



Alpha Rho Chi

National Professional Fraternity for
Architecture and the Allied Arts

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Dear Brothers:

Thank you for your swift response to the motion to postpone the 73rd National Convention. The ballot has received well beyond the necessary three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) affirmative vote, and so the Grand Council hereby postpones the 73rd National Convention until further notice.

We have not come to this decision lightly. The Grand Council and the Convention Director have been diligently monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak for the past few weeks, and we are grateful to the Regional Directors and Alumni Directors who have been keeping us informed of challenges facing our collegiate and alumni members. This is truly a team effort.

There is still much to be done. Rest assured that the Grand Council and National Appointees are working tirelessly to address the wide range of impacts that COVID-19 will have on our Fraternity. Our ongoing work includes, but is not limited to, these activities:

- The Convention Director is in daily contact with the Hilton Omaha and other vendors to negotiate the rescheduling and refund options under our contracts.
- The Grand Council is in contact with Memberplanet to determine options for transferring Convention registrations to a new event (if rescheduled) and/or issuing timely refunds.
- The Grand Council is discussing options for fulfilling our time-sensitive obligations normally addressed during Convention business, such as Grand Council elections, motions to amend the Fraternity's governance, and report of the Grand Council.
- The Grand Council is working with the Regional Directors and Alumni Directors to craft guidance for chapter and alumni association operations through the summer.
- The Grand Council is evaluating the potential impact to other Fraternity outreach initiatives such as the Bronze Medal Program, the Awards Program, and the Foundation's Ross Scholarship.

We expect to issue another update in the coming days. In the interest of addressing everyone's concerns in a coordinated manner, please direct your questions to your Regional Director or to the Alumni Directors as appropriate.

Thank you for your patience and the trust you have placed in us to act in the best interests of Alpha Rho Chi.

Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,

Phil Buckberg
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