

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity November 9, 2010

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect
Scott Swanson, Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor
Jason Kasparek, National Director

Erin Froschheiser, Worthy Grand Estimator
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe
Mara Braspeninx, Expansion Director

Called to Order, November 9, 2010 at 8:05 EDT

Expansion

Discussion of potential colony at Washington University

- WGS had not received mailed petition or payments before the meeting
- Expansion Director to check on address/status
- Agreement to take formal action in interim if received
- Colony educator candidates briefly reviewed

Later in call, confirmed that petition arrived in Kansas P.O. Box. WGS to review for completeness, missing fees.

Expansion Director report attached

Motion to approve October minutes. Approved. WGS to post.

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

See attached

- Received an email from a VITR alumna volunteering to support projects. Please contact her directly.

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

See attached

Worthy Grand Scribe

See attached

Worthy Grand Estimator

See attached

Grand Advisor

- Contacted history team for reply
- Visiting RABI this weekend

National Director

See attached

- Collecting C&BL from chapters and alumni associations.

Old Business

None

New Business**Discussion on “Inactive members”**

- Chapter Reporting System highlighting long-standing issue that previously had been obscured by disconnected reporting.
- Consensus that chapters should have policies to retain/suspend members before excused from collecting active dues. Reviewed suspension policies at select chapters.
- WGS working on draft ideas, but requests input from other officers to help articulate as clear requirements/policy for RDs to work with chapters.

Distribution of Publications

- WGAA asks about rules for distribution of Archi and APX Letter
- WGS notes that publications are sent to all members in our database with “current” U.S. mailing addresses. Historically, Archi subscriptions were built-in to initiation fees when the GC took over publication of the Archi in the 1920s.
- WGA notes that publications may serve as reminder/inducement to members to reconnect with fraternity/pay dues.

Mnesicles Alumni Association

- Following up as MnesAA looks to donate funds among university, fraternity, APX Foundation
- Expansion Director to work with MnesAA to bring association back in good standing with the national fraternity

Leadership Conference Review

- Debrief/after-action call to be held by LC committee
- GC call to set direction for future LCs afterwards

Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity

- Think about awards

Next meeting scheduled for Dec. 14, 2010 at 8:00 EDT.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 pm EDT.

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



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Worthy Grand Architect Monthly Report

November 9, 2010

- Updated national C&BL based on the official convention minutes (digital version) and forwarded to WGS for upload to the website.
- Appointments:
 - APX Letter Editor, Webmaster and Development Director remain “open” as of this date. Plan to contact potential DD candidate later this month.
- LC10:
 - Unable to attend, so I look forward to discussion tonight. Let’s discuss (under Betterment) what went well and what we can do better in the years to come.
- Faculty Summit: January apparently not a realistic goal, but will continue planning for this event, possibly to take place next fiscal year and keep you all advised. Will gather notes from ND’s session at LC, and share notes from my conversation with Lannis to continue building the program.
- Working with Anthemios WA, RD3 and Grand Lecturer to hold an initiation workshop with the chapter. More in “New Business.”

WGA To Do list:

- Strategic Plan documentation (admittedly, this fell by the wayside yet again). I’m quite open to assistance, but realize the document should ultimately come from me.
- Draft convention notices/letters, including updates in credentials procedures.
- Draft intro piece for revised Anti-Hazing policy for APX Letter
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WGAA Report

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- Met with ISID colonists and RD5 at LC to discuss progress of colony.
- Attending RABI 10 year.
- Communicating with Willis and James R. Favor about liability insurance quotes. Willis returned first quote, and awaiting Favor's in the next few weeks. Will discuss in December. Will need GC to review each document and generate questions so we can hold teleconferences with both companies.
- Beginning to sort compiled policies and procedures. Will establish work plan with WGS.
- Recruitment Manual comments back from peer reviewers. Final edits to be applied this week. Manual to GC for final comments on November 18 and approval at December call.
- Judges selected 64th Convention logo. Per GC comments, edits to final then release on website.
- Voissours Award was announced at LC. Posts to Facebook and LinkedIn. Kudos to Brother Feldman. He will continue promoting it through call for submissions and oversee the award.



Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Worthy Grand Scribe Monthly Report

November 8, 2010

- Publications:
 - Been collecting articles to assemble the APX Letter following Thanksgiving for early Jan street date.
- Membership Records
 - CRS issue with overdue reports was corrected following the last report. Resolving couple remaining issue – most notably an issue with submit report button in Internet Explorer. I am also looking at a couple minor improvements outside the original scope of work.
 - After meeting with select attendees at LC, we've had most of the non-reporting chapters file reports in the CRS. A handful of chapters have work to do to bring their rosters up-to-date, record pledges etc.
 - I have been collecting notes to clarify policies on reporting non-participating active members. While I don't have an actionable draft, I believe chapters should be required to take definitive action to retain/suspend active members before chapters are relieved from their responsibilities to collect dues on behalf of those members.
- Other
 - Visiting Metagenes this upcoming weekend



Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Worthy Grand Estimator Report

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- Leadership Conference
 - Attended LC
 - Would like to schedule AAR conference call will committee
- Chapter Reporting System
 - **ANTH, CLEI, DINO, IMHO & SATY still have missing reports from last school year.**
 - Receiving chapter reports, badge and certificate orders
 - A few chapters are having trouble with entering new members. Actual payments received are in excess of the balance owed according to CRS.
- Attended APXF conference call 9/2/10 – The LC fund saw a gain of about 4% over the last month.
- Contacted RD2 again to express interest in visiting a chapter in her region before the end of the year.
- Pledge Pin orders from RABI & ISID
 - Need to order more with potential colony
- Tax forms are due 11/15/10.



National Expansion Director Monthly Report

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Initial Contact

- None

Sustained Communication

- University of California, Berkeley
- Carnegie Mellon University (Polyklitos)
- Tuskegee University

Organizing Committee

- Southern Illinois University

Intent to Submit Petition

- Mississippi State University – currently have petition assembled and ready to submit, but only have 13 signatures. I am working with them to recruit at least 2 additional members and expect them to submit by the end of the semester.

Petition for Colonization Submitted

- Philon – Washington University

Colonies

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

Alumni Expansion

I need to follow up with Mnesicles Alumni Association regarding re-forming and potential for re-activating the chapter.

Comments

The search for colony educators for Mississippi State and Washington University is ongoing. Please encourage any brother you think would be a good candidate to apply to the Education Director.

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ND Report

November 08, 2010

ND Report

- Collection of Chapter/AA Constitution and By-Laws and seals spotty at best. Attached is a spreadsheet showing current status of collection efforts. Some RDs have not been pro-active in communication, but others report non-responsiveness from chapter/AA contacts. Most common scenario is that chapter and AA has responded to request and said “we need to find them” and have not yet “found them”. This is obviously a problem if our organizations cannot even find their governing documents. Suggest creating a final deadline to receive information, and then sending an email from the GC to all errant organizations requesting outstanding materials.
- RD visits have been completed to SESH, ANDR, PYTH, and SENE; with upcoming visits scheduled this weekend to IMHO, RABI, and META.
- RD4 will be out of the country Nov 10-27th. RD has sent emails to all organizations asking them to contact ND if they need any assistance in the interim.
- ND will be attending RABI 10 Year Celebration with WGAA and RD6 this weekend. 96+ people are confirmed attending the event.
- RDs are on board with anti-hazing policy and are having follow-up discussions with chapters about to initiate as well as chapters who were not in attendance at LC.

Region-By-Region Update

- Region 1 and Region 7: No Reports Submitted.

Accomplishments:

Region 2:

- ANDR: Augie Liu attended the Leadership Conference 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- DAED: Kaitlin Bailey attended the Leadership Conference 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- SATY: WA is now active and engaged in performing chapter duties, chapter reports they are very happy with the turnaround in attitude.

The chapter held a retreat the week before the semester started in August. They focused on the goals for this semester in addition to the bonding between brothers. It was so successful they are excited about planning another one next year. The chapter is currently focusing on branding themselves within the architecture school and have done very well this semester.

Getting around some obstacles the the beginning of the school year, the chapter originally pinned 8 pledges. However, due to the expectations of what Alpha Rho Chi was or was not to two pledges de-pledged and now they have six very enthusiastic pledges.

The chapter was not able to send anyone to the Leadership Conference 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

- ANDR AA: John Sterni attended the Leadership Conference 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- DEAD AA: The alumni association was not able to send anyone to the Leadership Conference 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. At the retreat in August, the alumni association welcomed one new graduate in the AA. The President has been putting together a "family tree" of Daedelus alumni. She is happy to report that she found a

member from Pledge Class III. In addition, she reported that members of Pledge Class I hold events with each other in Sacramento every once in a while. This upcoming semester the president has five goals: 1. Getting better about collecting dues. 2. Plan an annual calendar of events. 3. Update web-site and make it useful. 4. Daedalus Roster "Family Tree" completion. 5. Scholarships for actives.

- SATY AA: The alumni association was not able to send anyone to the Leadership Conference 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. They held their Paper Crane Folding fund raising event, it was very successful.

Region 3:

- PYTH Completed Leadership Conference successfully. Almost all actives in attendance. Several actives participated in the professional showcase. Overall, they were great hosts.
- PYTH AA Scott Tafoya is helping rebuild ritual props for the chapter that are in disrepair.
- IMHO Has 6 pledges this semester and just initiated 2 from last year. Looking forward to working with the new initiates in the near future.
- IMHO Held a conference call with Danielle Likvan to create a strategy for this semester's rush. Think the success from rush can be attributed to this call. Also has made the chapter aware of all that needs to go into a successful recruitment. Next year will be the test.
- ANTH Held their annual homecoming weekend the same weekend as LC.
- ANTH Actives attended memorial service in St. Charles, IL for Brother Vincent Clarkson.

Region 4:

- CLEI AC recently showed interest in meeting and getting to know better the CLEI AA. The CLEI AA is taking steps to meet & greet with the AC.
- CLEI AA plans to create a LC/Convention chair to better coordinate the AA's participation at national events. They hope that this chairmanship can help the CLEI AC do the same.
- HADR AA holding first elections since organization's formation. Interest has been shown in terms of taking on position, several from alums in the New Orleans' area. This is promising, as proximity to the active chapter will benefit both HADR organizations.
- HADR raised \$150.00 during their paper crane fundraiser, held in conjunction with/for SATY AC.

Region 5:

- RABI had a chapter outing/brotherhood event to Kings Island over the same weekend as LC2010.
- RABI held Initiation October 8th thru the 10th. 5 brothers were initiated. Four from spring quarter and one from summer quarter.
- RABI has 9 pledges this fall quarter.
- ITKI has 9 pledges this fall semester.

Region 6:

- RD led a Recruitment Workshop on Nov. 6th with all active brothers with assistance from Scott Strnad, RD 4.
- SENE AA is working on writing/updating their Constitution and By-laws.
- DOMI's pledge class presented their last pledge project, which was a "scavenger hunt" to multiple building in the Manhattan and Princeton areas as a team building/bonding event. The actives were allowed to see the personality and characteristics of the pledge class through this event.
- The SENE Constitution and By-laws will be re-written over the holiday break to help fill in some gaps and strengthen certain parts.

Region 7:

Region 8:

- NICO has retained 7 pledges and they all should follow through to initiation.
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Emerging Issues:

Region 2:

- DAED: RD is having issues keeping in contact with the WA.
- SATY: There was a few questions about the CRS. They were late on reporting in September and October, but should have an understanding of the system now.

Region 3:

- IMHO – Visiting the chapter Nov. 13-14th. RD Plans on meeting with actives and pledges.
- ANTH AA – Danielle Likvan attempted to get a conference call together with the entire boards from housing corp, chapter, and AA, but only 2 responded to the date and it was cancelled. The lack of board communication and participation is a growing problem that we will spend some time on to help mend, if possible. This is just one of a number of incidents.
- ANTH – Vicki and others are going to be running a ritual workshop before the end of the semester. This will coincide with a follow up visit in January during their initiation, where hopefully RD and other members of the G.C. will be in attendance to assist the chapter in this change.
- IMHO: Had trouble finding a place for initiation this last go-around. One of the actives has offered her family's barn for future initiations. Will work with the chapter on how to make this work. Mostly seem to be in good shape.
- IMHO – Most of the chapter will be graduating this year, and the key will be to help build the remaining younger members into brilliant and effective leaders.
- PYTH AA – Had set some goals with Erin Dobesh as to how to get the AA back on track and start to build up some membership. So far, not much has happened, but this is partially due to LC and all the things that had to happen to make that successful and partially due to her just getting a full-time position at her contract job. I feel once she settles in at her job, the AA will start to show improvement.
- RD 3- Will be assisting in the Washington University colony in January sometime. Excited about this school becoming part of the family. Think they will be a great

addition and Randy looks forward to working with the colony director and education team.

Region 4:

- RD4 unsuccessful in contacting CLEI AC by phone or email
- RD4 unsuccessful in contacting DINO AC by phone or email
- Tulane's School of Architecture has been named as a quagmire to student's participation in extracurricular/personal activities. RD4 will investigate.

Region 5:

- RABI has a brother from APOL that is in grad school at the University of Cincinnati and has been very active with the chapter. The question they have is can she become an active of the RABI chapter and listed on the CRS or would she be considered as an alumnus and not responsible for paying national dues?
- RD is having a hard time planning visits to chapters/colony. RD is frequently in Cincinnati and can check in with chapter, but IKTI has not indicated any events he should attend. RD will work with Jordan to resolve soon. ISID is working towards having their required events and they haven't nailed down the dates yet.
- Robert Ivy informed the RABI chapter that he will not be able to attend the 10 year celebration as well as give a lecture at the University. He will work with them to reschedule his guest lecture later in the school year.
- RD will be working with both IKTI and RABI to get their CRS up to date. It appears both have some cleaning up of the database to do.
- IKTI, RABI and ISID colony talked at LC2010 and are looking into getting a charter bus and going to Convention together this year. More on this to come if they continue to talk about it.

Region 6:

- Communication seems to be the least possible with all WA's/AA presidents. RD will work on ways to develop/standardize communication with all contacts.

Region 7:

Region 8:

- SESH will be going thru the process of value engineering its initiation activities in light of the newly revised anti-hazing policy.
- NICON expressed concern on conducting the upcoming initiation (roles, etc) with only 10 newly initiated (inexperienced) actives.
- SESH AA (Miami region) has volunteered to fill whatever roles and assist NICON however needed in the upcoming initiation and in general.

Upcoming Events:

Region 2:

- ANDR AA: Social Meeting 11-6-2010.
- DEAD AA: Alumni professional workshop, White Rose.

Region 3:

- None reported

Region 4:

- CLEI AA sponsoring Wine and Cheese night (typically an active run event, school-wide event.) New Wine and Cheese night will be for brothers only in hopes to increase brotherhood.
- CLEI AA's second election to take place in their annual meeting in January.
- November 4, 2010 marks the 5 year anniversary of HADR AC.
- HADR will host a Luncheon Q&A with interested/potential pledges.
- HADR will host a film festival featuring the school of architecture at Tulane where several brothers are interviewed. They hope to increase intra-school relations.
- HADR plans to hold initiation 3rd weekend of March.

Region 5:

- RABI and RABI AA will be having their 10 year anniversary November 13th, at the University of Cincinnati's Kingsgate Marriott Hotel. Currently 69 people have RSVP saying they will be attending.
- IKTI will have pledge dinner the weekend of November 5th.
- ISID will be finalizing their professional event with Colony Educator and Education Director and with Grand Council approval they are hoping to hold that event the weekend of November 12th thru the 14th.

Region 6:

- Domitian Initiation: Dec. 17th (tentative)
- RD6 will be traveling to Rabirius' 10 Year Anniversary

Region 8:

- APOL will be holding its initiation on November 18th and has invited the entire fraternity.
- RD8 is planning to attend the APOL initiation.
- NICON will be holding its initiation on December 9th
- NICON invited RD8 to visit the chapter and participate in a pledge class next week.
- SESH AA intends to send 2 car loads of its local/regional alumni to APOL initiation.