message of interest from an active wishing to join the committee. Will follow up with her, as well as with those who also expressed interest from the Chicago area.
4. I still have archival records to send to the Chicago storage facility...I haven't had time to reorganize the boxes. Some of the items in the boxes should really go to the WGS, but I'll keep that to a bare minimum and send most to Illinois.
5. Still several dozen emails to catch up on from convention-time.
6. Signed/sealed roughly 90 membership certificates. Several batches require previous WGA's signature, so will send those to him and have him mail to the appropriate chapters.
7. Interviewed Robert Ivy yesterday for *The Archi*. It was a great conversation! I will forward the text to him via email as we both agreed and he will fill in any holes he feels necessary. As it stands, it would be a very short piece, so I may ask him if he is open to holding a second session next month. He is traveling quite a bit this month.
8. Please forward me your Summer Meeting agenda items over the next couple of weeks, and please share your travel itinerary with everyone (especially Laura) so that we can make sure you have a ride to her parents' house.

9. I have not been able to make contact with any members of the Xenocles Colony, after numerous attempts. If this is still the case as of the summer meeting, we'll need to consider on their future status as a colony.
10. ANDR WA and WAA visiting WGA next week in Texas to retrieve misplaced property.

### **Worthy Grand Associate Architect**

- Alumni Dues: Dues is rolling in. I created a new type of spreadsheet to help me better keep track of alumni dues payees, and what we know about them. This will make it easier for me to calculate the next alumni association award winner, and give us better information about who pays dues and why. Spreadsheet distributed to attendees.
- Alumni Contacts: I have written several note cards to brothers who have received their licenses, or other type of certifications. Also, I've been writing to people who have had some kind of announcement for us in their address updates. Ie New babies, new homes, etc. I'm keeping track of the contacts I have made to see if it has any future impact on their dues paying and donation habits. But truthfully, it just feels good to be brotherly.
- Hadrian Alumni Association (future): I have been in contact with Sam Applebaum regarding a future Alumni Association at Hadrian. He is currently an active, but is looking ahead. He has been given copies of the AA startup worksheets. I advised that he wait until he's actually an alumnus and finished with thesis before tackling this next project.
- Lecture Series Motion: I have been in contact with John Arend regarding the Lecture Series Committee. The WGS has set up a private discussion forum for us to discuss. Very little else has happened, but it's a start.
- Reno Convention: I believe we have not yet received the final contract from our Circus Circus contact Don Goodman. LB and I expect to have a signable contract no later than our summer meeting.
- Summer Meeting Planning: Everything is ready to go with the house in Tucson.
  - I have received itineraries from Scott, Vicki and Myself.
  - We will likely need to reserve one or two hotel rooms, which will be pretty economical. There are several nearby hotels. The recommended one being Baymont Inn and Suites, at approx 70/night, located about a mile from the house.
  - Scott will be arriving earlier than the rest of us and will be renting a vehicle that will eventually become our extra vehicle. We also have use of my parent's Dodge Ram truckmonster.

### **Worthy Grand Scribe**

1. Nikon. Coordinating with RD3, I have scheduled a visit to Nikon May 12 to conduct a one-day workshop and planning session for the coming year.
2. Metagenes. Attended Founders Day picnic at Metagenes Chapter April 21. Chapter honored Kim Clark with Dwight Palmer "Pop" Ely award. In addition, Bro. Ray Consoli arranged for floral arrangements in memorial of the tragedy earlier in the week on behalf of Alpha Rho Chi.
3. I have canceled earlier plans to attend the CFEA conference in Richmond due to potential schedule conflicts.
4. In contact with Convention secretary, Emily Dziubek, re: minutes. I received a "raw draft" of minutes last month.
5. The Spring Issue of the *APX Letter* is currently at the printers.
6. Copies of *The Ritual* remain to be delivered to the Daedalus and Domitian Chapters
7. Copies of minutes from past Conventions (53<sup>rd</sup> Lincoln – 59<sup>th</sup> Denver) are currently posted on alparrhochi.org under the respective Previous Convention pages

8. A page for Leadership Conference has been posted to the website. The online registration form is nearly complete.
9. Renay Marquez will be visiting Phoenix in June or August to conduct history interviews (focus on Satyros). Recommend budgeting some money in summer meeting to help with a few of the expenses

### **Worthy Grand Estimator**

*See Appendix for May 1 report*

- IMHO – WGA to contact faculty advisor. WGA will visit chapter if necessary to conduct 1-day workshop
- Fiscal year will end Fri. June 8 to give time to prepare books in advance of Summer Meeting

### **Grand Advisor**

- Dana Habel now president-elect of IktiAA
- Discussion of recognition programs

### **Development Director**

- Changed jobs. Please forward emails to NetZero account. Note: dd@alpharhochi.org directs to that account
- Working with APX Foundation to convince them to handle a Summer or Annual Planning Meeting. Would like to bring an outside trainer to help light fire and give external validation to approach.
- Idea: establish an APX Foundation Audit Committee at future APX Conventions similar to Audit Committee. Would increase membership's confidence that funds are being managed properly. Discussion of other ways to increase fraternity's confidence in the effectiveness of the foundation. Regular statements would be do much.

### **Expansion Director**

*Not present, see report in Appendix*

Suggested Robert Ivy, with frequent travel, may be of assistance with our investigation of International expansion.

### **National Director**

*See appendix for regional reports*

- RDs are continuing to collect by-laws from every chapter and alumni association (approx 60% complete).
- RDs compiling end of term reports for ND.
- Working with WGA, WGS, RD 5 to resolve DINO issue. (*See new business*)
- Handbook for Members Taskgroup to start reviewing existing handbooks and By-Laws starting mid to late May.
- ND traveling to COSS for dinner/visit on May 9.
- RD 3 traveling to NICO with WGS for May 12 workshop.

- RHOE completed transition plan.

### *Old Business*

*No old business*

### *New Business*

#### **Dinocrates**

- Chapter WA Jordan Vann contacted RD5 regarding claim against the chapter involving drug use, underage drinking and hazing. After consulting with the University and determining facts, the original claim turned out to be largely unfounded. RD5 and ND to continue follow-up related to this incident and the Dinocrates chapter. WGA willing to visit chapter to follow up as necessary.

### *Dates for future meetings*

The next meeting will be the Grand Council Summer Meeting. June 15-16.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm.**

#### **Richard L Jenkins**

Worthy Grand Scribe,  
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

# Appendices

## *Worthy Grand Estimator Report*

May 1, 2007

### **Checking Account Balance & Investment (Liquidity)**

The Fraternity's checking account balances as of May 1, 2007 is \$78,660. We also have invested in four certificates of deposit at Libertyville Bank & Trust totaling a principal value of \$60,000. Please see the attached Excel file on the checking account tab and the CD tab for a detailed account of our cash position and CD positions.

The financial position of the Fraternity is sound.

### **Major Changes in Cash Balance, Position or Investment Value since last report**

Major cash expenditures the past 2 months were as follows:

GC annual meeting expenses	\$ 845
Badges and certificates	\$1,482
Ritual Binders	\$ 614
Merchandise purchase (Jernigan)	\$ 332
All other expenses	\$1,811

Total expenses paid this fiscal year total \$99,815.

### **Accounts Receivable Update**

Major cash receipts during the previous month were from monthly dues and fees (\$15,100), alumni dues (\$9,213) and Convention registration fees (\$5,612), and the annual grant from the APX Foundation for supported activities and LC sponsorship (\$3,554). Total cash receipts fiscal year to date are \$113,835.

A year to date actual v. budget income statement covering the period July 1 to May 1, 2007 is attached.

### **Chapter Reporting**

As of May 1, 2007, we have 19 active chapters. As usual, some chapters are very prompt in their reporting and payments, some are lackadaisical, and some are non-existent. Below is a brief commentary on the status of each chapter through February reporting. **Chapters in bold should be considered a problem and need immediate attention.**

ANDR – current with reports through Apr, need to pay Apr dues

ANTH – current with reports through Apr, need to pay Apr dues

APOL – current with dues and reports through Apr

CLEI - current with dues and reports through Apr

DAED - current with dues and reports through Apr

DINO - current with dues and reports through Apr

DOMI – current with dues and reports through Mar, need Apr dues and report

HADR current with reports through Apr, need to pay Apr dues

IKTI – current with dues and reports through Apr

**IMHO – still owe 437.50 from prior to Convention, since Convention, no reports or dues have been paid.**

META - current with dues and reports through Apr

**NICO – current through March report and dues, but nothing heard since Convention, violating their “probation” agreement.**

PYTH – current with dues and reports through Apr

RABI - current with dues and reports through Apr

RHOE - current with reports through Apr, need to pay Apr dues

SATY – current with reports through Apr, need to pay Apr dues

SENE – current with dues and reports through Apr

SESH - current with dues and reports through Apr

VITR - current with dues and reports through Mar, need Apr dues and report

Details of chapters reporting and dues are shown in the budget v. actual file, chapter report tab.  
**Scott, please pass this info on to the RD's so that they can remind the chapters of their monthly obligations. We need to get this done before the students leave for the summer.**

### **Projects Update**

- To date, Convention is showing a profit of \$3,098. However, I don't think all expenses / invoices have been received yet. A major expense that comes to mind is the t-shirt premiums. We need to close out Convention expenses ASAP so we can begin planning next year's budget.
- Due to the early date of this year's summer meeting, we will be closing the books on FY 2007 by June 8. Please have all FY 2007 expenses submitted to me by this date for inclusion in the YE final report.

### *Expansion Director Report*

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- Daphnis: Terri made some progress last week with the Dean. He has requested that we send him a proposal to bring APX back. I'm currently working on a rough draft of the proposal.
- Demetrios: Eric Gilbey is interested in working on them again. He wants help from Rabirius and Anthemios. I discussed getting their help at convention, but have not had a chance to follow up. I think fall trips to OSU would be appropriate.
- UGA: Margie Noonan (Andronicus Alumna) is heading up efforts there. She was a little disappointed in level of interest this semester and will work on it again in the fall.
- UT San Antonio: Sent a student information last month. Haven't heard back.
- Texas Tech: No update. Communication not returned.
- University of Kentucky: No update. Communication not returned.
- Oklahoma State University (Theron): No update. Communication not returned.

- Kent State: Many of us met Mark at convention who happened to be vacationing in Memphis at the time. Brian Swilling and I have been in contact with him. I think there may be interest in the fall semester.
- Washington State University: Emailed with a student last week. No response yet.
- UC Davis: Emailed with a student last night. This school has a small Landscape Architecture program (30-40 grads/year), what seems to be a very weak arts program, miscellaneous engineering, and no architecture. I've told her that the program may be too small to sustain a chapter, but to email me back if she has a compelling story to tell us that may convince us to focus efforts there.
- Associate Expansion Director: Adrianna is working on the Rush Program with help from Danielle Likvan from Anthemios AA.

## *Report of the National Director*

*Regional Reports compiled from RD conference call April 25*

### **RD 1**

- Collecting summer contact information from chapters.
- DOMI initiating this weekend (6 pledges). Two brothers graduating. Speed Crit – bring in number of professors and professionals in mid-semester; each student gets one minute to present and two minutes of feed back.
- VITR initiating this weekend (1 pledge). Concerned about numbers (14 active in fall, IFC requires 20). Working on RUSH plans already. WA received reports from brothers from incident last fall.
- SENE has postponed initiation for the time being.

### **RD 2**

Traveled to Blacksburg last Saturday for Alumni Picnic. Actives doing well given VT shooting incident. Initiated five members two weeks ago.

### **RD 3**

Region 3 had a lot of initiates the last weekend in March. Apollodorus had 2, Nikon had 6, Seshait had 8, and Haidrian had 9. Rick and I will be visiting Nikon the weekend of May 12th to help all their new Brothers get ready to run the show in fall.

### **RD 4**

- Iktinos chapter has about 30 actives, approximately a dozen are graduating, but they have a dozen pledges to initiate in the fall (the first non football weekend in September, exact date TBD). Their school year is done, they have held their final meeting and will be scattering around the world for internships, study abroad, jobs, and grad schools.
- Iktinos alums held founder's day last weekend (actually the chapter did most of the work setting it up) and a handful of alums attended--with one random alum coming out of the woodwork. The VP and Secretary were re-elected, with Dana (the current VP) also being designated President-Elect, set to take over next year.
- Anthemios chapter will be holding their initiation May 15-18; at last count they had about a dozen pledges also. They should be holding elections in the next week or two.
- Anthemios alums were scheduled to hold founder's day this weekend, but had to cancel due to a low RSVP count
- Rabirius chapter - nothing to report. Their quarter continues until the first of June.

- Rabirius alums held their annual meeting at convention; unfortunately I was unable to attend this year. Jason Kasparek was elected as the new president, taking over for Joe Henderson.
- Demetrios alums - nothing to report, although I recently received an enigmatic email from their president that I need to follow up on.

**RD 5**

- Cleisthenes – I've not heard from really since convention.
- Xenocles colony – I haven't heard anything from them this month.
- Dinocrates – Jordan's dealing with some chapter things. People not getting along. Asked for some advice. He's working on it.
- Imhotep – Rusty and I talked a couple of times since convention.
- Xenocles Alumni – they have been attempting to have meeting to discuss the board nominations and other things. The last time I heard it had been postponed yet again.

**RD 6**

- Mnesicles AA: WA is looking for their by-laws.
- Pytheos Chapter
  - The university held a vigil last week for the Virginia Tech students, which some of them attended. They were considering some remodel work at the college for additional funding.
  - Founders Day Banquet will be Saturday April 28th. They are having it Beacon Hills Restaurant, the same venue as last year. They're able to have their own room with AV presentation needs.
  - Other than that, most of them are preparing for final presentations.
  - Two 4th year actives are considering attending grad school next year at another college.
- \*\*Communication has not been as consistent since new leadership took over in January. I have always gotten meeting minutes in the past, but the new WC does not send them out, like she should.
- Pytheos AA : Members may attend the Founder's Day Banquet.
- Rhoecus Chapter
  - Due to three active leaders graduating, with their already low numbers, the GC requested they devise a transition plan, which they submitted last week. It looks pretty good. They will have five actives to start out the next year. They are planning for Derby Days this weekend.
  - WAA, Amy Schaefer, traveled to NY for job interviews over the weekend. We did not have our scheduled weekly call.
- Rhoecus AA: Haven't heard much from Jenny since convention.

**RD 8**

- Daedalus:
  - Hosting formal on May 5th.
  - Currently recreating a large scale work of art created by Vern Swansen that is up in the University Union.
- Daedalus AA: Nothing to report.
- Satyros:
  - Working hard with their pledge class. Initiation date of May 11 set

- Continuing to improve brotherhood and mutual respect within the group.
- Voted on new board for next year.
- Satyros AA:
  - Working to get their scholarship award awarded
  - Participating in the initiation weekend with the chapter
  - Hosting monthly social gatherings
- Andronicus:
  - working out housing situation for next year. Lots of people coming back, several want the room to themselves, struggling to make it work.
  - Almost done with school and are swamped.
- Andr. AA: Nothing to report.
- Cossutius:
  - Working hard to further their progress.
  - Have figured out their pledge class project
  - have held many meetings with their local pledge educators
  - Are planning a summer planning meeting; planning social gatherings in the summer;- working to improve brotherhood and friendships.