

**Official Minutes of the
53rd National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
National Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts
Lincoln, Nebraska-March 24-26, 2000**

Call to Order: Worthy Grand Architect, Brother Ted Ertl- March 24, 7:00a, CST

Credentials Committee

Meeting reconvened by Brother Ted Ertl at 8:00a

Delegates listed as present and in good standing by Credentials Committee:

Andronicus:	Michael S. Ellars	Andronicus AA:	Michael Rabanera
Anthemios:	Elizabeth Laske	Anthemios AA:	Caroline Pelley
Daedalus:	Howard Jeng	Daedalus AA:	No credentials – not seated
Demetrios:	Jason Lynn Welker	Demetrios AA:	Susan Marie Boder
Iktinos:	Courtney Lyn Donahue	Iktinos AA:	Stephen P. Janich
		Metagenes AA:	Laura Gagliano
Pytheos:	Kelly Krzycki	Pytheos AA:	Patty Wahlgren
Satyros:	Margaret Harrington	Satyros AA:	Ted A. Ertl
Vitruvius:	Ryan R. Binkowski	Vitruvius AA:	Nicole Morris
		Xenocles AA:	Ronald L. Grogan
		Grand Council:	Gregory Pelley

Credentials Committee Report is accepted by Convention.

WGA asks for a moment of silence in remembrance of brothers who have passed into the realm of the Supreme Architect.

• **Election of Convention Officers**

Satyros Alumni Association delegate nominates Brother James Thomson (Pytheos AA) for President of the Convention by acclamation. It is seconded. Vote is unanimous; Brother Thomas is seated as President of the Convention.

Brother James Thomson nominates Brother Nicole Ludacka (Pytheos) for Secretary of the Convention. It is seconded by Satyros Alumni Association Delegate. Vote is unanimous: Brother Ludacka is seated as Secretary of the Convention.

Satyros Alumni Association delegate nominates Brother Chuck Nickel for Parliamentarian of the Convention. It is seconded. Vote is unanimous; Brother Nickel is seated as Parliamentarian of the Convention.

President Thomson asks for Volunteers for Sergeant at Arms of the Conventions. Brother Mark Ritz (Iktinos Chapter) volunteers, is accepted by Convention.

There is a motion that the standing rules from the 51st National convention be adopted as stated in the 51st National Convention official minutes. Motion made by Xenocles Alumni delegate.

The Standing rules are discussed by the Convention President. Motion to accept Standing Rules as read, seconded. Standing Rules unanimously accepted by Convention.

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- **Appointment of Committees**

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Audit Committee to review the WGE's Report to the convention. Vicki J. Horton (Xenocles AA) and Dana Habel (Iktinos) are accepted by the Convention. This Committee will submit their report to the Convention during Saturday's business session.

Motion on the floor that a representative of each colony be an observer to the Audit Committee. Seconded. Motion passed by Convention.

Representatives from the Colonies are as follows; Graig Donnelly (Detroit-Mercy), and Lori-Beth Wilson (Roberius)

President Thomson requests volunteers to serve as members of the Resolutions Committee for the Convention. These volunteers shall be responsible for the review and submission of all motions received and shall distribute copies of these motions to all delegates at or before 9:00a Saturday, March 24. Jennifer Fritz (Demetrios AA), Kristy Pzeski (Anthemios), and Megan Jaroz (Pytheos) volunteer and are accepted by Convention. They are instructed to meet with the convention Secretary at the close of business today. All motions deemed esoteric by the Resolutions Committee will be discussed in an order such that the doors will be closed for as brief amount of time as possible so that non-members may attend as much of the convention as possible.

President Thomson requests suggestions for any other committee that would be formed from the floor. There are none. [deleted]

President Thomson then states that the deadline for submission of any resolutions [deleted] to be given to the Convention Secretary or a Resolutions Committee member is 2p today, in order to get them ready for presentation tomorrow.

- **Report of the Grand council**

Worthy Grand Architect, Ted Ertl (Please see Grand Council Reports Section):
Report read by Brother Ertl, Motion to accept the WGA's report. Seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Worthy Grand Associate Architect, Brian Swilling (Please See Grand Council Reports Section):
Report read by Brother Ertl, because Brother Swilling is taking a sabbatical from duties until the Grand Council's scheduled summer meeting. Motion to accept the WGAA's report. Seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Worthy Grand Scribe, Terry Stentz (No report; not in expected to attend until Saturday.)

Worthy Grand Estimator, Nicole Morris (Please See Grand Council Reports Section)
Report read by Brother Morris. Motion to receive* the WGE's report. Seconded. Motion carries unanimously. *The decision to accept or reject the WGE's report will be made by the Convention upon receipt of the Audit Committee's report on Saturday.

Point of Inquiry from Pytheos Alumni delegate Patty Wahlgren. What is a life membership?
Answered by Xenocles Alumni delegate, Ronald Grogan. Life membership was stopped in 1979. The due was \$25; never needing to pay dues again. There are four life members in attendance, some still paying current dues even though they don't have to, as a contribution. This year, alumni were asked to pay \$35 for dues. Out of 260 remittances from alumni, only 5 were lifetime members. Alumni dues help keep down dues for actives and keep alumni involved. Point of Inquiry from the floor: how many of those 800 life members are still alive?

End of Grand Council Reports

- **Report of the Grand Council Appointees**

National Inspector, Vicki Horton (Please see Grand council appointees reports section)

Regional Deputy Reports

Region 1, not present, no report received.

Region 2 & 3 Deputies not present but reports were distributed to the delegates (Please see Grand Council Appointee report section)

Region 4 Deputy, Jenifer Fritz (Please see Grand Council Appointee report section)

Region 5 – n/a

Region 6 Deputy, Scott Tafoya. (Please see Grand council appointees reports section)
Also, attached letter from Rhoecus Chapter [deleted]

Region 7, John Lawrence (Please see Grand Council Appointee report section)

Region 8, not present, no report received.

Report from Webmaster, Jim Thomson

Found to be a slightly difficult ordeal, but there were many ideas. Rick Jenkins designed the page, there are some spelling errors but it is up and running. Things that would like to be put on immediately, email connections, chapter links, forms to be downloaded, but limited space. Other wants to have on the page is an alpha rho chi web shop, pins, stickers. This is will give the chapter the ability to order these things more easily. These future ideas are iffy for security reasons. Calling for more ideas, link to email archi@alpharhochi.org will be set up shortly.

Point of Information, Introduction of Lark Bear, Administrative Assistant

Back up assistance to Grand Council is here at UNL in rm. 225 Career Services Referral Coordinator of NU. Has a membership directory form, to update info. And database for different alum assoc. Please only list permanent address.

Motion passes to move on to chapter reports.

Point of Information, Request report from Chapter Maintenance Committee. There were no appointees last year for this committee, no report.

- **Report of the Chapters and Alumni Associations**

Chapters (Please see Chapter and Alumni Association Reports Section)

Andronicus, report

Andronicus Alumni, report

Anthemios, report attached

Anthemios Alumni, report

Daedalus, report

Daedalus Alumni, not present

Demetrios, report

Demetrios Alumni, report

Iktinos, report

Iktinos Alumni, report

Metagenes Alumni, report

Pytheos, report

Pytheos Alumni, report

Satyros Alumni, report
Satyros, report
Vitruvius, report attached
Vitruvius Alumni, report attached
Xenocles Alumni, [deleted] report
Apollodorus, report read by Jim Thomson, report

End of Chapter Reports

- **Report of the APX Foundation**

Report read by Chuck Nickel (Please see Foundation report section)

[deleted] Report of growth of investments. The goal of every alumni association should be to establish a fund with the Foundation. The Foundation is committed to restricted and unrestricted funds. Advertisement in newsletter is paid for by the Foundation. Gifts to the Foundation help to pay for needs like this. Benefits of the John Ross scholarship explained. Any questions please talk to Brother Nickel.

Motion to receive reports from any other chapters or committees, none to be announced

Motion to hear from Colony representatives in attendance

- **Report from the Colonies**

Roberius Colony, U of Cincinnati

Read notes from State of the Colony address. Emails are being sent out; alpha pledge class, 4 pledges (lost 2). Would like feedback on their web site (www.tracingpaper.com) Money issues, applied for school funding, slowly building, and in future would like to get a house. Volunteering at a homeless shelter, cleaning up the basketball center and football stadium, looking for ways to raise funds. Completion of professional event in [deleted] process.

University of Detroit-Mercy, Sara McDuffy

Recognition of three other representatives attending National Convention [deleted]. Became colony at end of November, 26 members, constitution, bylaws, and mission are written. Want to submit a proposal. Wish to be involved with other APX chapters, and in their university. Thanks to Jennifer Fritz.

Motion put forth by President Thomson, that all reports by national appointees, chapters, foundations, and colonies be received into the Official Minutes [deleted] by Convention. Seconded, accepted and passed.

Report on the agenda for this afternoon given by Corey Hoelker

Motion on the floor to recess until tomorrow, March 25, 2000 at 9:00a. Seconded, motion carries unanimously.

President recesses Convention at 12:03p Until March 25, 2000 at 9:00a

Call to Order: President Thomson – March 25, 2000 at 9:05a.

Roll call taken, delegates noted as absent: Satyros chapter and alumni

Motions are distributed to delegates and the gallery by the Convention Secretary and Resolutions Committee.

Secretary's note: Recognition of the Satyros Alumni in attendance and seated.

- **Old Business**

President requests Old Business to be discussed from the previous convention [deleted]. None heard.

- **New Business**

Secretary reads Motion #1:

“I move that a committee be created, the Image Committee, for the development of our professional and individual identities which are constantly evolving on a national and local level. The directive of this committee will be to create an image that represents our organization on a national level and assist the chapters on a local level?.”

Motion made by Amy Grabel, Vitruvius Chapter

Motion seconded by Susan Boder, Demetrios Alumni Assoc. Delegate

Discussion notes: A handout is given by Susan Boder. It is a suggestion of what the committee would propose, (see Motions report sections, Motion 1) The idea of this committee and the attached proposal were discussed at Dan Pitera's lecture yesterday. The discussion started with what we as a chapter are trying to represent and as a whole the feeling was that it hasn't been shown. This proposal would have the whole organization participate in what its future is. It also promotes competition between the chapters in a professional way. The committee would oversee the process of the design competition and then carry the ideas out. Question from Grand Council, will the committee be requiring funding? In the past, committees have been formed and since widely dispersed it is hard to make them work. Reply from the motioner, lots of different people, from many of the chapters have shown excitement for it. Comment from the Xenocles AA, in the 1973 competition only 7 people turned things in even with lots of reminding. Point of Information, there is currently a graphics committee, made from people of the Grand Council. **An amendment is made to the motion** by the motioner Vitruvius chapter delegate.

“I move that a committee be created, the Image Committee, for the development of our professional and individual identities which are constantly evolving on a national and local level. The directive of this committee will be **to oversee the creation of** an image that represents our organization on a national level and assist the chapters on a local level?. **Each chapter will submit a trifold brochure by Oct 15, 2000.**”

Amendment accepted by makers of the motion. Vote is as follows: 17 yeas, 1 nay; motion passes.

Secretary note: Satyros chapter delegate present and seated.

Before Motion 2 is read the maker withdraws it, Susan Boder Demetrios Alumni Assoc. delegate.

Secretary reads Motion #3:

“I move that the Grand Council, during its summer meeting, reevaluate the current allocation of regional deputies to insure a more equitable distribution of duties for each regional deputies.”

Motion made by Vicki Horton, Xenocles Alumni Assoc. secretary.

Motion seconded by Iktinos Alumni Assoc. delegate, Steve Janich.

Discussion notes: Motion to combine motion 3 and 5 [deleted]. It seems that motion 5 is an amendment to motion 3. Comment by Vicki Horton, the essence of this motion is to relieve duties from Deputies who are overwhelmed. It is to find people living in the regions that may not be [deleted] from a chapter in that region. [deleted] As discussion goes on, Jennifer Fritz comments, she feels this is about her and she does not want to give up any of her duties. Comment by Satyros Alumni Assoc. delegate WGA Ted Ertl, This motion is exactly what the Grand Council is already doing.

Motion is withdrawn by Maker.

Secretary reads Motion #4:

“I move that the WGS issue minutes of each Grand Council conference call and each meeting of the Grand Council, within one week of their approval. These minutes will be distributed to each Chapter WA and each Alumni Assoc. President via email and/or regular mail, as necessary.

Motion made by Vicki Horton, Xenocles Alumni Assoc. Secretary
Motion seconded by Steve Janich, Iktinos Alumni Assoc. President.

Discussion notes: This motion is in interest of communication between the Grand Council and the rest of the organization. Comment by the Grand Council delegate, this is a reasonable request, and we apologize for it not being done before. Question has been called, seconded. Vote, one abstention. [deleted] **Motion passes unanimously.**

Secretary reads Motion #6:

“I move that the National Expansion Coordinator reform his committee for the express purpose of reorganizing and developing the “Policies and Procedures for Recognition and Development of a colony.”

Motion made by Susan Boder, Demetrios Alumni Assoc. VP
Motion seconded by Courtney Donahue, Iktinos Chapter delegate

Discussion notes: There has not been a committee. Motioner asked to restate the motion.

“I move that the National Expansion Programs Coordinator form a committee for the express purpose of reorganizing and developing the “Policies and Procedures for Recognition and Development of a colony.”

Comment by Jennifer Fritz, procedures for how a regional deputy is supposed to contact people to organize the colonies and start a relationship, is very vague. Suggestion from Metagenes alumni assoc. delegate, a manual should be made, maybe even for how to start an alumni assoc. These policies and procedures should be documented. According to Xenocles AA, delegate packets were developed for marketing the fraternity. NEPC would make phone calls to the Deans of the school after a letter was sent to see if there was any interest. Material would then be given to someone who was interested in starting a colony. They would then reply and send a petition. Then they would have to find 10 people to sign a colony petition. The initiation would be held by the NEPC and the RD, under the guidance of the Regional Deputy [deleted]. Andronicus chapter calls to question, it is seconded, passed. [deleted] **Motion passes unanimously.**

Point of Inquiry, Who would like to serve on the National Expansion Programs Committee?

Jenifer Fritz-Chair
John Lawrence
Aaron Feldman Grosse

Secretary reads Motion #7:

“I move that at least one representative from each active chapter, alumni association and each Grand Council member (who have email access) subscribe to apxarchis@umich.edu so that all brothers and chapters can collectively be informed of the same information in a timely manner.”

Motion made by Susan Boder, Demetrios AA delegate
Motion seconded by Vicki Horton Xenocles AA Secretary

Discussion notes: explanation of this motion, This would aid in the whole “communication problem” and hopefully solve the problem of communication falling on one person’s shoulders at the chapter and alumni association level. It is a mail list, in which the address would be permanent, there would be no cost. It will be currently managed by Dana Habel, Iktinos chapter. Email will be sent to him and the address would be added. This is seen as simply a mass communication tool. After much discussion there is a call to question, seconded, vote unanimous. Vote is as follows; 15 yeas, 3 nays; **Motion passes.**

President calls for a 10-minute recess. Seconded. **Meeting recessed for 10 minutes.**

Call to order by President Thomson.

Secretary reads Motion #8:

“I move that the Alpha Rho Chi Newsletter be published and received by members three months prior to convention and that the editor and publisher are aware of this deadline.”

Motion made by Courtney Lyn Donahue, Iktinos delegate
Motion seconded by Demetrios Alumni Association, Susan Boder.

Discussion notes: explanation of this motion, it would allow the chapters to see what is going on at a national level, as well as what is happening at other chapters. Point of Inquiry, Iktinos chapter why hadn’t the publications been out until yesterday. No objection by Grand Council. It is difficult to get information from chapters and alumni. Friendly amendment suggested,

“I move that the Alpha Rho Chi newsletter be published and received by members three months prior to convention, and that the editor and publisher are aware of this deadline. **All chapters, colonies and alumni associations will have articles in by Oct 15.**”

Amendment accepted by makers, seconded, vote unanimously; **motion amended.** Call to question, seconded, voted unanimously passed. Vote is as follows, **motion, as amended, passed unanimously.**

Secretary reads Motion #9:

Motion withdrawn before read.

Secretary read Motion #10:

“I move that if a member of the grand council does not fulfill their duties during their term, they will not be able to run for reelection of another grand council position without the approval of the nominations committee. The nominations committee will also review the member of the grand council to decide if they have met their criteria of duties or not.”

Motion by Jason Welker, Demetrios chapter delegate
Motion seconded by Iktinos delegate Courtney Lyn Donahue.

Discussion notes: explanation of this motion, To prevent someone from staying in an office and not doing their job. This way if the person in the office does not [deleted] fulfill their duties, they should be removed. Comment by the Satyros Alumni Assoc. delegate, the delegates of the National Convention have the ability to remove a member of the Grand Council if they feel they are not fulfilling their duties. A committee does not seem to be an adequate procedure. All of the members of the Council seem to have not fulfilled their duties, but have done their best. Point of Order. Brought about by the Xenocles AA, belief that the Motion

is out of order, according to Article 4 section 3 of the Fraternity's By-laws. The motion would change the article in the bylaws and thus it is out of order. **Motion is withdrawn by Maker.**

Motions are attached, (please see the motions section.)

•**Report of the Nominating Committee**, report given by Susan Boder, Demetrios Alumni delegate. (please see Nominating Committee report section) Formal Nominee Exception letters are also attached. Motion to accept the Nominations Committee Report, seconded. **Motion passes unanimously.**

•**Election of members to the Grand Council**

Nominee resume(s) distributed by the convention secretary, all attached except Laura Gagliano.

Dan Pitera, Dana Habel and the Convention Secretary will tally the votes.

While waiting for the ballots to be made;

•**Report of the Auditing Committee**, committee consists of Dana Habel, Nicole Morris, and Vicki Horton. The committee reports that an audit should be done because of exchange of officers. Point of Inquiry, would an external auditor be hired and, since that usually costs from \$100-\$1000, where will the money come from? Answered by Nicole Morris current WGE, yes it would be done externally, and \$1000 is budgeted for [deleted] just [deleted] that. Move that the Audit report be excepted, seconded. Report accepted unanimously.

Continuation of Elections

President calls for nominations from the floor for WGA. After three calls, President closes nominations.

Nominating speeches for WGA:

Vicki Horton, Xenocles Alumni Assoc. Secretary gives a three-minute nomination speech in support of Brother Ronald Grogan's nomination. A one-minute seconding speech is given by Gregory Pelley, Grand Council delegate. Brother Grogan gives a five-minute acceptance speech.

Vicki Horton, Xenocles Alumni Assoc. Secretary reads a three-minute nomination speech written by Brother Charles Morley, who is not in attendance. A one-minute seconding speech is given by Nicole Morris, Vitruvius Alumni delegate, WGE. Brother Pelley gives a five-minute acceptance speech.

Point of Inquiry, is there discussion? Discussion is opened, no questions are asked of the nominees. **Voting ballots are then issued to the delegates**, and collected by the tallying committee. Talliers exit the room and return to say there are 20 votes for 18 delegates, voting needs to be redone.

Voting ballots are then issued to the delegates and collected by the tallying committee. The secretary and the other two talliers exit the room to count the votes. Votes necessary for election at this convention are ten. There are eighteen votes submitted. Brother Grogan receives five (5) votes; Brother Pelley receives thirteen (13) votes. **Brother Pelley is elected to the position of WGA.**

Nominating speeches for WGS:

President calls for nominations from the floor for WGS. After three calls, President closes nominations.

Ted Ertl, Satyros Alumni delegate, WGA, gives a three-minute nominating speech for Brother Laura Gagliano. Secunder to the nomination is unknown, no speech given. Brother Gagliano gives a five-minute acceptance speech.

Nicole Morris, Vitruvius Alumni delegate, WGE gives a three-minute nominating speech for Brother Vicki Horton. A one-minute seconding speech is given by Gregory Pelley, Grand Council delegate. A five-minute acceptance speech is given by Brother Horton.

Voting ballots are then issued to the delegates and collected by the tallying committee. The secretary and the other two talliers exit the room to count the votes. Votes necessary for election at this convention are ten. There are eighteen votes submitted. Brother Gagliano receives (0) no votes; Brother Horton receives eighteen (18) votes. **Brother Horton is elected to the position of WGS unanimously.**

•Appointment for the Nominating Committee for the 54th National Convention.

Dana Habel
Susan Boder
Aaron Feldman-Grosse
Scott Tafoya, recommended (not present)
Michael Rabanera

•Appointment for Chapter Maintenance Committee

Elizabeth Laske
Jenifer Fritz
Ryan Binkowski
Steve Janich

•Suggestion for meeting place for 54th Convention

DC metro area
Las Vegas, sponsored by Satyros, Daedalus, Andronicus
Ann Arbor, MI
Seattle, WA
San Francisco, CA
Phoenix, AZ

Statement by the Grand Council: Thank you to the Pytheos Chapter and all that were in attendance.

Motion to adjourn: President of Convention. Seconded by many. Motion carries unanimously. So adjourned.

**53rd National Convention of
the Alpha Rho Chi Professional Architecture Fraternity
Lincoln, Nebraska is adjourned at 1:08p CST**

We, the undersigned, do attest and affirm that the above text is an accurate record of the proceedings of the 53rd National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi Professional Architecture Fraternity, held in Lincoln, Nebraska, March 24-25, 2000.

Jim Thomson
Convention President

Nicole Ludacka
Convention Secretary