

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity December 14, 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
Jason Kasperek, National Director

Called to Order, December 14, 2010 at 8:07 EST

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

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

See attached

- Scheduled conference call with ANTH. Plans to attend Jan. event regardless of whether workshop is held in advance

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

See attached

Worthy Grand Scribe

- APX Letter draft to go to printers this weekend
- Dave O'Connell volunteered to serve as Webmaster. Appointment confirmed by GC.
- January plans include Bronze Medal mailing, dues invoice assistance

Worthy Grand Estimator

See attached

- Received 2 E-4 requests from SESH for LC2010 reimbursement. Working to determine proper recipient
- Had 1-2 payments for Philon Colony pledges not go through, following up
- Imhotep chapter had filed no reports for approx. 7 mos.
- WGE to provide WGA with info for letter to chapter

Motion on Imhotep Chapter:

- To place Imhotep Chapter on alert status and inform the chapter that they have 60 days to file outstanding reports and coordinate payment with the WGE.
- Motion passes
- Discussion on chapter reporting

Grand Advisor

- Recap of RABI 10 year anniversary

National Director

See attached

*Old Business***LC2010 Report**

- Discussion of post meeting findings
- Training of events coordinator, distribution of skills important
- LC Dir collecting host proposals for LC2011 from chapters

*New Business***Basecamp proposal from Education Director**

- Education Director proposal circulated. EdDir wishes to subscribe to online project management tools to coordinate colony and education volunteer project. Fees reasonable, with no prepayment or term commitment.
- WGAA to have EdDir report after 3-4 months to assess usage
- Request approved
- EdDir to coordinate with WGE for credit card/account set-up

Recruitment Manual

- Move to adopt
- Need to get into the right hand
- Posting to website, attachments to be linked as a Resource File

Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity

- Annual Board Meeting set for Sunday March 27 in A.M. Exact time TBD.
- Reports day before meeting are helpful
- ND nearly complete in collection of seals and C&BL from chapters/AAs
- Suggest the collection of C&BL s be posted to website
- LinkedIn group helping link members
- WGS will take Twitter/microblog suggestions from anyone
- Notifications for chapters behind in dues/reports

Next meeting scheduled for Jan. 11, 2011 at 8:00 EST.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm EDT.

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



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Worthy Grand Architect Monthly Report

December 14, 2010

- I've been working with the new Anthemios WA and WAA, as well as the RD3 and Grand Lecturer, to hold an initiation workshop with the chapter. We'll be holding a conference call on 12/15 to discuss final arrangements for the event, likely to be held 1/12 in Champaign. Have done some digging into travel arrangements, and will provide a budget by this weekend
- Talked with RD8, ND, APOL WA and another APOL active brother regarding incident that occurred in November.
- LC10:
 - Held a conference call with the LC10 committee on November 18th to review what went well and what needed improvement. Please see additional attachment for the results of that call.
 - I'd still like to discuss on this call, to ensure you've all had the opportunity to speak on the subject. If you don't want to wait, please feel free to call me.
- LC11: LC Director is already in communication with several chapters regarding their interest to host LC11. Host proposals are due 12/31, so would ask that each of you make yourselves as available as possible right after New Year's Day to review and approve the site selection for LC11. If we're to begin planning two years in advance for LC like we do Convention, we need to move quickly on LC11 plans. Scott, I'd like to brainstorm with you when we have time to discuss the role/relationship of the Convention and LC Directors. Let me know when you're available and I'll give you a ring.
- Will be sending a message to the membership (all those on the master directory) on Wednesday, reminding them of deadlines for awards, motions to change C+BL, etc.
- Convention notices: I will soon need all relevant documentation from WGE, WGAA, ND, etc. (whoever is planning to include documents in the official notice package). The notices will be mailed on the 40th day prior to convention, the earliest possible, per the Constitution...that's February 14th. So I'd like to have all documentation for the packages in my hands (or in my inbox) by the end of the first week of February, so that I can do the printing in several sessions.
- Our Master Architect continues to build his speaking engagement repertoire, especially where we have chapters. I've fielded several requests for contact information for him from our chapters, and some alumni who may be interested in establishing chapters at new locations.
- Appointments:
 - APX Letter Editor, Webmaster and Development Director remain "open" as of this date. Still have not reached potential DD candidate as planned.

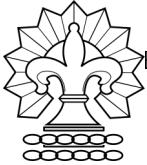
WGA To Do list:

- Strategic Plan documentation. I'm still open to assistance, but realize the document should ultimately come from me.
- Complete convention notices/letters, including updates in credentials procedures.
- Anti-Hazing policy for APX Letter

Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity WGAA Report

December 14, 2010

- Anthony McLin, ANDR AA, selected as Convention logo competition winner.
- Continuing to communicate with J.R. Favor and Willis insurance companies. Have received Willis proposal. J.R. Favor is still calculating theirs but requesting additional information.
- In conjunction with WGS, assigned EduD and ExpD to plan PHIL colony pin-in. ExpD taking lead in planning and involving EduD in all efforts. Together, they will develop the appropriate language and direction for each role in the planning and transition from expansion to education following the event. They will propose the changes to the GC for approval.
- Preliminary judges selected for Voissouirs Award. Awaiting confirmation from a few more. Submission due in late January.
- Continuing work compiling policies and procedures. Will contact WGS when base outline is completed, likely after the new year.
- Convening group of ND, EduD, GL, and WGAA to plan Convention education sessions. CnvD will handle logistics.



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Worthy Grand Estimator Report

December 14, 2010

- Wrapping up Leadership Conference
 - o Attended AAR conference call with committee led by WGA
 - o Reimbursements
 - Denied ANDR AA and ISID colony received after the deadline
 - Pending IKTI AA – no response to request for explanation of tardiness and DOMI – no dues received – the check is in the mail
 - o Note the LC Budget tab on the Budget v Actual file. I estimate will be about \$30 under budget per person if the pending reimbursements are paid. The only other item yet to be paid is Cheryl May's meals etc., the invoice is buried in my inbox.
- Chapter Reporting System
 - o **CLEI, IMHO & SATY still have missing reports from last school year.**
 - o Receiving chapter reports, badge and certificate orders
- Working with RD6 and WGA to clear up missing Senenmutt certificate issue from FY 09 and FY 10.
- Held Conference call with ANTH, WGS, and RD3 to discuss member reporting, ways to address members that lose interest, etc. ANTH exec board will continue discussion and report to RD3 in January.
- Received bill from Ron's Campus Locksmith originally sent to Greg Hargass of ANTH Control Corp. via our P.O. Box. It seems there is a dispute over who should pay ANTH CC or ANTH. I intend to contact Greg and request assistance of ANTH AA president if necessary.
- Planning to attend Philon Colony Install February 4, 2011. Hoping to use voucher from Tuskegee.
 - o Need to order gavel. Will ask WGS for assistance.
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Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Worthy Grand Estimator Report

November 9, 2010

- 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

November 09, 2010

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

December 13, 2010

ND Report

- Collection of Chapter/AA Constitution and By-Laws and seals almost complete.
- ND will be having one-on-one semester wrap up calls with each RD during December and January.
- No RD reports will be required for January, but will still have a conference call.
- Was contacted and met with Ari Kaplan, a speaker who talks to student groups and professionals about making the most of marketing themselves in this economy and using technology in appropriate ways to help in that effort. Might be a good opportunity for Convention or LC. Fee was high, but hinted that he would be willing to negotiate specifics. Suggest a conference call with WGA and WGAA with Ari to see if the opportunity is appropriate.

Region-By-Region Update

- Region 2 and Region 7: No Reports Submitted.

Accomplishments:

Region 1:

- SOST:
 - 4 pledges.
 - Retreat – November 26-27, 2010 in Wenatchee.
 - Looking for a Chapter House – The three LC attendees brought their back enthusiasm, knowledge, and information acquired from LC about the benefits of having a dedicated place to both store Chapter material and have a place to hold events and meetings. They have contacted a local real estate property manager who has scheduled showings for them to rent.
 - LC2013 – There is interest in putting together a proposal to host the event in 2013 either in Pullman or Spokane.
 - National Convention attendees – Ongoing fundraising to send as many members as possible. Tentatively 4-5. The event being held in Minnesota makes it far easier to send members as they can get a direct flight there (instead of the requisite connecting flight through Seattle.)
 - Inter-Chapter Communication – This isn't news, but the means of communication for students is vastly different from 10 years ago. Personal emails are no longer the norm. Facebook email is used, but students don't want to solely rely on one method of contact. Text messages are being relied on more as they come directly to the students phones and can be accessed at any time.
 - Orgsync.com – A website specifically for student organizations is being utilized to send out reminders to members. Messages are sent through the internet and received via text messages on everyone's phone.

Region 3:

- PYTH Initiated 6 students a couple weeks ago. Initiation was held at an active brother's house.

- PYTH AA Finished draft version of bylaws (only a few days past the requested deadline)
- IMHO Pledges threw a party for the RD at his chapter visit. Was a fantastic evening of card games and gourmet homemade kosher foods!
- IMHO Almost finished with pledge education. Going well.
- ANTH Had Dad's weekend at the house.
- ANTH Held special election for initiation positions so the new actives could work on assisting the GC with workshop ritual information intended for the workshop. So far, in high communication with Vicki.

Region 4:

- CLEI hosted a design forum / wine and cheese event at the school of architecture. There was a lot of participation from the students and faculty. Overall a very good success.
- A delegation from Florida A&M visited University of Houston for a design review and coincidentally a couple SESH brothers were in attendance. Some CLEI brothers showed them around campus and were able to take them out in the evening.
- DINO completed their annual fund raiser, care packages for freshman students going through final projects. Money will help for events in the second semester and Convention.
- DINO wrapped up their pledge semester. 8 pledges will be returning in January to initiate.
- CLEI AA hosted a happy hour last month and for the first time in a while a "lost" alum showed up and reconnected with brothers.
- HADR co-hosted a Women in Architecture event with Newcomb Institute. HADR was able to get their name out and do some good PR work for the fraternity.
- HADR to hold a planning session in December to plan a second semester calendar.
- HADR AA officially elected their first executive board. Nick Vann is the new president. RD4 to be contacting him in December.

Region 5:

- IKTI had elections for 2011. The new officers are listed below.
 - WA: Allison Burrell
 - WAA: Aly Andrews
 - WE: Kevin Wieringa
 - WS: Sheena Shah
 - WSuperintendent: Veronica Bauman
- RABI has 8 pledges this fall quarter.
- ITKI has 8 pledges this fall semester.
- RABI and RABI AA had their 10 year Celebration. There were 98 brothers in attendance. The event was a huge success that brought brothers of many different chapters together to celebrate the first ten years at the University of Cincinnati.

Region 6:

- RD traveled to SENE at the beginning of the month to lead a Recruitment workshop with Scott Strnad, RD 4. SENE laid out a new long term goal, as well as short term goals to accomplish by the end of the school year.
- SENE Nominations for new positions have been made, and will be voted on before the end of the semester.
- While in Buffalo at the Recruitment Workshop, RD discussed further officially starting the SENE alumni association. Ed Wilczynski and Alex Wiedemer are working on the Constitution and By-laws, and have gotten several pages of edits from the GC. Further improvements will be made, and once the Constitution and By-laws are approved by the GC, they will apply for incorporation with the state of New York.
- DOMI's current pledge class will be initiated the weekend of Dec. 17th
- DOMI AA:
 - The alumni association will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for the actives and pledges.
 - The AA is working on continuing and enhancing their Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be based off of an essay question. They will discuss the question and ideas for fundraising at their upcoming meeting.
 - The AA would like to move the co-sponsored White Rose formal to a hotel in the Newark area due to their growing numbers. Locations are being considered.

Region 8:

- APOL has successfully initiated 9 new brothers.
- NIKON has initiated 7 new brothers. RD8 was in attendance.

Emerging Issues:

Region 1:

- SOST has 7 actives graduating this year. Older students have held on to leadership positions, making transition of knowledge to younger leaders critical in the coming semester. Chapter has reached out to RD for information on how to establish an alumni association.
- SOST has not begun planning for upcoming recruitment process, it is likely they will contact Danielle for recruitment aid.
- No Contact with COSS or COSS AA.

Region 3:

- ANTH – Still working with the board to establish a date for their ritual workshop. Not going to happen until next semester at this point, but we now have notes of the 5 day initiation process. Vicki, Laura S. and I will be sifting through the information and starting conversations with the chapter.
- ANTH AA – No communication this month. Need to be better about asking for reports from Danielle.
- IMHO – Looking to hold some workshops in the spring to help get the younger actives that will be running the chapter next year prepared.
- PYTH – Chapter wants to switch when they do elections. They plan on holding a one semester term in this coming election, and then switching back to a one year term that will be from June-June (basically through the school year, instead of straddling the summer). A couple reasons for this. 2: The 4th year students who have not decided where they will go for grad school won't find out until after the December

elections, which make it hard for them to run for any exec board positions. 2: 6th year students who have a position in the fall, find themselves without anything in the spring for their final semester. Typically this hasn't been a real issue, since it gives them time to mentor up the new board, however the chapter decided they don't need an entire semester to do this, so elections will be held in March in the future, giving them 8 weeks or so to still pass the torch of information. Ok that's a lot, but there it is.

- PYTH AA – Will continue to refine the bylaws draft and working on the constitution.
- PHIL – Working with the colony education team and will assist where they need me. First visit to Wash U. will be in February.

Region 4:

- CLEI went from 6 pledges to 3 pledges. Both pledge and chapter mutually agreed upon 2 of the pledges dropping out. The third pledge's parents were uncomfortable with the idea. Attempts by the chapter to speak with the parents were not successful.
- CLEI has been informed that there is a missing dues/report for April 2010. They are investigating and will submit belated ones if no records can be found.
- DINO was informed that there was a missing dues/report for April 2010. They have investigated and submitted belated ones. WGE should have received these by now.
- CLEI AA had a small issue with CLEI regarding a brotherhood event that the AA was planning on hosting for the chapter. In the end there was some miscommunication, and the event was cancelled.

Region 5:

- 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:

- SENE: The Recruitment Chair has not been showing up to chapter meetings. The RD has told the chapter that someone else will need to step up and take charge of preparing recruitment events until the new recruitment chair is elected at the end of the semester to ensure that recruitment runs as smoothly as possible.

Region 8:

- **NICON** expressed concern on conducting the upcoming initiation (roles, etc) with only 10 newly initiated (inexperienced) actives. Update – Nicon's initiation was successful despite the inexperience of hosting them.
- **APOL** is still waiting on 100% closure regarding initiation incident

Upcoming Events:

Region 1:

- SOST:
 - Possible Faculty Initiation– December 10, 11, or 12, 2010
 - White Rose Formal – March 24, 2011
 - Initiation – TBD

- COSS
 - Initiation – January 11. RD intends to go.

Region 3:

- ANTH – 1/14-1/17/2011 – Initiation at house
- ANTH -1/15/2011 – Annual Meeting at house
- PYTH – 12/4 – Holiday Party/Elections (*date not confirmed)
- PHIL – 12/7 – First colony team conference call
- PHIL – 2/5/2011 – Colony Pin-In Ceremony – St. Louis

Region 4:

- CLEI final line up / end of pledge semester is this Friday.
- CLEI & DINO to host dual initiation 14th-16th in San Antonio. Interest has been shown of HADR attending as guests.
- CLEI & DINO will be holding a planning session over Christmas break to plan initiation and the second annual Crawfish Boil; however it may be a BBQ this year in lieu of a Crawfish Boil. (Most DINO brothers live in the Houston area, so meeting is very convenient.)
- CLEI AA will be hosting their annual business meeting in January. Exec board will be changing a lot as current president is stepping down. However current president is confident that other alums are willing and able to take the reigns.
- CLEI will be hosting a Christmas Party December 11, 2010.
- HADR official Bid Night is December 1, 2010. Formal Pledging ceremony to take place next week. Appears as if HADR will have 12 pledges.
- HADR initiation tentatively set for March 18-20th.

Region 5:

- IKTI will be having Initiation on January 8th in Ann Arbor, MI. The RD will be in attendance.
- IKTI and IKTI AA will be holding a Active/Alumni Dinner on Wednesday, January 12th in Ann Arbor. All APX brothers in the area are invited to attend.
- RABI winter bid dinner will be January 14th.
- RABI will be having Initiation on January 14th thru the 15th in Cincinnati, OH at the Chapter House.
- RABI is working to decided if they want to submit for LC2011.

Region 6:

- DOM's Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Dec. 4th.
- SENE's Brotherhood Retreat is scheduled for Graduation Weekend, May 11-14th.
- RD will be traveling to Domitian Initiation: Dec. 17th

Region 8:

- None reported.