

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity October 8, 2007

Attending

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

Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe
Chooch Pickard, Expansion Director

Attending parts of meeting:

Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator

Ryan Rosen, Regional Director (8)

Called to Order, Monday Oct. 8, 2007 at 9:06 EDT

Minutes

Minutes from the Sept 10 GC conference call were approved for posting.
WGS in receipt of official Convention minutes.

Order of business suspended to address New Business

New Business I

Petition of the Cossutius Colony for Affiliation as a Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi

- WGS and RD8 report on receiving/review of petition from CCA
 - 13 student and 2 alumni signatures on the petition
 - Requirements/standards appear satisfied for approval of petition
 - Bylaws appear to be consistent with National C&BL. Discussion that some of the bylaws could be simplified.
- Since majority of GC has not yet received copies of the petition for review. Business tabled until a special meeting can be held next week in Ann Arbor at LCO7.
- Immediate action:
 - WGS to send colony message updating them of status
 - RD8 to continue to work with colony, coordinate prospective calendars
 - WGA plans to prepare ballots for distribution at LCO7.
 - WGA to contact Grand Lecturer with status.

Return to standard order of business

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

1. C&BL updates: convention minutes are forthcoming, so rumor has it – will update C+BL as soon as those are received.

2. LC07 update: Still a few minor loose ends to tie up. 51 registrants (19 below forecast). We have confirmed reservations for 9 hotel rooms, including one for our speaker. WGA also reached out to the Director of Cranbrook Academy, in hopes of garnering a personalized tour. He will be in NYC, but encouraged us to send our members another day so that he could meet them. Here's a breakdown of where we are to budget:

Expenses	Actual/Est	Budget 6/07	Comments
Travel	\$6,030.00	\$10,250.00	Several organizations / representatives not attending
Lodging	\$3,920.40	\$5,832.00	Fewer rooms needed
Meals	\$2,340.00	\$2,295.00	Neglected to include local attendees when budgeting
Other	\$416.00	\$408.00	Welcome packets
Professional Program	\$0.00	\$724.00	APX Foundation reimbursing
Publicity	\$249.91	\$300.00	(Actual) LC brochures @ convention
(Refunds)	\$500.00	\$500.00	(Actual) Gift Certificates used
Income	Actual/Est	Budget 6/07	Comments
Registration fees	\$8,050.00	\$11,100.00	19 fewer registrants than expected
Net Gain/(Loss)	(\$5,406.31)	(\$9,209.00)	Under budget (\$3,803)

NOTE: Several organizations are missing from LC this year, most notably every organization in Region 3, + 2/3 of Region 1. Rhoecus has not registered either. The lack of participation from entire regions is of great concern and I have reached out specifically to Region 3 Director. She explained the various reasons given by chapters for not attending.

3. Still need to send a letter to Imhotep outlining Council's response from 9/10 conference call. I have spoken by phone to their WA, so he is aware of the Council's position. See Old Business for further information.
4. APX Foundation retreat was a huge success! WGA, WGE and several interested brothers were in attendance, along with almost all Foundation members. WGE and I would be happy to answer specific questions during this meeting. As a result of this meeting, we are now seeking a new Development Director, as Brother Dress has accepted a position with the Foundation. Please see attached notes for more information on the meeting.
5. Faculty Summit: have drafted a letter to invitees, but have been unable to send, as I am still attempting to make phone contact with three of them prior to sending.
6. PFA Conference: Deva Powell will have a report for us at LC.
7. Alumni dues proposal: contacted Xenocles Alumni Association President to discuss and he will be reaching out to other Xenocles alumni to encourage them to consider.
8. Directory of services offered by APX members – I still have received no response from the alumnus who suggested the program. Will continue to try to reach him for the formal proposal we discussed last month.

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- Convention:
Lori Beth Wilson is traveling to St. Louis next weekend (10/12) to explore the city as a potential site for the 2009 convention. She should be able to report back to us at the LC.
- Alumni Dues Reminders:
The reminders are at the printer. See the WGS Report
- Alumni Dues invoices for 2008
I've been working with the WGS on designing 2 separate dues invoices for the 2008 campaign. One set would go to the alumni who regularly pay, while a different message will go to the alumni who have not paid in five years or more. This is modeled after some of the examples sent in by Frank in previous years. Expect a completely new approach to dues collection.
- Houston Area Alumni Newsletter
Adrianna Esquivel has put together a newsletter for Houston Area Alumni. Seeing that it is not chapter-centered, and is working toward creating a regional alumni group, I think this would be an ideal project for the national fraternity to fund. Adrianna is currently getting together estimates for me.
- Merging National and Chapter Alumni Dues:
As discussed during last meeting's call, we are focusing on Iktinos, Andronicus and Xenocles to try out a new system of merging the collection of alumni dues. I have informally proposed this idea to the Andronicus Alumni, and received a lukewarm response. I hope to present this more formally to Iktinos alumni during the LC.

Worthy Grand Scribe

- Dues reminders sent to for printing and mailing.
- Fall *APX Letter* at printers. Should mail at end of the week.
- Minutes for the 60th National Convention received. Will post once electronic file is compared to paper original.

Grand Advisor

- Looking forward to LCO7
 - Contacting local alumni
 - Nicole Dress unable to attend

Worthy Grand Estimator

- Updated budget file emailed to GC for review.
Key notes:
 - New reminders were sent directly to the chapters as I have only received one S-2 report this term.
 - Nothing has been received from APOL, IKTI and VITR year to date. Are you alive notices have been sent to the respective RD's
 - Nikon did finally pay the \$325 that was due by 9/10. However, they have not paid Sep or Oct dues yet.
- Our 2006 tax return has been completed and submitted to the IRS. Taxes are due on November 15 each year. Copies of our return emailed to the rest of the GC for their records.

Expansion Director

- Demetrios: Joe Henderson is working closely with their Alumni Association and a potential candidate. They are working on recruiting other potential candidates and building a relationship with the school.
- Other interested schools: Nothing specific to report. Emails have been sent to students at each of these schools in the last 2 months. Cornell, Washington State, University of Tennessee, Southern Polytechnic State, Minnesota (Mnesicles) No further correspondence since.
- Bro. Esquivel pushing ahead with recruitment guide.

National Director

- Regional reports on chapters emailed to GC as information.
- Planning progressing for handbook project.
- Nikon – ND to escalate contacts/communication personally. ND to report if WGS or WGA need to intervene personally.

*Old Business***Alumni Association Dues Collection**

- AndrAA – idea was pitched informally by WGAA with mild reception
- Program to be pitched to IktiAA at LC07
- XenAA president is open to the idea of dues collection

Imhotep Letter Response

- WGA has been in contact with IMHO WA. Will draft formal letter in next week.
- WGE is current with E-2 reports and payments
- 2 IMHO actives coming to LC07.

*New Business***Xenocles Colony**

- In communications, RD5 reports no activity at Xenocles Colony.
- Motion to disband the Xenocles Colony. Passes unanimously.
- WGA will draft letter to Dean at UTA.

Andronicus Alumni Association Bylaws

- Motion to accept new bylaws of the Andronicus Alumni Association. Passes unanimously.

Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

- WGA reports on “hugely successful” meeting of Foundation in Chicago in September.
- Foundation has proposed the following directors for their board (presumptive officers noted in parentheses):
 - Nicole Dress (President)
 - Brian Swilling (Vice President)

- Lannis Kirkland (Secretary)
- Charles Nickel (Treasurer)
- Jay Mock
- Ted Ertl
- Motion to accept the proposed board passes unanimously.
- WGA to send letter to current president, Charles Nickel to inform him of GC's approval.
- WGA reaching out to potential trustees.

Proposal of Idea to Fund Endowment Through the APX Foundation

- WGE presents idea for future consideration of the Grand Council
- The fraternity's "rainy day" fund is currently invested in CDs. Proceeds of the CDs are taxed.
- If rainy day fund is entrusted to Foundation, the deposits may be withdrawn if necessary with no penalty.
- Revenue earned on deposits with the Foundation would be tax-free and can be spent on qualified educational, charitable, or research purposes.
- WGE suggests depositing the rainy day fund to create two \$50K endowments. This could be potentially one for LC & Convention educational programs and another towards establishing a National Headquarters.
- The APX Foundation needs to prepare and agree on a contract between the Grand Council and Foundation with specific terms. (This contract can be modeled after existing agreements the APX Foundation has with other organizations.) No action will take place until the Grand Council sees a contract and votes to accept it.

Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity

Travel safely!

Future Meetings

Next Regular Meeting: November 12, 2007.

Special Meeting: Next week in Ann Arbor to consider Cossutius petition. Specific time and place TBD.

Meeting adjourned

Richard L Jenkins
Worthy Grand Scribe,
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity