

Grand Council Regular Monthly Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity October 18, 2015

Attending

Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Architect
Hao Phung, Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Emily Bowers, Worthy Grand Estimator
Scott Swanson, Grand Lecturer
AJ Kessinger, National Director
Emily Lewis, Special Projects Coordinator

Excused

Gregory Pelley, Grand Advisor

Vacant

Worthy Grand Scribe

Meeting called to order, October 18, 2015, 5:01 p.m. MDT

Old Business

Review of previous meeting minutes.

- WGA motions to approve meeting minutes from September 20, 2015 Grand Council meeting.
 - Motion seconded by WGE.
 - Motion passes: 3-0

Summer meeting action items review (items still pending action/completion):

- WGA preparing information about GC motions for distribution to fraternity – in progress
- WGAA to work with Webmaster on website 2.0 updates – awaiting action by Webmaster
- WGA to notify Webmaster to provide direct link to graduation regalia so GC no longer selling regalia – WGA to contact Webmaster for completion
- WGA to contact administrative assistant to take notes for GC meetings – WGA to complete
- WGA to contact previous WGS to collect hard drive – WGA to complete
- GL to serve as Archi Editor – in progress
- Special Projects Coordinator to update Handbook for Members – awaiting final section from ND
- Events Coordinator to research hotel chains for preferred rates – WGA to follow up and ensure this is being completed
- WGE to coordinate credit card distribution to Events Coordinator – WGE to follow up as Events Coordinator still does not have a credit card (form was not returned)
- WGE to research point programs – WGE to complete
- Special Projects Coordinator to research online reimbursement (in lieu of writing checks) – Special Projects Coordinator to complete

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- WGA to coordinate appointees meeting (RDs, CD, Alumni Directors) at convention – WGA to complete
 - WGA to provide updated by-laws to Webmaster to upload to website – WGA to complete
 - WGAA to work with Rick Jenkins to update GC thank you notes and stationery – WGAA to complete after *Archi* is issued as Rick Jenkins is assisting with *Archi* production
 - WGA to contact Rick Jenkins to update pledge manual before start of academic term – WGA to complete

The APXF Foundation submitted by-laws updates to the Grand Council, which effectively separates APXF and Alpha Rho Chi activities. The APXF requests that the Grand Council approve the changes.

- WGA to contact the APXF President to engage in a conversation that allows both groups to express concerns and ideas that can benefit both groups in the long term.

New Business

Report of the Social Media Coordinator interview committee (WGAA and GL).

- WGA motions to accept the report of the Social Media Coordinator interview committee (appointment of Melissa Garcia, APOL, to Social Media Coordinator, Davis Bauman, SATY, to Special Projects – Graphics, and Sama Verdina, DOMI, to Web Team Member).
 - Motion seconded by WGE.
 - Motion passes: 3-0
- WGAA to contact Sama Verdina and Davis Bauman. GL to contact Melissa Garcia. WGAA and GL will coordinate announcement to the membership.

Webmaster training request by WGAA to approve monthly training and back-up warranty.

- Discussion conducted as to the value of the requested contract. Current back up only to 5 Gbps and training paid for ad-hoc. New contract provides unlimited space for monthly back up and unlimited training for anyone the GC wants to get trained. Cost is \$99/month or annual rate of \$1089.
- WGAA motions to approve the WordPress warranty plan offered by Anchor Wave for the annual rate of \$1089.
 - Motion seconded by WGE.
 - Motion passes: 3-0.

Voussoirs Award.

- WGAA recommends reviving the Voussoirs Award. WGAA will work with the Alumni Directors to refine and evaluate the award.
- WGAA will report recommended action at GC November meeting.

Alumni Summit recap.

- WGA and WGAA provided an overview of the Alumni Summit. Participants had recommendations to continue evolving and improving programming. GC needs to continue discussions and evaluate overall value and success of Alumni Summit to determine if that event is the best way to provide service(s) to alumni members.
- WGA suggests future GC meeting discussion topic about Alumni Summit purpose and need.

Alumni Director winter meeting.

- WGAA to host meeting with Alumni Directors in Houston in December. Will identify priorities and action items for remainder of year and conduct working session activities. WGAA will report results and needs to GC at January meeting.

Report of the WGS interview committee (WGA, GA, ND).

- The committee interviewed candidates and does not recommend appointment at this time.
- GL motions to accept the report of the WGS interview committee (no appointment).
 - Motion seconded by WGE.
 - Motion passes: 3-0.
- WGA was contacted by another candidate and held an informational meeting with the candidate. Candidate will be provided opportunity to complete the written prompt. GC officers will be given chance to hold conversations with candidate after return of the prompt. Interview committee will be formed if approved for interview.

Report of the Sostratus investigative committee.

- A committee of the ND, Special Projects Coordinator, and Regional Director Rhoades conducted an investigation into hazing allegations against the Sostratus chapter. Some allegations were substantiated, however, none rose to the level where suspension is warranted or recommended.
- Washington State University is continuing its investigation at this time.
- The ND will instruct the chapter that initiation of new members is postponed until the university completes its investigation and the Grand Council issues its findings.
- ND will coordinate additional action items and follow-up with the chapter once the university's completes its investigation.
- GL motions to accept the report of the Sostratus investigative committee.
 - Motion seconded by WGA.
 - Motion passes: 3-0.

Follow-up of Anthemios assault.

- Regional Director Berry submitted information to the ND that the Anthemios chapter suspended the student member who assaulted the victim.
- WGA motions to accept the report of the National Director (overview of RD's report).
 - Motion seconded by WGAA.
 - Motion passes: 3-0.

Discussion of the Chapter Housing Policy.

- WGA developed draft policy for the use of APX Greek letters and requirements for corporations housing student members in the name of Alpha Rho Chi.
- JR Favor provided a review of the draft policy, from which the GC must further clarify and refine the requirements, specifically the amount of liability insurance and kitchen inspections.
- WGA to schedule a conference call the week of October 18, 2015, with JR Favor to discuss additional questions. Special Projects Coordinator to attend. WGE, GL, and ND will attend if available.

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- WGA to develop a rollout plan prior to issuance of policy, once/if adopted. Will communicate with affected control corporations and alumni associations.

Discussion of initial feedback on GC motions to amend the Constitution and By-Laws.

- Some concern over GL and ND being GC members if they are appointed and how to remove them if they fail to do their work (would be identical to current procedure for removing an officer (same as GA)).
- GC continues to seek feedback and solicit input to finalize formal language.
- Plan to push out in draft APX-wide in 2015 early November.

Chapter advisor expectations.

- Signed expectations were due October 15, 2015.
- Nikon chapter did not submit on time. ND to draft suspension letter for WGA review.

Meeting adjournment

- GL motions to adjourn the meeting.
 - Motion seconded by WGA.
 - Motion passes: 3-0.

Meeting concludes October 18, 2015, 7:21 p.m. MDT