

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity March 4, 2009

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect (VH)
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect (LS)
Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator (FK)
Chooch Pickard, Worthy Grand Scribe (CP)
Steve Janick, Grand Advisor (SJ)
Scott Swanson, National Director (SS)
Mara Braspeninx, Expansion Director (MB)
Erin Froschheiser, Associate Estimator (EF)
Lori Beth Wilson, Convention Director

Excused:

none

Called to Order, Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 8:04 CST

Motion to approve January 11, 2009 and February 11 minutes by SS, seconded by SJ, unanimously approved

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

- ***See attached report***
- CP spoke to the IMHO chapter on Monday and they seem to be willing to turn things around

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- ***See attached report***
- Convention Planning
 - 157 attendees registered for Convention so far
 - Give away will be a grey and blue bag
 - Selecting food still
 - LB still working on a shuttle for the welcome reception
- Still working on the Silver Medal nomination
- COSS AA Bylaws are still being reviewed and rewritten
- CLEI AA Bylaws are being reviewed by LS and VH
- ACH form did not included in the Alumni Dues reminder

Worthy Grand Scribe

- John Sterni is now the APX Webmaster!
- Christine Brazil, Laura Schmidt, Vicki Horton and Rick Jenkins have been working on a new issue of the Rise
- Received a VERY nicely hard cover bound chapter petition from Sostratus today
 - GC to review this week and vote via email
 - CP to email petition to RD's and post to web if approved
 - CP and SS to review how many signatures are required for the petition

Worthy Grand Estimator

- Sent letter to SESH about their member reporting
 - They reported correctly for February, but no response to the letter
- CLEI – owes Dec, Jan, Feb and March reports and dues
- FK will write a check for Ivy's honorarium of \$2500 at convention
- EF continuing to process CC orders
- Ordered 1000 new APX decals

Grand Advisor

- Digging up info on Scott McKay in archives

National Director

- RD's are working on making sure chapters and AA's know what to bring for credentials
 - DINO and SENE are still having incorporation issues

Expansion Director

- Contact with a student that is hoping to attend Texas Tech and wants to start a chapter there in the future
- No new developments at DEME

Old Business

- CLEI LC reimbursement
 - FK, VH and Andrea Hauber still need to work on this
 - This may be why they have not paid their dues yet
 - FK can write a check to them at convention
- APX Standard for Convention
 - Standard will be printed on fabric table covering

New Business

- none

Betterment of the Fraternity

- none

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting and is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd, 2009, 9am CST.

Meeting adjourned 9:01 pm CST.

Charles J. Pickard
Worthy Grand Scribe,
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity



- Foundation is meeting the night before our conference call and will let us know if they plan to make a verbal report at convention. I've suggested that if they'd like us to print their report with others, they should have it delivered digitally by March 14. Please let me know if I need to advise them otherwise.
- Following up with vendor RE: standard for convention. Will advise on the call if I hear back by then.
- I've received two requests for duplicate credentials to replace those never received. Have requested both chapters follow up with individuals with access to their mailboxes (to determine if someone else has them in their possession) prior to sending another original.
- The LC Director and I have finalized the budget for LC09. We will forward the info to Frank and Erin and would like to make an announcement at Convention so that chapters and associations can make plans to attend.
- How about a GC dinner with Robert on the Friday of Convention? (spouses welcome) -- I know this is an extra special GC dinner this year, but I'd like to take the opportunity to stoke the MA fire with him and determine his interest.
- Still need your bullet points/highlights/challenges/success stories, etc. for the GC report to convention by March 7. I'm off the entire week of Convention, so I may have time to put together the visual presentation, in addition to the written report.
- Spoke with Imhotep's Faculty Advisor – will update everyone on our call, but have already given a synopsis to WGS and RD3.
- Still waiting on Daedalus Alumni Association presentation for FA award.
- “So” Whitten and National Service Award recipient chapters have been identified. I'll announce the winner during our call.
- Whitten plaque is at the engraver, and the silver medal will be at another engraver by Thursday.
- Finished an article for The Rise.
- Kyle and I got sidetracked on the boxes in our garage (by his newly-discovered arthritic back). They'll go out ASAP...I promise.
- Spoke with Risk Management Director about the position's role moving forward. I can provide details if you like, but there will be a section on this in our convention report.

Still on To Do list:

- Decide on April trip(s).
- Review/respond to the last 90+ emails in my APX inbox – I'm officially swamped.
- Finalize 2009 awards program.
- Further define role and responsibilities of/with Marketing Director.
- Identify and appoint Development Director.
- Anything else?



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Convention Planning

- Convention Registration is ongoing. Registration ends 3/15. At last count, 145 had registered.
- We have chosen a nice canvas bag as our giveaway.
- The last remaining planning item is to select our food.

Other Stuff

- The Silver Medal Documentation has been compiled. All Signatures have been collected. I'm finishing the final draft of the Bio. It should be ready by Friday.
- Cossutius Alumni have told me they have completed all their requirements to form their alumni association. I have given them an assessment of their by-laws and am waiting their response. As they are currently written, I do not recommend we approve them.
- Cleisthenes Alumni have told me they have also completed their requirements. They have sent in their 300 dollar fee. I have not yet seen a copy of their by-laws. I have sent them a nudge email.
- Dues Invoices – The dues invoices have been sent out and have been received this week.
 - It appears that the ACH form was not included in the dues invoices. They were supposed to go with the Dues invoices for brothers who pay regularly. We need to verify if this was our mistake or the printer's mistake. If it was the printers mistake, we should make sure we weren't charged.
 - I'd like to request we put the ACH flyer in an easily accessible area on the front page of the website, as well as a quick link to paying dues on the front page of the website (to help remedy this error).
- Alumni Association of the year has been calculated, and will be announced at convention. I need to finish putting together the award for that.