

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity May 17, 2010

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect (VH)

Scott Swanson, Worthy Grand Associate Architect (SS)

Erin Froschheiser, Worthy Grand Estimator (EF)

Steve Janick, Grand Advisor (SJ)

Rick Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe Elect (RJ)

Mara Braspeninx (MB)

Excused:

Chooch Pickard, Worthy Grand Scribe (CP)

Jason Kasparek, National Director (JK)

Called to Order, Monday, May 17, 2010 at 8:02 CDT

Motion to postpone approval of April 13th minutes by SJ, seconded by SS, passes unanimously (will review and approve and/or suggest edits via email)

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

- See attached report
- LC10 recommendation for fees/attendance structure
 - SS – would prefer to approve with rest of budget at summer meeting
 - EF – as a data person, likes to have info in front of her, so not comfortable with approving tonight. Likes idea of smaller attendance numbers (cap on attendance from guest chapters/associations), and thinks registration fees are probably OK, but would like to postpone a final decision until summer meeting
 - SJ – we're always at a disadvantage, because of the timing involved with LC vs. our fiscal year budget. But we should be at a point where we can set numbers according to precedent, then set in place within the budget during summer meeting...or is it possible it's too late to wait until the summer meeting? It doesn't seem practical to wait on LC until after full budget is in place.
 - RJ – suggests we try to find consensus on some items
 - VH – given the input here, will advise Committee to continue planning under the current budget assumptions, but will add to the agenda for summer meeting and finalize there

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- See attached report

National Director

- No report – will forward via email later in the week

Education Director

- See attached report

Convention Director

- See attached report

Worthy Grand Scribe

- No report (sick)

Worthy Grand Scribe-elect

- See attached report

Worthy Grand Estimator

- See attached report
- Received monthly membership report from DAED today

Grand Advisor

- I'm going to need help identifying candidates for National Historian. Emailed the previous National Historian, but have received no reply.
- Attended IKTI founders day in April; new AA pres (Linda Lilly).
- Invited to RABI Chapter's 10th anniversary – November 13th (plan to attend)

Expansion Director

- See attached report

Old Business

- Expansion Plan (remains tabled)

New Business

- Alumni dues invoicing options (discussion)
SS: we seem to spend a lot of money sending alumni dues notices and reminders each year. Would like to discuss other options we might have available to bring down the cost. What would it cost us to simply include a pre-addressed envelope in the APX Letter or The Archi? What would be involved with invoicing via email? Not everyone likes the idea of ACH payments.
- Summer meeting (logistical items)
VH: would like everyone to arrive no later than 4pm that Thursday (7/8) and plan to depart sometime after noon on Sunday (7/11).
SS: flight departs at 6am Sunday (flying on to Montana)
VH: OK, so we'll have to plan on completing all business by Saturday night. Plan on departures anytime Sunday.

VH: I'll be meeting with someone here in the Dallas area to see if he'd be a good fit to serve as facilitator for one session of our meeting. It's important for us to start the fiscal year in a strong position to move forward on some pretty ambitious goals and objectives. I'll be asking him about doing a 4-hour visioning exercise, for which he has said he would charge \$500 (all inclusive). The fee is very reasonable, considering the industry norm.

SS: misunderstood previous discussions and thought we'd be employing a facilitator for a full day. Would like to see what he would charge for a full day's session, and if we can increase the scope of his role to encompass more.

VH: will discuss with him, see if he would be available for a longer session that Friday, and see what this would do to his fee (if we're asking for 8 hours, as opposed to 4, it's logical his fee could double)

Suggestions for the Betterment

- SS: I enjoy this format of having discussions on the call, instead of just listening to a rehash of reports that we should have already read anyway.

Next meeting: Monday, June 14, 2010, (tentatively at) 7:30pm CDT

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – passes 9:41pm adjourned

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



Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Worthy Grand Architect Monthly Report

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- Sent letter to I.M. Pei's office notifying him of Robert Ivy's status.
- It's peak season for identifying potential appointees, especially for Regional Director. I've received several responses from brothers wishing to serve in various capacities (either reappointments, or new).
- Short term communications strategy team still has not met.
- National By-laws: updated (unofficially) last month based on motions passed at convention. Before we post the official record, would like to know where we stand on Convention Minutes. ?
- LC10 planning committee will be having our first conference call this Wednesday. I've asked the WGE for her assistance in the planning of LC10, as there is an outside chance I will not be able to attend this year. Let's discuss (finalize) fee and registration structure please (by email prior to the call is fine).
- Finalizing arrangements for summer meeting: will be meeting with a facilitator I'd like to use for our first session, + identifying appropriate accommodations. I expect the overall budget to come to just under \$4,000.
- Almost finished with WGA job description. Any luck for WGAA, WGE and Grand Advisor? (Reminder: these are "due" June 15)
- Will be meeting (conference call) with Doug Noble this next month to discuss Faculty Summit. As info, Doug and Marvin Malecha were named by their peers as two of the top 10 educators in the country. I sent each a congratulatory message to them both.

WGA's To Do List:

- Compile preliminary list of appointee candidates
- Update awards program

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WGAA Report

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- Joe Henderson is joining the alumni project for an initial 90 -day period. During this time, he will be working with me to develop a framework for better serving alumni associations, specifically focusing on alumni programming for LC10.
- Meeting with ND for end-of-year closeout and RD Retreat planning on May 18, 2010.
- “Resources” group developing second drafts for “how-to fundraise” examples. Plan to edit in June and work with WGS-elect to develop a section on the website for their posting.
- Asking each direct report to develop budgetary needs and justifications for FY 2011 for GC to consider during summer meeting.



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Worthy Grand Estimator Report

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- Chapter Reports and Dues
 - IMHO has not reported or paid since February. Has RD contacted them? What is the story?
 - Received check replacing bounced checks from Jan. – March from IKTI. They are in the process of having their bank reimburse for the service charges we received from their error.
 - IKTI owes \$0.50. This balance will be carried over to next year.
 - SESH is \$25 short. I believe this is the result of confusion with number of actives reported.
 - AN TH, CLEI, DINO & SATY have not paid or reported for April.
 - DAED has not paid or reported for May.
 - HADR, RABI & SENE have overpaid. Notices will be sent and chapters will have the option of receiving a refund, or carrying the balance to next year.
 - Notified ND of chapters with outstanding dues last week. Sent current budget file to ND today.
- Alumni Dues - still a little behind where we were last year. **Should we send a reminder?** This is a relatively costly mailer and we did not budget for it. I suggest we consider digital reminders via email and facebook.
- Convention Registrations
 - Still have not received payment from Madeline Fincham
 - Received reimbursement from Omni for Visa service fee due to extra room charge
- Overall Budget we are coming in under budget this year. I will to cross reference everything prior to closing out FY '10.
 - **Have not received any annual meeting reimbursement requests/expenses from WGS.**
 - Anticipate additional charges for CRS.
 - **Any more GCO/appointee travel anticipated prior to end of FY?**
- Credential Committee
 - Hoping to develop strategy for gathering information from those interested in credential reform next week with ND. Waiting on his availability.
- Discussed LC Planning with WGAA, will attend LC Committee Conference call 5/19.

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WGS-elect Report

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- a) APX Letter arrived in mailboxes and posted online
- b) Met with WGS and WGAA to get up to date on position changes
- c) Chapter Reporting System progressing, nearly half complete
- d) Attended META chapter initiation
- e) Asked Nominations Committee to proceed on Gold Medal proposal
 - WGE, can you share vendor info for medal striking estimates?

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Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity National Expansion Director Monthly Report

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- New contacts in the past month:
 - Hampton University, Hampton, VA – initial contact
- I am continuing to work with students at:
 - Howard University, DC
 - Washington University in Saint Louis
 - Southern Polytechnic State University
 - University of Idaho
 - Carnegie Mellon University
 - University of Texas at San Antonio
 - Southern Illinois University
 - Tuskegee
- In the works:
 - Creating introduction letter/packet that can then be sent to faculty at targeted schools.

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- AIA Happy Hour scheduled, posted on Facebook – needs to be posted on APX website.
Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 7:00pm
End Time:
Sunday, June 13, 2010 at 2:00am
Location: Philippe Chow Miami
Street: 2305 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach - (305) 604-1000
City/Town: Miami, FL
- Received 12 proposals for 65th National Convention. Have not reviewed proposals yet.
- Plan to go to Jacksonville for the weekend within the next month and possibly Mobile.
- Need to schedule a conference call with Scott and Dannielle to discuss the Radisson contract for Minneapolis within the next two weeks. Would like to have contract signed no later than the summer meeting.

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EdD Report

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- **SEVERUS COLONY**
 - Group has picked up pace and is rapidly making progress
 - Group was thrilled to have Professional event approved
 - Planning and preparing for a summer retreat
 - Col. Edu. and EdD have talked about having elections to get more involved and bring new life to leadership
 - Faculty advisor is moving so colony will need to look for new advisor
 - Have developed preliminary cadency mark representing the killings that took place just outside the architecture building. They are currently working on the write-up and name for the mark

- **ISIDORUS COLONY**
 - On summer break now
 - Submitted very very preliminary Professional and Philanthropic event ideas to their Col. Edu. Mike and Ry discussed and Mike went back to colony with suggestions
 - Colony has plans for a summer retreat
 - Very motivated, should accomplish a lot during summer

- **COLONY EDUCATION TEAM (CET)**
 - Spoken several times over last month
 - Rafeeq is working on Yearlong Calendar document that can be given to the colonies to personalize
 - Aaron is working on chapters for Col. Edu. based on teams discussions and pitfalls
 - Nate is being very proactive with the colony and very supportive
 - Mike has been very proactive with the Isidorus colony. With them on Summer break, communication has decreased, but Mike has set a good plan in place with the colonists for their summer retreat