



Alpha Rho Chi

National Professional Fraternity for
Architecture and the Allied Arts

From the Office of the
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Dear Brothers,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and good spirits, even in these strange times. Thank you again for your patience and support as the Grand Council and their teams work through this unprecedented situation.

A few weeks ago, with your overwhelming support, the Grand Council officially postponed the 73rd National Convention. Today, after many conversations with the Hilton Omaha and lengthy discussions among the Grand Council officers and appointees, we have determined that the 73rd National Convention will be held March 25 - 28, 2021 in Birmingham, Alabama.

While we hoped to hold our Convention in 2020, our options for rescheduling were limited and did not provide us with any guarantee that we would not have to postpone the event again. For those who registered to attend the Convention in Omaha, please rest assured that **we will be processing refunds** back to the cards used for payment within the next few weeks.

There is still much to do. Read on to learn more about our plans for Spring.

Awards and Scholarships

All members are cordially invited to **Virtual Founder's Day**, where the Grand Council and Alpha Rho Chi Foundation will conduct the Awards and Scholarships Presentation.

The presentation will begin at 4:00 PM Eastern/1:00 PM Pacific on Saturday, April 11, 2020 and last approximately one hour.

A password-protected meeting invitation will be sent out in a subsequent email.

Advance Motions to the 73rd National Convention

The three motions that were received in advance of the 73rd National Convention have been withdrawn, and the Grand Council expects to re-submit them for consideration in 2021.

Election of Grand Council Officers

This letter hereby opens the floor for nominations for candidates to fill the following offices:

- **Worthy Grand Associate Architect** (Term: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023)
- **Worthy Grand Scribe** (Term: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023)
- **Worthy Grand Inspector** (Term: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023)

Submit your nomination online at www.memberplanet.com/s/apx/gcconventionnominationform or email the Nominations Committee at nominations@alpharhochi.org.

The nominations period will close at 11:59 PM Pacific on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

Nominations must be made and seconded by members in good standing with the Fraternity.

- Nominees may self-nominate but secure a second from another member.
- Nominees must formally accept their nominations when contacted by the Nominations Committee to be listed on the ballot.
- Nominees, nominators, and seconds will be asked to provide short, written statements and nominees will be asked to complete a short, informational questionnaire in lieu of the traditional Convention speeches and discussion period. These written statements will be collected by the Nominations Committee and posted on the Alpha Rho Chi website for public viewing.

If multiple candidates are nominated to an office, an electronic ballot will be issued by email to each chapter and alumni association in good standing on Monday, April 20, 2020.

If an office only receives one nomination, the candidate shall be elected to that office by acclamation.

Demonstration of Good Standing

- Chapters and Alumni Associations are required to demonstrate “good standing” in order to receive ballots for the Grand Council Officer Elections.
- The Regional Directors and Alumni Directors will be in contact with each organization to reconcile any outstanding items for the 2019-2020 year.
- Good standing must be established by Sunday, April 19th in order to receive a ballot on Monday, April 20th.

Stay well and stay connected

Many of us have experienced hardship in our lives, but this is the first time I can recall that all of us are experiencing the same challenges at the same time. So much seems out of our control right now, but we will get through this together if we try. For Alpha Rho Chi, let’s celebrate our award winners, elect our new officers, and look forward to the fall semester and the 73rd National Convention in Birmingham in 2021. We hope to see you at our Virtual Founder’s Day this Saturday!

Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Buckberg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Phil Buckberg
Worthy Grand Architect