

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity June 14, 2010

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect (VH)
Scott Swanson, Worthy Grand Associate Architect (SS)
Erin Froschheiser, Worthy Grand Estimator (EF)
Chooch Pickard, Worthy Grand Scribe (CP)
Steve Janick, Grand Advisor (SJ)
Rick Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe Elect (RJ)
Jason Kasperek, National Director (JK)
Loribeth Wilson, Convention Director (LW)

Excused:

Mara Braspenninx, Expansion Director (MB)

Called to Order, Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7:34 CDT

Motion to approve April 13th minutes by SS, seconded by EF, unanimously approved

Motion to approve May 17th minutes by SS, seconded by EF, unanimously approved

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

- ***See attached report***
- PFA conference
 - Lexington, KY is the location this year
 - Mara Braspenninx, Mike Schoup, or Danielle Reilly may attend

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- ***See attached report***

Worthy Grand Scribe

- Bronze medal orders continuing
- Need to catch up on E1 & S2 reports by the end of the month
- Have contacted Nate Steeber about convention minutes. He's hoping to have a digital version to us by the end of June. Jessica Sears is out of the country so it may be a while before we get a signed version.
- WGS elect needs to open a new PO Box so CP can close Memphis box and forward all mail

- Expansion
 - Washington University, St Louis has formed an organizing committee
- China Summer Internship
 - Dave Eilken, ANTH alumn is offering an unpaid internship in China
 - AIA and past APX conventions have been against this
 - VH will respond to Dave's request for us putting this out to our membership

Worthy Grand Scribe Elect

- Continued progress on Chapter Reporting System and holding weekly reviews. Still on track for completion this summer, but not by July 1.
- Requested @alpharhochi Twitter account information from webmaster. Besides working to get the Twitter handle, working to get a handle on Twitter and a couple other social media/news possibilities. Thanks for suggestions and support from WGAA.
- Sent out a few messages to potential volunteers and responded to direct inquires on Executive Assistant support.

Worthy Grand Estimator

- ***See attached report***
- Chooch to return credit card
- RJ will not get a credit card per his request

Grand Advisor

- ***See attached report***
- EF suggested that perhaps Bob Knecht, ANTH alumn may be a good historian

National Director

- ***See attached report***

Expansion Director

- No report

Convention Director

- Contract for Radisson Hotel
 - Changing distribution of Double vs King beds
 - 80% of block must be purchased for no extra charge at hotel, this is good. Lower than last year requirement
 - 1 comp room per 50 paid room nights, this should mean 3 room nights plus the convention director, plus a free upgrade to a suite
 - No need for hospitality suite, so LW is looking for other concession
 - Cutoff date for room block is February 21, 2011
 - Adding 2 break out rooms and an office to typical meeting room requirements

- AV and food contract is typical
- Food minimum is \$18,000
- Currently contract is set for payment schedule. LW is proposing payment upon invoice
- Group representative will be changed to Vicki
- LW will make changes by end of week so the contract can be signed by June 30th

Old Business

- none

New Business

- Metagenes Alumni Association C+BL review
 - VH is confused about Article 1 in regards to attendance at meetings
 - SJ is concerned that one year terms may be too short if that's what they are planning on. He couldn't see any other mention than that they were doing annual elections
 - SS appreciated the simplicity of the documents, surprised that there was a constitution
 - RJ may suggest that they get rid of the constitution
- Chapter / Alumni Association By-laws review procedure
 - META AA was not aware that the GC was supposed to review them
 - Process of "approval" is vague
 - SS is updating the AA handbook with some steps to updating by-laws
 - SS will write up some ideas to be discussed at summer meeting
- 2010-2011 Regional Directors ("unofficial" roster)
 - Two vacancies, RD6 & RD8
 - One candidate for each position
 - JK suggested that Kristen Ruch, RD6 and Rafeeq Asad, RD8 be appointed to their respective positions.
 - Final slate will be approved after July 1st
 - JK wants to have a discussion at summer meeting to realign regions so that META is not alone in their region
- National appointments discussion
 - VH has sent an email to GC on national appointments, please review before summer meeting
 - Grand Lecturer
 - Zee Matheny and Laura Schmidt are both interested
 - Both are interested in an interview process. VH would like RJ to be involved as outgoing Grand Lecturer

Betterment of the Fraternity

- Summer meeting
 - Flight itineraries should be sent to VH
 - Send available days of the week for conf calls and publication schedules so we can nail down yearly calendar
 - Send preliminary budget items prior to meeting
 - Please bring past binders so VH can just add to it

Next conference call will be Thursday, July 8, Arlington, TX

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm CDT.

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



Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Worthy Grand Architect Monthly Report

June 14, 2010

- Signed / sealed and will be sending membership certificates (too many to bother counting) to their official chapter mailing address by the end of the month.
- Appointments:
 - Of particular note (concern), fishing expeditions to identify a new Alpha Rho Chi Letter Editor have gone without a nibble.
 - Rick and I have discussed expectations for the Executive Assistant role and I've received several responses in connection with the most recent Facebook mass message.
 - ND and I have held two interviews with Regional Director candidates and I'm very pleased with the results. See New Business for recommendations. I'd like for us to establish, in a "semi-official" capacity, the Regional Director team so that the WGAA and ND may move forward with planning for the RD Retreat.
- National By-laws: updated (unofficially) last month based on motions passed at convention. Still waiting on official Convention Minutes from the Convention President/Secretary.
- LC10 planning committee held its first conference call last month. Erin has graciously offered her help in the planning. Thank you, Erin!
- Summer meeting:
 - Lodging for summer meeting is in place. Erin, you should see a charge for a total of \$846 to the WGA Visa. This should be the final amount, as all fees are included.
 - I met with Chris Ebling to discuss his possible role as facilitator for our Friday afternoon/evening session(s) covering goals / objectives / vision / 5-, 6-, or 10- year plans. He has agreed to charge \$500 for the first 4 hours (including his pre-meeting prep work), with \$100 per hour rate after the first 4 hours. After meeting with him, I can safely say he'll be a perfect fit for our group, and I recommend we sign him up for our meeting.
- WGA job description is mostly done. Any luck for WGAA, WGE and Grand Advisor? (Reminder: these are "due" tomorrow)
- Still trying to schedule a conference call with Doug Noble to discuss the potential for a Faculty Summit. It's my goal to add this one-time(?) event to next year's budget.

WGA's To Do List:

- plan to discuss ideas for a more active/interactive Master Architect program, involving identifying additional potential candidates, & utilizing the role to the Fraternity's full advantage
- Update awards program

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WGAA Report

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- Collected 2010-2011 budget requests from ND, CnvD, and EduD. Working with each appointee to finalize operations budget request.
- Brother Henderson continues his work on the alumni project, now additionally serving as the project's representative to the LC planning committee. Brother Feldman has volunteered to work with Brother Henderson to develop four alumni-focused training sessions/workshops.
- Working with "how-to" group to develop "how-to" resources for posting to alpharhochi.org (Brothers Likvan, Mattheney, and Rabanera).
- Evaluating alumni association handbook developed by Brother Schmidt for expansion and update.
- Planning RD Retreat with ND and RD3.



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Worthy Grand Estimator Report

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- Chapter Reports and Dues
 - Overall there is an estimated \$1,562.50 outstanding from a total of five chapters.
 - Summary was sent to ND 6/13/10 for follow up with RD's.
- Alumni Dues Reminder Notice will be sent via Facebook prior to July 1, 2010.
- Alumni Dues payments – received a handful of incomplete payments. May request GC assistance in tracking our brothers down for additional info.
- Received new jewelry costs from Herff Jones, will distribute for GC review and update our form as necessary.
- GC Credit Cards
 - WGS elect will need to complete application and sign APX policy if card is desired
 - WGS will need to return card to WGE at end of term
- Held a call with credentials committee (ND, Kirsten Borg and Manuel Perez). Plan to present suggestions for reform at summer meeting.
- Joined June APXF conference call
 - Our Professional Fund took a dip, approximately a 8.9% gain.
- Meeting with local bank regarding their available services 6/17/10



Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Grand Advisor Report

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- **Historian**
 - Have received email from Doug and he will send information to me by mail since it's more than can be sent via email.
 - Reviewed application for historian position by Anthony DeLaPaz who is a candidate law school student at the University of Illinois and attended the Memphis Convention. Have not as yet responded to his inquiry into the position of historian.
 - No preliminary budget set for this position and no job description as yet written. Hoping to receive the information from Doug before our summer meeting.
- **Preliminary job description for Grand Advisor from the Constitution and By-Laws.**
 - Advise the Grand Council as necessary during its deliberations and provide a historical perspective regarding past actions and events of the fraternity.
 - Assist members of the Grand Council in the performance of their duties when directed.
 - (New Item) Oversee the work of the fraternity's historian.

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ND Report

June 13, 2010

ND Update:

- Year-end wrap up calls with all RDs have been/are being scheduled for this week and next. Wrap-up interviews should be closed out by Last week of June.
- Interviews conducted with WGA and new RD candidates Kristen Ruch and Rafeeq Asad. ND officially recommends moving forward with the appointment of these two candidates to the post of Regional Director for 2010-2011.
- ND officially recommends moving either VITR to Region 7 or both VITR and SEVE to Region 7 for next year. GC and ND can discuss further at summer meeting, as there is no need to have finalized region boundaries prior to the appointment of next year's slate of RDs.
- WGAA, Randy Kirschner, and myself will have conference call this week to finalize some logistics for the RD retreat.
- Per the WGE, 5 chapters still have outstanding dues and MMRs. This will be a priority for RDs to help resolve prior to summer meeting.