

# Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity September 10, 2007

## *Attending*

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect  
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect  
Scott Swanson, National Director

Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator  
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe

**Called to Order, Monday Sept 10, 2007 at 9:04 EDT**

## *Minutes*

Minutes from the August 17 GC conference call were approved.  
WGS to get update on final Convention minutes

## *Reports*

### **Worthy Grand Architect**

1. C&BL updates: Awaiting final convention minutes
2. LCo7 update: Committee held a conference call on August 29 to discuss planning details of the conference.
  - Note: I will be announcing the appointment of a Leadership Conference Director at this LC. Andrea Hauber has already accepted and is currently working closely with the committee. As LCD (not the expensive TV), she will be eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses to LCo7. This may or may not impact the budget, but I'll know by the beginning of next month.
  - 19 registered at moment. Expect 30+ soon.
  - Next LCo7 call Wed.
  - Would like to thank GA for his assistance with the LC planning.
3. Receipts for letters to Rhoecus, Nicon and Imhotep Chapters show all three chapters have received their letters. Imhotep WA called 9/3 and 9/7 to inform me their response was forthcoming. A digital copy of their letter was received via email 9/7 and forwarded to the rest of the Council for review.
4. APX Foundation retreat is scheduled for this weekend, 9/15-9/16. The Development Director is developing the agenda specifics and will meet with the WGE and me prior to the meeting to discuss goals and objectives. I was able to identify and "recruit" two very willing candidates for Foundation consideration: Brian Swilling and Lannis Kirkland. Brother Swilling will be joining us in Chicago this weekend. Brother Kirkland will be unable to attend; however, he remains committed to the cause and would be happy to serve APX via the Foundation.
5. Will bring the 50+ membership certificates I mentioned in my previous report to LCo7 for personal delivery.
6. Faculty Summit: Touched base again with Faculty Advisor and still intend to draft letter to invitees by September 15. I'd like to make telephone or email contact with each of our invitees prior to sending the formal invitation, so that we might collaborate to find a date agreeable to everyone.

7. PFA Conference: I'm still waiting to hear back from Deva Powell, who attended on our behalf. Will advise as soon as I hear back from her, or receive a report.
8. Alumnus' proposal to include on website a directory of services offered by APX members – WGA has been unable to make contact with alumnus who inquired about this possible program. Will continue to try to reach for a formal proposal. Ask that we table this until such time as he is able to deliver a proposal.

#### **Worthy Grand Associate Architect**

- Dues reminder written. This, along with a new flier for the Automatic Monthly Electronic Transfers sent to GC via email. If anyone could take some time to review them for grammar, spelling and content please let me know.
- I tried to integrate the regular dues reminder with the new flier for automatic monthly deductions. These 2 sheets should go together in the same envelope.
- I also announced, in the grey box, the dues increase for 2008. Please read this section if you don't read anything else.
- I should be able to produce the list of brothers for mailing by tomorrow. I hope to get the ball rolling on production soon after this.
- I'm sending little notes to the alumni who have paid dues 5+ years.

#### **Worthy Grand Scribe**

- I have been informed that a petition from the Cossutius colony should arrive in the upcoming week. I will forward as soon as I get a look for standards compliance.
- System problems for alparhochi.org from 2 weeks ago have all been resolved.
- New pledge manuals are printers and should ship by Friday.
- Still collecting material for Fall APX Letter. Thanks to WGE for budget article.

#### **Worthy Grand Estimator**

- Latest budget spreadsheet sent to the GC. In future months, will send the file in lieu of a written report. Will highlight significant issues/findings in body of message.
- I have received E-2 reports from Rhoecus for April and Sep 2007. I also received payment for dues for these months. Interestingly, Rhoecus only reported 4 active members for Sep 2007. Is this reality, or are they playing games again. It will be interesting to see their S-2 report this month.
- Nikon has submitted their E-2 report already, however, no monies have been received. The chapter's response to the WGA's letter has not been clear.
- Reminders were sent to the RD's asking them to inform their chapters about E-2 and S-1 reports that are due in September. A number of chapters have past due amounts or credits from last year. They are shown below.
- Several chapters have credits for mistakenly paying May dues (E-2 form has May option for DAED's schedule)

#### **National Director**

- Back from fire assignments and catching up on APX business
- Finalizing First-Aid/CPR guidelines for reimbursement program
- Will not be attending LC (Daedalus wedding that Saturday)

- Though not APX business-related, will see numerous VITR, DAED, ANDR, RABI alums over next three months during trips and weddings
- RDs 1,2,4,8 confirmed as attending LC
- Am working with RD 6 to plan ND trip to Region 6 sometime in winter/spring
- Handbook for Members Taskgroup drafting outline/table of contents
- Danielle Likvan (ANTH AA VP) working on ANTH Chapter handbook, sharing ideas with VITR Chapter who is also writing a handbook - these will focus on specific chapter operations; DAED and IKTI are only other known chapters to have these handbooks - eventual product will be a national template for all chapters
- Asking RDs to gather contact information for all faculty advisors/confirm chapters have an advisor
- RD reports interest from University of Washington - email went to ANDR WA, forwarded to RD 8 and ED
- OTD finalizing draft training plan for GC comment/WGA approval.
- COSS looking at winter date for installation. GL added to scheduling emails.

## *Old Business*

### **APX Marketplace**

WGA working to contact J. Lawrence for more information

### **Alumni Association Dues Collection**

- Reviewed basics of past month's discussion
- Concerns were raised about collecting dues for a group like CLEI alumni who are not formally established (incorporated or in eyes of national fraternity). The organization may need to be in place for the GC to have a written agreement.
- Dues reminders already getting complicated. GC may not be able to manage additional exceptions to normal arrangements, at least not until we create more robust systems.
- WGE may be willing to collect monies for AAs if they come to WGE with completed auto dues pay forms ACH.
- Motions: WGS moves to "Establish a pilot program in which the WGE will accept Automated Clearing House (ACH) forms designating an Alumni Association as a beneficiary of a portion of the automatic dues collected. Money collected would be payable to AAs each 6 months or on demand. The GC will approve any solicitation materials and forms before sent by the AAs." Motion passes 4-0.
- WGE/WGAA will try to recruit 3-4 AAs for the pilot. Will contact IKTI, ANDR, XENO initially.

## *New Business*

### **Imhotep Letter**

- GC reviews letter from IMHO Chapter.
- WGA to draft response with main points of contact to address each issue and plan to move forward. WGA to share draft with WGS, ND, RD5 for input.
- ND to check with IMHO WA to learn reason for designating WAA as weekly contact.

**Next Meeting: Oct 8, 2007 regular meeting.**

A special meeting may be called on short notice to respond to COSS petition when received. Note RD8 and ND will be traveling Sept 23 – Oct 1 and unavailable those days.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:50 EDT**

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