

Grand Council Meeting  
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity  
June 11, 2009

*Attending*

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect (VH)  
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect (LS)  
Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator (FK)  
Scott Swanson, National Director/WGAA elect (SS)  
Mara Braspeninx, Expansion Director (MB)  
Erin Froschheiser, Associate Estimator/WGE elect (EF)

***Excused:***

Chooch Pickard, Worthy Grand Scribe (CP)  
Steve Janick, Grand Advisor (SJ)

**Called to Order, Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 8:05 CST**

*Reports*

**Worthy Grand Architect**

- Convention minutes not yet approved/posted. Convention directive to post within 60 days of convention. Minutes approved.
- FK volunteered to be archive custodian for storage facility. VH still has documents in her garage.
- ***See attached report***

**Worthy Grand Associate Architect**

- Dues notices are out.
- FK – anything received after July 1 and prior to summer meeting that is clearly '09 invoice will be posted to fiscal year 08/09.
- Proposals for convention '11 look good.
- ***See attached report***

**Worthy Grand Scribe**

- No report

**Worthy Grand Estimator**

- Forecasting a deficit \$9400, \$5000 excluding convention. Convention deficit of \$4400 offsets surpluses from previous years, within a couple hundred of breaking even overall. Have been successful in returning services to the membership. \$57,000 checking account balance. 40,000 needed to finance the summer meeting and fall semester activities (LC and archi). Financially ok because of previous year surpluses, should be careful of running deficits in the future. FK advised GC to keep balanced budget in the future.
- Dues/Reporting – Every chapter fully reported for the entire year. Hadrian is the only chapter not fully paid – \$1104.50. SS will follow up in person this weekend. Best we've ever had at end of year.
- Most anticipated expenses are paid. Alumni dues reminder pending.
- Application form for APX credit card sent to EF and SS. Please fill out and return – hopefully card issued by summer meeting. To be used for APX business, paid automatically from checking account monthly.
- Credit card clearing house – identity protection – being able to accept credit cards over the internet. Questionnaire to ensure security of website. We have been paying a \$25 monthly fee to clearing house to allow acceptance of visa and MasterCard for not having ensured security (filling out

questionnaire). Starting process to comply – will bridge transition to EF. Cumbersome process, working with Mike Schmidt about website security. One time process.

### **Worthy Grand Associate Estimator**

- ***No report***

### **Grand Advisor**

- ***No report***

### **National Director**

- Credentials survey getting good response.
- RD's continuing booking flights to Des Moines, all should be purchased by summer meeting. Hotel Rooms and rental cars, food are pending. WGAe Greg Pelley is generously hosting at his home.
- DOMI – still working on LC keynote speaker
- APXF – meeting Tuesday, aware of request to co-sponsor and interested
- Received 20 1600.16 request, plan to pay shortly
- Received 2009 1516.00 plan to pay as well
- For traditionally funded programs such as bronze medal
- Bronze medal strike support, request that it is done before end of summer, GC pay up front, they will reimburse
- Handbook for members draft will be out the week of the 6<sup>th</sup>, also draft of colony handbook – please review prior to summer meeting, plan to vote at summer meeting. Printing – to be decided at summer meeting whether or not need to print hard copies. SS and FK will talk offline about pricing.
- Cal Poly Pomona contact – 11 interested, but no recent contact
- Working with SEVE to schedule pledge ceremony in September
- DC picnic – request that ND touch base with any DC students who are present
- ND will forward draft of colony handbook for review
- MNES AA – still tied to U through APX scholarship, interested in colonization process. EF to forward contact info to MB.
- ***See attached report***

### **National Expansion Director**

- Contact from California Polytech at Pomona
- Working to schedule pledge ceremony with Severus Colony at Kent State
- Potential colony members were invited to DC area picnic.

### ***Old Business***

None

### ***New Business***

- Anchorwave will be referring us to another company for database project. Remaining costs to be investigated.
- Bronze Medals – new medal strike needed soon. Quote for 500 medals – approx 4 year supply - \$6950.
  - APXF has approved reimbursement of this amount this fall.
  - Price consistent with quote from 4 years ago.
  - ***Motion to approve funding by FK, seconded by LS, unanimously approved***
- Funding request for Leadership Conference lecture
  - \$2500 Arch Record fee for Robert Ivy
  - Alternate speaker \$3500, School willing to pay \$1000
  - APXF interested in funding

- Lecture in conjunction with traveling archive show
  - See WGA report for funding amount based on 2 way split (could be less if school participates)
  - Part of school's lecture series – open to everyone
  - Request that APX be given top billing on advertisements in return.
  - A contract will be signed.
  - School cannot afford speaker on their own, we can make or break it
  - ***Motion to approve funding by LS, seconded by FK, unanimously approved***
- ANTH Founder's Day conflicts with GC Summer Meeting
    - VH indicated to ANTH AA that GC cannot commit due to Summer Meeting business schedule. VH to send a note to ANTH AA indicating our appreciation for the invitation, but we will not be able to attend.

### ***Betterment of the Fraternity***

- Summer Meeting in Libertyville July 17-19, 2009
  - FK Requested:
    - Attendee list
    - Travel Plans (arrival and departure)
      - Mara, Steve and Kyle chauffeurs
      - Arrive by noon, EF, early arrival requested (Thursday evening)
    - Rooming assignments
    - Food requests
    - Agenda

**Meeting adjourned 9:25 pm CST.**

**Mara Braspenninx**  
 National Expansion Director,  
 Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity



- The RD interviews were time consuming, but went very well. I'm happy to describe the process to anyone who's interested. It was devised to make the vetting process as objective as humanly possible. Suffice it to say we have a strong slate of candidates and a very tough decision to make.
- The WGS and I have begun compiling documents for inclusion in a petition for a Master Architect nomination. Watch for more on this at the summer meeting.
- Convention Minutes still need to be reviewed and discussed.
- LC09 committee is hard at work, seeking sponsors, potential speakers, etc. I used the online registration form in early May, but we're apparently still having issues with the notifications not forwarding to the WGE or LC Director.
- National Archives Tour may be a go, at least from Domitian's point of view. I believe they have successfully discussed with the Department and have been given the green light to pursue.
- I have contacted Robert Ivy about the possibility of him providing a keynote address. See New Business for more on this.

Still on To Do list:

- Hopefully revive the Outlook folders and messages from the hard drive we pulled from our now deceased computer.
- Make travel arrangements for Summer Meeting.
- Finalize 2009 awards program, with new FA award and corrections to others.
- Thanks to the first item on the To Do list, I don't know if there's anything else at this point.

For New Business:

I move that the Grand Council seek to co-sponsor, with the APX Foundation and NJIT's School of Architecture, a keynote address to be given by Robert Ivy at LC09 on October 8, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$1,250.

(Explanation: Robert will be departing for CA on October 9, but has set aside time to speak at NJIT before he leaves. The Foundation has indicated they definitely want to co-sponsor Brother Ivy's lecture at LC09, but will need to be as frugal as possible. NJIT SOA has had difficulty securing other speakers for the event, due to amount of funding necessary. I.e., the other architect they have suggested requires a \$3,000 to \$3,500 speaking fee and they are unable to spend more than \$1,000.)



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#### Convention Planning

- LB has received several decent proposals from our targeted 2011 cities, Minneapolis, Long Beach & Portland (Oregon, not Maine).

#### WGAA General Business

- Issued Dues invoice reminders to approximately 300 brothers. (Brothers who have paid at least 1 time in the past 5 years, and have not yet paid in 2009). Invoices were supposed to be mailed on 6/10. We should be seeing them quite soon.

Last Conference Call as your WGAA. It's been a wonderful 6 years.

# Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

## National Director Monthly Report

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June 11, 2009

- Had call with ExpD to discuss colony handbook edits. WGAA-elect and ExpD will present updated handbook at summer meeting. Also discuss Kent State colony, ideas for colonist educator, regional sponsorship, active long-distance big brothers, and alumni mentors.
- Held conference call with WGAA, WGS, and GL for SOST installation AAR. Comments being folded into colony handbook edit.
- Met with RD7 to continue ND transition and plan RD Retreat.
- Will hold RD Retreat conference call with RD7, EduD, and Greg Pelley in next two weeks.
- Handbook for members edits due to me this weekend from taskgroup. My edits to be completed by first week of July. Copies will be email to summer meeting attendees for review. Discussion/amendments/acceptance and plan for distribution all at summer meeting.
- EduD will convene national education group in fall. Unreasonable timeline to implement new framework by mid-August in line with Kent State. Will work with colonist educator to test parts of education framework.
- Will meet with EduD in-person during trip to Los Angeles this weekend.
- Attended portions of ANTH informal and formal initiation over Memorial Day weekend.
- Discussing roles, responsibilities, and expectations for WGAA with WGA under proposed organization chart.
- WGE-elect and I have emailed a selected group of brothers for input on Convention Credentials. Responses are due July 1, and recommendations will be presented at summer meeting. Good response rate so far. All GC officers were included.
- I have moved. My info in the database is updated. My address (mailing and physical) is now: 4519 Raleigh Avenue, Apt. 403, Alexandria, VA 22304.

### Accomplishments:

- DOMI finally managed to secure funding for a Robert Ivy lecture. The lecture will be co-sponsored between APX, APX Foundation, and the New Jersey School of Architecture.
- VITR has been taking advantage of a relatively empty house this summer by doing significant renovations and repairs to the common spaces and completely renovating two bedrooms.
- APOL has resolved the misuse of chapter funds issue.
- SESH AA is making process restructuring and revitalizing their membership. I expect that they will become a very active AA this coming year with many plans.
- IKTI has 13 pledges this semester; their initiation will be in early October.
- ANTH initiated 9 new brothers.
- ANTH had exec board elections. Christin Collet is the new WA. The board members are posted on their Web site.
- IMHO initiated 1 new brother.
- IMHO had exec board elections. Robert Paulus is the new WA.
- PYTH former WA Erin Ostendorf got married and 4 alumni attended the wedding.

#### Emerging Issues:

- I have not received any communication from SENE since mid-April, despite several e-mails sent to their WA. I will try a phone call in the near future.
- APOL communications will need to be monitored early in the semester. As noted in past reports, APOL provided little communication throughout the year, and the new WA had some maintenance problems as WE last year with keeping up on dues.
- NICO has to demonstrate a higher level of performance following the February planning session. While they spent much time through the spring semester reorganizing and strengthening the Chapter, they have yet to demonstrate that they are a self-sustaining chapter that will succeed. While I have great expectations, the chapter needs to be monitored.
- APOL, NICO, & SESH each chapter has had dues issues in my region, and the chapters have been employed to begin the effort of moving to a semester payment schedule. I foresee dues payments continuing to be an issue in the future unless this transition is accomplished.
- IKTI was supposed to be creating a budget but their WE has been MIA in responding back to me. I will be continuing to work with their E-board on this issue. Will be working with the WA over the summer.
- Will be communicating with DEME AA to make sure they are working with Doug Milburn on getting their Alumni Association more active.
- MNES AA President will look for by-laws and send a copy if he can find them. He knows they are really out of date.
- PYTH AA still has not developed by-laws outline from list questions.
- RHOE AA President has been unreachable via email and phone for at least three months.

#### Upcoming Events:

- DOMI is still working on planning efforts for Leadership Conference.
- APOL Summer retreat. No date confirmed.
- NICO Chapter retreat.
- SESH Summer meeting and fall retreat. No date confirmed.
- RABI AA & RABI will be holding their graduation ceremony at the Rabirius house on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, welcoming the new RAA members.
- RABI AA is working on finding a date for their summer meeting which will be held at the University of Cincinnati.
- ANTH AA is planning Founder's Day to be held July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- PYTH AA pot luck will be June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- PYTH summer planning meeting will be July 18<sup>th</sup>.