

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity December 17, 2007

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator
Chooch Pickard, Expansion Director

Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe
Scott Swanson, National Director

Called to Order, Monday Dec. 17, 2007 at 9:07 EST

Minutes

Minutes from Nov. 12 meeting were approved.

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

1. C&BL updates: still need to send official copies to WGAA, WGS, WGE, and GA.
2. LCo7 review: Waiting for data from LC Director's survey to get better idea for LCo8 host sites. In reviewing LCo7's budget/actual numbers, we came out quite favorably, even without one major caveat: VERY curious as to how/why we've not yet been billed for the lodging for LCo7. Will follow up with hotel. Adjusting for lower revenue from LC fees, and including the Foundation's contribution, we should finish approximately \$4,000 below budget.
3. Imhotep Chapter sent message RE: visit to other chapter, per Council's directive. However, the trip is not scheduled by 12/31 as was directed. They are attending the Anthemios initiation on January 11 and their WA has asked if the Council will grant leniency in the 12/31 deadline.
4. There have been 21 votes cast on the Cossutius Chapter petition, all in favor. I am still waiting on 5 additional votes, necessary to reach the $\frac{3}{4}$ minimum required. As per the certified letter receipts received thus far, if the outstanding votes are not submitted by 12/27, I may cast votes on behalf of these organizations. I have instructed the Grand Lecturer to continue planning as though the installation will take place as scheduled the weekend of 1/19-1/20. A big thank you to our WGAA for hosting a conference call for the installation planning committee this past week, and to our ND for attending.
5. Was unable to attend the latest APX Foundation conference call on December 13, but have asked for notes from the meeting. Jay Mock sent the latest directory, forwarded to WGS for update the APX master directory online? We're still waiting on their input for webpage content.
6. Faculty Summit remains on my To Do list, albeit fairly low down on the list.
7. Sent membership certificates to numerous chapters, after buying additional supplies.
8. Made several phone calls to WA's based on list sent after last conference call. Really enjoyed speaking with the three WA's and one association president I was able to reach. Apparently, I am playing "phone tag" with two other chapters and one alumni association, and have yet to receive return calls from RHOE or NICO. I will try to reach non-respondents again this week.

9. RE: RHOE call...I also had on my list to contact the RHOE AA President, which did occur. The contact wasn't meant to discuss the chapter, however, that's where the conversation ultimately wound up. The AA President was going to attempt to call the Chapter and see why they have broken off contact and was planning to recruit the help of the AA Vice President as well. I have not heard back from her yet.
10. Conversation with APOL WA resulted in an invitation to their initiation, which I will attend.
11. Contacted the National Interfraternity Council to inquire as to membership requirements, but have not yet received a response. The inquiry stems from a message sent by AED, Adriana Esquivel. The NIC is closely associated with the Capital Fraternal Caucus, which among other things, is actively lobbying for legislature to protect fraternities' property rights. Will follow up and advise once contact is made.
12. Made contact with a member in Texas about serving as an APX Foundation trustee. APX Foundation to follow up with him after the holidays.
13. Note: the Hortons never received our APX Letter(s). Is this an issue with the database, or do I need to rough up my local postal carrier?

Worthy Grand Scribe

- Winter APX Letter incorporating Convention information in January

Worthy Grand Estimator

- Chapters fully paid and reported through December are: ANDR, DOMI, HADR, IKTI, META, SENE
- Chapters fully reported, just waiting on Dec dues are: ANTH, DINO, PYTH.
- Chapters that were current through November but skipped out on the Christmas break without filing a report or dues are: IMHO, RABI, SATY, SESH
- Chapters that have 2 months or more without dues or reports are: APOL, CLEI, DAED, NICO, RHOE, VITR
- Also, under new biz, I would like to move forward with the APXF contract to endow the LC professional program.

Grand Advisor

- Emailed draft of dues letter for alumni
 - WGS and WGAA also working on upgraded letter for start of the year

National Director

- Drove East to new job in Virginia. On the way, visited Pytheos, doing well despite size.
- Attended call with RD2, META WA, AED for recruitment planning
- COSS installation planning for January progressing. Colonists flying down Sat. morning. Regional alumni associations each sponsoring a meal.
- Handbook project currently on hold.
- Rhoecus, recommend moving forward with suspension
- Business etiquette seminar at convention.
 - AED, RD1 working on developing a companion booklet

- B. Swilling has ideas applicable for workshop. Will be directed to contact AED.

Expansion Director

- Demetrios is continuing to meet and recruit potential colonists. I expect to see a petition for colonization in January.
- Washington State University is in the process of pulling together the required items for a petition as well. We should see it in early January also.
 - ND to contact potential RD7/pledge educators
- Students at Cornell are still thinking about APX. Many of those previously interested are going thru rush with other fraternities and sororities in January. We may hear more after the first of the year on whether or not they pledged elsewhere.
- Southern Polytechnic will be working next semester on recruiting interested students and faculty. Possibly a petition by late spring.
- Drexel was sent brochures in early November. I doubt we'll hear from them anytime soon.
- Daphnis. Held good meeting with program director. Got names of potential underclassmen—will be getting information to them at start of upcoming semester.

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- Visited Reno 2 weeks earlier for upcoming Convention.
 - Banquet to be held at Hotel
 - Opening reception at National Bowling Center.
- Convention write-ups assigned to committee members.
- Sat final NCARB exam this past week

Old Business

- Rhoecus: No response from chapter. WGA has talked to RhoAA president.

New Business

APX Foundation Contract for Leadership Conference Fund

- WGE moves *that the Grand Council endow a Leadership Conference Professional Program Fund with \$50,000 through the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation as described in the draft (version 2) agreement.*
- Funds will come from the following sources: \$47K from CDs maturing in January. \$3K to come from general funds. The underspending from LC07 expenses will cover the \$3K.
- Interest from the fund each year should be sufficient to underwrite the program costs for LC.
- Motion approved unanimously. WGE to contact APXF to execute the contracts.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 pm EST.

Richard L Jenkins

Worthy Grand Scribe,
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity