

# Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity October 12, 2010

## *Attending*

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect  
Scott Swanson, Worthy Grand Associate Architect  
Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor

Erin Froschheiser, Worthy Grand Estimator  
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe

## **Called to Order, October 12, 2010 at 9:05 EDT**

September Minutes approved. WGS to post.

## *Reports*

### **Worthy Grand Architect**

*See attached*

APX Foundation meeting background:

- Foundation approved GC requests for funding
- Foundation committed to supporting 2014 anniversary events
- Foundation redoubling fundraising efforts
- Foundation board expressed concerns about fraternity recognizing giving levels, but WGA expressed that the fraternity is not going to turn around donations

Discussion about LC2010 speaker invoices

### **Worthy Grand Associate Architect**

*See attached*

### **Worthy Grand Scribe**

*See attached*

### **Grand Advisor**

Appointments accepted

- Anthony DeLaPaz (ANTH) as National Historian
- Jason Granado (SESH) as Chapter Tree Project Coordinator

### **Expansion Director**

*Not present, but submitted report in advance. See attached*

### **Worthy Grand Estimator**

*See attached*

## *Old Business*

### **Strategic Plan**

Development will be a priority for the WGA.

## *New Business*

### **Recommendation for 2012 Convention**

- WGAA reports that after site review, 2012 recommendation is Jacksonville, FL
- Motion to hold 65<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi in 2012 in Jacksonville, FL.
- Approved unanimously

### **Future site selections**

- Discussion of Southwest or “drier” South
- Long Beach
- San Francisco (possible LC location with COSS)
- Texas Cities – Dallas?
- 2011 PFA Conference in San Mateo, CA

### **Anti-Hazing Policy**

- Review of older 2005 statement for revise and adoption
- Types of statements
  - Comprehensive (extensive definition)
  - Short (focus on compliance with state and university laws/regs.)
- Reinforcement messaging – e.g., hazing is not what makes brothers
- Consensus toward simple compliance statement with support of ideals of respect and dignity
- WGAA to draft statement this week
- GC to vote as soon as agreeable copy is accepted
- GC to communicate at LC10

### **Voussoirs Award**

- Aaron Feldman has a formal announcement of Voussoirs Award
- GC members to comment directly to Bro. Feldman prior to distribution next week

## *Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity*

- Suggest GC members to contribute to the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation and encourage others to do the same
- Have a Blast at LC

Next meeting scheduled for November 9, 2010 at 8:00 EDT.

**Meeting adjourned 10:10 pm EDT.**

**Richard L Jenkins** – Worthy Grand Scribe, Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity



## Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

## Worthy Grand Architect Monthly Report

October 12, 2010

- 63<sup>rd</sup> National Convention minutes: WGS should have received official copy this past week, per Convention President's email. Rick, please confirm. I'll update C&BL based on the official copy (digital version) and will prepare for upload of the official national documents to the website.
- Appointments:
  - Visited at length with our new Risk Management Coordinator during a visit to the Bay area and I'm pleased to report that he's planning to deliver an update this month, with a comprehensive report due before Convention.
  - APX Letter Editor, Webmaster and Development Director remain "open" as of this date, though I'll be contacting a potential DD candidate later soon.
- Attended Alpha Rho Chi Foundation retreat. They approved our proposed budget for 2010-2011 grant requests in the amount of \$4,769.85. In addition to the actual meeting held that Saturday, we met several alumni during a reception hosted by Brother Mock.
- LC10 planning:
  - WGE and I attended the committee's last conference call prior to the event. They discussed "start-to-finish" events, logistics, last-minute items/assistance needed. I'll be talking with the LC Director this week to ensure all remaining gaps have been filled, and will provide an update to each of you following the call.
  - The ND and I held a call last week to discuss the faculty advisor session for actives, and the RD6 and I will be talking by phone this Thursday to finalize the Ritual session as well. The more I speak with these brothers about the sessions they'll be leading in my absence, the more disappointed I am that I cannot be there – these should be memorable sessions!
  - Received a written speaking engagement agreement from our speaker. The agreement states her company's expectation for ½ payment up front, the final ½ due at the event. I spoke with Cheryl about this and explained APX typically prefers to pay 100% at the event and she is willing to float this by her company leadership if we so desire. She has also indicated she will submit receipts for expenses incurred during the trip (airport parking and meals during travel), to which I explained we would consider via separate invoice.
- Faculty Summit: Lannis and I discussed during the Foundation retreat. One of the invited guests (M. Malecha) will be lecturing at U of Houston in November, and this is one reason Lannis feels January *may* not be a realistic timeframe in which to hold the summit. He'll be in contact with the member in question and we will be in touch to discuss further. Meanwhile, the planning for this event moves forward and I'm very encouraged by the progress we've made so far.
- Reviewed Nikon Chapter's draft By-Laws and have returned to them with several comments. The overall content reads more like a procedural, rather than governing, document, so I have challenged them on several notions they have chosen to include. I can summarize tonight if you like; however, I don't feel this first draft is currently suitable for approval.
- RD1 and I received an email from the Cossutius Alumni President requesting assistance with chapter relations. I've not even had time to respond, as I read the message during my son's swim meet. Will share with you all today. Feel free to comment as you see fit.

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### WGAA Report

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October 12, 2010

- Held call with SEVE Colony Educator about the future of the SEVE colony. 15 of 18 colonists will study abroad next semester. With only three students remaining, the future of the colony remains in question. They are currently evaluating recruitment and rapid education/officer transition options.
- Awaiting return quotes from Willis and JR Favor insurance companies.
- Joined CnvD and CnvD Trainee for a Convention pre-trip to Minneapolis, October 8-10. We have identified a likely reception site, as well as early arrival tour location, and many dining and nightlife options for attendees. We will expand previous years' education/workshop/breakout activities, start registration earlier, and hold events on Thursday afternoon. Banquet will be in the hotel's ballroom. Identifying any additional A/V and/or business meeting costs for GC review.
- Received How-To write-ups from Brother Feldman about social gathering for alums and from Brother Kasperek about annual planning.
- Recruitment Coordinator finished first draft of recruitment manual and will send to peer review team this week. Final will be ready for GC review and comment no later than October 30. RC will communicate with WGS about needs for webpage/site assistance to support resources identified in handbook.
- Made an unofficial visit for a few hours to ANDR chapter house on October 3 during a personal trip. Met some actives and had a tour of the SARCH program improvements.
- Will convene Convention education group to plan workshops/breakouts after LC. Will coordinate with GL to discuss Ritual-related workshops.
- Working with brothers to identify opportunities for NY, SF, and LA alumni social gatherings.
- Continuing to work with ExpD on alumni expansion documents.
- Attending LC.
- Attending RABI 10 year (unofficial visit).
- Looking for opportunities to coordinate visits to Regions 1, 4, and/or 8 in winter or spring.



## Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Worthy Grand Scribe Monthly Report

October 11, 2010

- Publications:
  - The Archi has been sent for printing with an October cover date. Thanks to Editor Karen Marker for another fascinating issue
  - I have uploaded a new edition of the Archi Pledge to our website, but have not yet ordered printing for the edition. I did fulfill a request from CLEI for copies through a campus print shop. I would appreciate ND/RD input on demand, as I am tempted to hold off on general printing of a new edition until after we add new chapters.
- Chapter Reporting System
  - At the start of the October, I discovered an issue with how the CRS was handling/ignoring overdue reports. I have been working with the programmer to fix, but in the interim I have disabled the logins for 8 chapters that failed to file September reports. The other chapters are unaffected.
  - I am willing to conduct hands-on sessions with select chapter representatives at LC. It may be more productive to workshop with individual chapters to help complete their reports than hold a demonstration with a larger group of actives.
  - Some correspondence with chapters has shown some misconceptions about “inactive” brothers (i.e., an assumption that such a classification exists). I have been directing these to relevant RDs.
  - Please share any error reports with me as I close down this project.
  - Final payment request is with the WGE.
- Membership Certificates
  - New certificates are at a Cincinnati printer for Holly Andrews to pick up on Oct 15.
- Other
  - I visited Andronicus chapter for their Alumni Association meeting and a quick tour of their house. Their warm welcome was the highlight of my trip to L.A.



## Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Worthy Grand Estimator Report

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October 12, 2010

- Leadership Conference
  - Attended LC Committee conference call 10/4/10.
  - There are 48 attendees registered. We fulfilled our room night requirement per our contract. PYTH mentioned they had pledges that wish to register, but have not heard from them officially.
  - Contacting local brothers to assist with OMA airport transportation.
  - Call with RD5 tomorrow regarding budget session.
  - Assisting PYTH with welcome packet information, editing, etc.
  - Attending next week. Woo hoo!
- Chapter Reporting System
  - **ANTH, CLEI, DINO, IMHO & SATY** still have missing reports from last school year. I have assumed balances they owe, but if they had new pledges, or initiates, these numbers would be different. Therefore, amounts due will not be entered into the CRS until necessary reports are filed.
  - Receiving chapter reports, badge and certificate orders slowly
  - Received questions from two chapters wishing to file September reports late and directed them to hold off until further notice from WGS.
- Submitted fidelity bond application to State Farm. Confirmed today it was approved and I should be receiving a bill before the end of the month (\$90 for the year's coverage).
- Pledge Pin orders from ANTH, META, DOMI & DAED



## Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity National Expansion Director Monthly Report

October 12, 2010

### Initial Contact

- University of California, Berkeley

### Sustained Communication

- Carnegie Mellon University (Polyklitos)
- Tuskegee University

### Organizing Committee

- Southern Illinois University

### Intent to Submit Petition

- Washington University
- Mississippi State University (by end of month)

### Colonies

- Severus – Kent State University
- Isidorus – Miami of Ohio

### Alumni Expansion

I am in the process of reformatting the alumni association formation procedures documents with the intent for WGAA to include them in the letters to Demetrios and Mnesicles Alumni Associations.

### Comments

I have been in contact with the EduD and the search is underway for colony educators for Mississippi State and Washington University. If you know of any good candidates in either the Starkville Mississippi (equidistant between Memphis, Tennessee, Jackson, Mississippi and Birmingham, Alabama) or the St. Louis area, please encourage them to apply to the EduD. SIU, if and when they proceed, is also located near St. Louis, so we will already have a good indication of potential colony educators in their area.

You will notice that I have removed University of Texas at San Antonio, Woodbury University and University of Idaho from the list as they have failed to respond to my last few correspondences and I no longer feel there is sufficient interest at those schools.

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# Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

## ND Report

October 05, 2010

### ND Report

- Working with RDs, WGE, and WGS to get chapters up and running with CRS and back dues. Approximately half of the chapters have successfully filed their first reports with the CRS. Comments by chapters and RDs have been positive.
- A few chapters have reported less-than-successful recruitment seasons. This underscores the urgency for development of recruitment resources and for the availability of recruitment help.
- ND will be attending Rabirius 10 Year celebration with RD6 and WGAA.
- SENE has requested a recruitment workshop from RD6. ND will be working with RD6 and Danielle Likvan to program this workshop. ND will most likely attend along with RD6.
- ND will be facilitating a faculty advisor workshop/discussion session with representatives from the active chapters at Leadership Conference in preparation for the future Faculty Advisor Summit.

### Region-By-Region Update

Region 1 Report not submitted. RD1 is in the middle of chaotic bathroom renovation project that is absorbing his time; this should be finished soon.

### Accomplishments:

Region 2:

- ANDR AC reports successful recruitment with 7 pledges. Executive board communication with the alumni association has improved dramatically. ANDR will be sending a representative to LC.
- DAED held joint retreat with AA at beginning of August. Chapter is excited and prepared for their recruitment period during the first two weeks of October. DAED will be sending a representative to LC.
- SATY W Sup. And Recruitment Director has become main chapter contact for RD.
- ANDR AA has scheduled several meetings coordinated with USC football games. AA is focusing on improving communication with active chapter.
- DAED AA has elected a new executive board although the President remains the same. AA Pres will be sending new executive board contact info to RD.
- SATY AA reports great success with The Paper Crane fundraiser project set up for Brother Kevin Pratt and his wife. More information is available on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/The-Paper-Crane-Project/152430434781083?ref=ts>. The fundraiser ends October 23rd.

Region 3:

- ANTH Held a recruitment workshop with Danielle Likvan as guest speaker and has since completed rush and begun pledge education. ANTH will be sending 2 people to Leadership Conference next month. RD reports communication is regular.
- PYTH held a successful recruitment period resulting in 8 pledges. This is a significant increase from recent years.
- PYTH/PYTH AA Are working together rebuilding and painting ritual props for this year's LC.

- PYTH AA Established a Facebook group and working on a newsletter to help rebuild membership.
- IMHO Initiated 2 people at the beginning of month. Held conference call with Danielle Likvan and RD3 to discuss recruitment/rush strategies. Results seem successful as chapter reports they will be pledging 6 students this month.

Region 4:

- HADR AA sending C&BL, seal. RD4 will pass along information.
- CLEI AA hosted a planning session with active chapter to discuss upcoming rush.
- CLEI AA sending (2) to LC, will be sending C&BL, seal. RD4 will pass along information.
- CLEI AC currently has 10 potential pledges. Will be sending C&BL, seal. RD4 will pass along information.
- HADR AC hosted their annual ice cream social with all freshmen in Architecture. Dean and some faculty also attended.
- HADR AC sending C&BL, seal. RD4 will pass along information.
- DINO AC sending C&BL, seal. RD4 will pass along information. Chapter reports 9 pledges, which is significant due to small chapter size. DINO AC sending (2) people to LC.

Region 5:

- RABI has started classes and David Jarmus the WA is hitting the ground running. They are in the middle of planning some great recruiting events around campus.
- ISID colony is working with Mike Shoup their Colony Educator about what steps they still need to accomplish in order to petition to become a chapter.
- IKTI recently was featured in two different local papers/websites for being a professional fraternity and for a project they did called "Dinosaurs on the Diag" see the article: <http://www.michigandaily.com/content/alpha-rho-chi-and-kappa-kappa-psi-arts-focused-frat-b-side?page=0.0>

Region 6:

- DOMI has gone through their first fall-semester recruitment in several years, and has planned to hand out 8 bids at their Wine and Cheese event on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Rush events included a group trip to MOMA in NYC. DOMI's paperwork has been filed with the university to recognize them as an official organization on campus.
- DOMI AA: Mike Marvin indicated that the DOM AA would like to make the DOMI White Rose a joint event run partially by the alumni, potentially even as a pledge project. The AA has been in fairly constant contact with the active chapter as most of them are located close by.
- SENE did not receive any recruits this semester after hosting 6 events. They have requested RD6 to provide a recruitment workshop this semester. Chapter has been focusing on brotherhood bonding related events.

Region 7:

- Half a dozen Metagenes brothers tailgated with WGAA, Scott Swanson, prior to the Boise State/Virginia Tech football game in Washington D.C.
- SEVE elected new officers in the middle of this past month.

- VITR held their annual alumni BBQ on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, and reports 2 pledges this semester.
- META has 16 pledges this semester, their largest class ever. Chapter is working to reorganize and repair their ritual equipment as a lot of the equipment has fallen into disrepair, and with so many pledges they need to make some additional props.

Region 8:

- SESH successfully hosted Brother Robert Ivy as guest lecturer at the FAMU SOA. There event was attended by approx. 60 students.

**Emerging Issues:**

Region 2:

- SATY's WA has gone slightly m.i.a. and has been non responsive to contact by the chapter, the Satyros Alumni Association or RD2. Worthy Superintendent/Recruitment Director has become RD's primary contact for the Chapter.
- DEAD AA: The Daedalus Alumni Assoc will not be sending anyone to LC this year.

Region 3:

- ANTH Homecoming weekend and Vincent Clarkson memorial is same weekend as LC. Saturday service for Vince in St. Charles, Illinois.
- ANTH WA very concerned about status of house. Very low numbers of actual brothers living in house. RD has suggested he and the chapter focus on brotherhood as apathy and burnout are still major issues, but in the meantime they should discuss this issue with Alumni and Control Corp to get on the same page regarding house issues.
- PYTH Decided not to do the annual big red welcome event the first weekend of school this year due to low or no results of increased membership as a result.
- IMHO All existing actives are 4th year students and will not be coming back for grad school. This leaves the chapter in a very young state. WA is very aware of this and working with him to ensure the new initiates will be able to take the reigns next year.

Region 4:

- HADR AA having a hard time communicating with the 10 or so alums interested in being a part of the AA. President is trying a mix of Go-to-Meetings and online surveys in order to get information/feedback.
- Current CLEI AA President plans to step down in January during their annual elections. Interest in individuals stepping up to take on the role has been less than promising. CLEI AA President is going to talk up the position at their next meeting.
- CLEI AC sending no one to LC. RD4 has made it very clear that this is not acceptable. CLEI AC blame timing and money as the main reasons.
- HADR AC sending no one to LC. RD4 has not yet been able to make it very clear that this is not acceptable, but will very soon. HADR AC blame lack of school's funding and school calendar as the main reasons.
- HADR AC had a problem pledge last year that couldn't attend initiation. She is back again and would like to try again. HADR WA is concerned.
- Shooting occurred on UT Austin's campus two weeks ago. All pledges and actives safe and sound. Campus has returned to normal.

## Region 5:

- RABI is looking into starting to save money to purchase a chapter house. They realize it is a long process but are looking to start. They recently contacted the WGE for advice.
- RD is having difficulty coordinating visits to chapters as IKTI and ISID haven't indicated when/what good events for RD to attend are.
- RD has challenged RABI AA and IKTI AA to double the number of National Dues paying brothers next year.

## Region 6:

- Because SENE had no recruits for the semester, they would like to hold a Recruitment Workshop the first weekend in November to try and attract potential candidates in the spring.

## Region 7:

- META is struggling to find a suitable location for Initiation. They expect over 50 people to be attending, and are having trouble finding a large enough place to host it. Alumni and Actives will be meeting to discuss options.
- SEVE, META, or VITR are not sending brothers to LC this semester, despite their RD's encouragement. Brothers seem generally disinterested and cite cost as an excuse.

## Region 8:

- SESH is facing the possibility of losing some brothers due to inactivity. Those 2 brothers intend to step back and direct all focus and time towards graduating and grades.
- APOLL AA is still facing the challenges of the "transfer of power" & information from previous Exec. Board (specifically locating the const & bylaws).
- NICON's seal did not get passed along to the current WA. Chapter looking into the possibility of having to replace the misplaced seal if not located soon.

**Upcoming Events:**

## Region 2:

- None reported.

## Region 3:

- ANTH 10/22 Vincent Clarkson Memorial service, St. Charles, IL
- ANTH 10/22 Homecoming weekend with alumni/actives/pledges.
- IMHO 10/07 pledge ceremony
- PYTH 10/04 Guest speaker
- PYTH 11/04 RD chapter visit - WA invited Randy to sit in on thesis review for 2 actives.
- IMHO 11/12 RD chapter visit - It's been long overdue!

## Region 4:

- HADR AA plans on holding their first official business meeting. Hoping to set up a Budget, Dues, and hold first elections.
- CLEI AA hosting 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 annual business meetings in October.
- CLEI AC hosting Pin-In/FP ceremony October 8th.
- HADR AC hosting fundraising event (mini paper crane) in conjunction with SATY.
- HADR AC holding interviews with potential pledges October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- DINO AC continues hosting their monthly Lecture Series.

## Region 5:

- RABI is planning on holding initiation for their 5 pledges (4 from Spring and 1 from Summer) on October 8 thru 10<sup>th</sup>.
- RABI will be doing recruitment events during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of their fall quarter.
- RABI and RABI AA will be having their 10 year anniversary November 13<sup>th</sup>, at the University of Cincinnati's Kingsgate Marriott Hotel.
- RABI is in communication with Robert Ivy's secretary about having him come to the University of Cincinnati to speak at DAAP the week before the 10 year anniversary celebration weekend.

## Region 6:

- Senenmut Recruitment Workshop – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>?
- Domitian Pin-In on October 4<sup>th</sup>, Initiation the weekend of Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Tentative Planned Trips to active chapters:
  - Senenmut – weekend of Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> for workshop
  - Domitian – weekend of Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> for initiation
- RD will be attending Leadership Conference in October.
- RD has planned a trip to visit Rabirius in November for their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend.

## Region 7:

- META AA will be hosting a happy hour in October or November. Data TBA
- VITR will be participating in several charity events this semester including Habitat for Humanity and Penn State's Canning fundraiser.
- META will be hosting an Alumni Tailgate on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Virginia Tech/Duke football game.
- VITR and META Initiations will be November 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

## Region 8:

- APOLL AA planning annual tailgate for APOLL and AA on Oct 16th
- RD8 is currently at SESH planning and team building retreat in St. George Island to host two workshops including the ED's "communication style" and "where you're living"