

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity August 17, 2007

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect
Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor
Chooch Pickard, Expansion Director

Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe

Attending part of the meeting:

Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect Nicole Morris Dress, Development Director

Called to Order, Friday Aug 17, 2007 at 9:05 EDT

Minutes

Minutes from GC Summer Meeting in June and the July GC conference call were approved.

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

1. **C&BL updates:** Still waiting on final convention minutes, but updates won't take long once received.
2. **National appointments accepted (those not notified while at summer meeting):**
 - Christine Brazill - Grand Lecturer
 - Nicole Dress – Development Director
 - Brian Swilling – enthusiastically agreed to assist Nicole Dress in Development Program.
 - Adriana Esquivel and Terri Brumett – Associate Expansion Directors
 - Karen Marker (she is hoping we can find a replacement; however, will continue as needed)
 - Renay Marquez - Associate Archi Editor
 - Mara Braspenninx – National Historian
3. **LCo7 update:** Still trying to round up committee members for a conference call, but I would like to hold a telephone meeting by the end of next week regardless. **Note:** I'm seriously considering appointing a Leadership Conference Director to assist with planning and execution of LCo8 and beyond, and already have at least one brother in mind.
4. Sent **letters to Rhoecus and Imhotep Chapters** per summer meeting notes. Nicon letter will be sent as soon as address can be verified by RD3.
5. Received invitation from Dinocrates Chapter to attend their summer meeting, where they planned to discuss additional resolutions/actions to be taken with respect to the issue they faced in Spring semester. However, I was traveling in MI and IL at the time of their meeting and I haven't heard yet if their RD was able to attend.

6. **APX Foundation retreat** is currently being planned, likely for the Chicago area. Once a date is established, I would like to hold a conference call with WGE and Development Director to discuss possible agenda and the opportunities to assist APXF.
7. Signed/sealed roughly 50 **membership certificates**. Will mail to the appropriate chapters within next two weeks (waiting on school to start to avoid potential returned shipments).
8. **Faculty Summit**: There is definitely interest in this event. Touched base with Faculty Advisor and determined the timing would be best if scheduled for winter break or sometime in early 2008. Will draft letter to invitees by September 15 and advise outcome.
9. Received copy of letter from a professional fraternity addressed to PFA indicating they are resigning their membership in the organization due to differences in organizational goals.
10. Spoke with Satyros Alumni President, Deva Powell, who has graciously offered to attend **PFA Conference**, being held September 13-15 in Scottsdale, AZ. The Council had agreed in June to send two representatives, ostensibly the WGAA and myself. The WGAA cannot go, due to a trip planned the following week to potential 62nd National Convention site. Depending on the date chosen for the APX Foundation retreat, I may or may not be able to attend PFA.

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- Calling from Chicago
- Working on dues reminder. Likely 2-3 pages in length.

Development Director

- APX Foundation retreat.
 - If to be held, APX Fraternity may need to set it up for them. Plans made for Chicago area in September. Schedule would be for attendees to arrive Friday night and depart Sunday afternoon.
 - Preferred dates in September are 15th, 29th, and 22nd (in that order). DD will work to confirm date in the upcoming week. WGA offers to help with calls if necessary.
 - If September, doesn't work, event may need to wait for Nov. or Dec. Invitations will come from the DD.
- Discussion on identifying potential APX Foundation board members who are not brothers. (ideas: medal recipients, other boards, educators)

Worthy Grand Scribe

- National Director on assignment for next few weeks
- Regional Director call held in ND's absence Wednesday.
- Handbook of Members team held kick off call on Monday. Goal is to have substantial tool, if not a complete book by Convention. Will talk a modular approach.
- RDs setting up conference calls with RDs in their respective regions.
- No progress on appointments for publications.
- Requests story ideas for Fall APX Letter. WGE promises to prepare budget summary for inclusion.

- Have been working to fight latest surge in spambots on messageboard.
- Received annual report form from Registered Agent to file with State of Illinois.

Worthy Grand Estimator

- Limited activity for summer.
- Update P&L statement emailed to rest of the board
- Imhotep Chapter did send outstanding payment for FY07 dues and fees about 2 weeks ago. Additional pledge and initiation fees (incurred after April 10) should be reflected on the chapter's September report.
 - News: University of Memphis masters degree program accepted by State of TN, major step for the school's bid for accreditation.

Grand Advisor

- Looking forward to LCO7, IktiAA transition

Expansion Director

- Need to check with T. Brummett re: DAPH and J. Henderson re: Ohio.
- At AIA, met with Dean of TN, who was interested in APX. Preparing proposal to send him.
- Interest also received from Southern Polytechnic and Drexel
- A. Esquivel working on recruitment guide information collection.

Old Business

None

New Business

Alumni Association Dues Collection

- Received request from C. Machado, in process of forming CleiAA, requesting that national fraternity assist in collecting the prospective Alumni Association's dues.
- Manually administering such a program would be difficult with payment by check, but may be worth considering in conjunction with automatic dues payment program.
- Propose collecting earmarks in monthly alumni auto dues payments. The amount collected on behalf of alumni associations would be distributed at regular 6-mo. intervals or upon request.
- Suggesting a pilot program with CleiAA for one year. Depending on the pilot's success, the program could be rolled out to other alumni associations.
- Consideration to be given to additional complexity to be managed by future WGEs, as well as in messaging/invoices produced by WGAA and WGS.
- Cleisthenes may be (or possibly not) an ideal alumni association to pilot this program because of its new alumni base and interest in alumni leaders in such a program.
- Tabled until next month to consider.

“Archi Marketplace” Professional Services Directory

- Bro. John Lawrence suggests creating a “Archi Marketplace” as a professional services directory so that brothers can find other brothers providing goods or services
- WGS would welcome examples/models of similar programs to use as model for such a directory. AIA Architect Finder cited.
- Idea tabled for members to investigate ideas.

Next Meeting: Sept 10, 2007

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 EDT

Richard L Jenkins
Worthy Grand Scribe,
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity