

Annual Meeting of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity March 13, 2008

Grand Council of Alpha Rho Chi
Harrah's Hotel, Reno, Nevada

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator
Lori Beth Wilson, Convention Director

Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe
Chooch Pickard, Expansion Director
Scott Swanson, National Director (by phone)

Called to Order, Thursday March 13, 2008 at 9:15 PDT

Minutes

Minutes from the January Grand Council call were approved.

Minutes from the February Grand Council call were approved.

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

- In email communication with Bro. R. Ivy, the WGA has learned that he is available the weekend of April 12. Will see if he is able to attend the Vitruvius White Rose event.
- Attended March 6 conference call with APX Foundation. \$2,355 grant approved. A \$1,000 John Ross Scholarship will be awarded this year. The Foundation requests to present a report to the Convention in Saturday's business session.

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- Convention is this weekend. No pressing issues to report

Worthy Grand Scribe

- Been busy with database updates
- Beginning work on APX Letter Spring Issue. Topics include: COSS, Convention, CPR/First Aid training program, Foundation).

Worthy Grand Estimator

- The credentials committee will be busy this year.
- Chapters not current with reports/dues at moment include: ANTH, COSS, DAED*, DINO, HARD, IKTI, IMHO*, META, PYTH, RHOE* (suspended), RABI*, SENE* (including incorporation issues), SESH*, APOL*.
**more than 2 months in arrears.*

- Visa Merchant Services contacted the WGE with an alert that refunds of \$150 were paid to 2 members. Records did not show any corresponding charges made by those members, the WGE is resolving the situation. Visa Merchant Services will now alert the WGE of all refunds of \$1 or greater.

Grand Advisor

- Pleased to serve as the last Grand Council delegate to the National Convention.

Convention Director

- Convention arrangements going well. The Convention Budget is on track to finish with a small \$200 loss. The deficit will be covered by previous Convention surpluses.
- 124 have paid for full registration. 25 additional banquet-only tickets have been sold.

National Director

- Focus on RD communication re: incorporation and dues.

Expansion Director

- Some delays in getting DAPH colony moving forward.
- Received interest from University of Miami, FL.

Old Business

Motion to Suspend Nikon Chapter

- As of Saturday, Nikon Chapter has paid all dues and obligations from this year and last. The chapter is fully reported with 6 actives and 10 pledges scheduled for initiation in near future.
- The motion from the February Meeting was withdrawn with no objections

Leadership Conference Endowment Investment Options

- WGE recommends investing the endowment with a mutual fund composed of growth mutual funds.
- WGE instructed to work with the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation to implement

Grand Council Report to the 61st National Convention

- The report is largely complete with only a few sections left to write before the 61st Convention convenes.

Update on 60th Convention Committees

- Lecture Circuit Committee met at least once. Not certain whether a report will be submitted.
- Branding Committee had been meeting and expected to issue a report.
- Discussion followed about what efforts the Grand Council should expend to support the productivities of committees of the National Convention.

New Business

Instructions for the Grand Council Delegate

- The GC delegate is instructed to abstain in all motions possible, except if necessary to support the removal of the GC vote at Convention

Potential Risk Management Direction

WGA asks members of the Grand Council to consider appointing a Risk Management Director

- Would serve as a consultant to the national fraternity/Grand Council.
- As a resource for chapters or alumni associations would help compile best practices.
- Focus would begin on Risk Managements for national events (e.g., Convention, LC) at first.

Gold Medal Nomination

WGA has received a nomination/petition from the Daedalus AA on behalf of Bro. Ken Kohlen for the Alpha Rho Chi Gold Medal

- Questions were raised about the criteria and qualifications for the medal.
- The criteria need to be better defined.
- WGA will discuss the nomination with the Daedalus AA.

Region 6 Founders' Day Event

RD6 has emailed a request that the Grand Council consider funding for the Region 6 Founders' Day Event in Kansas City. The email outlined estimated costs for several aspects of the event from postage, room rental to RD travel.

- WGA commends Pytheos for providing advance estimates of costs in their request and for their efforts to make this a regional event including holding the event in Kansas City, MO (compared to an event held in Lincoln).
- RD travel already covered by the fraternity's budget and is not contingent on this request (i.e., already approved)
- Consistent with existing policy to support communicating regional alumni events, WGAA moves that

the Grand Council pay \$137.39 for invitations and postage for the Region 6 Founders' Day Event.

The motion is approved.

- The request to fund the cost of room rental and meals were declined.

Senenmut Chapter Incorporation

The Senenmut Chapter has not yet successfully incorporated in the State of NY. The chapter is attempting to contact the past WA to determine exactly which steps have been made to incorporate the chapter.

- WGA to write a letter to Senenmut chapter with deadlines for making progress towards completing incorporation.
- ND to research steps/process for incorporation in New York.

Regional Director Retreat

ND presents plans to hold a retreat for RD training in Indianapolis, IN on August 1-3. RD4 has been coordinating the local planning. Attendance will be mandatory for RDs and a handful of other appointees will be invited to attend/present.

- Bro. Rosen will present the training program to the RDs
- Bro. Esquivel will present on recruitment.
- The retreat will be held at an hotel in downtown Indianapolis or near the airport.
- ND will provide an estimated budget by the end of March.

Grand Council Summer Meeting

The summer planning meeting will be held in Annapolis, MD from Sat. July 19 to Tues. July 22.

- A house rental has been reserved for the weekend in Annapolis.
- Will ask Bro. Rosen to attend to present the training program.
- Targeted guest list will be limited to approximately 10 members.
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Post Convention Briefing

An informal meeting will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. to review any directives of the Convention and to welcome new Grand Council officers.

Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity

Budget still remains in this fiscal year for website development. Now would be an ideal time for whatever preliminary work can be done on online S-2/E-2 reports or for other upgrade projects.

Meeting adjourned 10:58 am EST.

Richard L Jenkins

Worthy Grand Scribe,
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity