

Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity January 14, 2008

Attending

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator

Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe
Scott Swanson, National Director

Called to Order, Monday Jan. 14, 2008 at 9:04 EST

Minutes

Minutes from Dec. meeting were approved.

Reports

Worthy Grand Architect

- C&BL updates: still need to send official copies to WGAA, WGS, WGE, and GA.
- Motions received as of our call tonight will be distributed starting tomorrow. (PDFs to the WGS for posting to the website, hard copies sent to chapters/associations via snail mail). To date, I have received four motions.
- Convention notices mailing will be compiled and forwarded for WGS signature by this time next week.
- Requests officers to start thinking about their portion of the Grand Council report to convention, for completion by the first of March. Last year's report is available as a template, please let me know. Included as an addendum will be the WGE's financial statement so that the membership sees the most recent #'s.
- Sent message to Nominations Committee members as listed in the 60th convention minutes. Have heard from one member so far. I will make sure he/they have the information needed to complete the task, but since I am running for reelection, I will extract myself from the proceedings very shortly thereafter
- Unless the Convention Director has this on her to do list, I will send a message to all on the Master Directory to announce openings for convention officers.
- LC director and I spoke at length last Wednesday. She is already scouting sites and dates for LCo8 – will advise as more information becomes available. Would like for LC Director to work closely with Convention Director when either are scouting for host sites for either event.
- Summer meeting/retreat plans are in the works. I'm currently looking for the ideal setting: a house or cabin that will sleep at least 10, in or near the DC/Baltimore area. Any "inside knowledge" of such places to foot the bill would be greatly appreciated. The owner of one such place near Baltimore has already indicated availability, and within our price range.
- Attended the Foundation's conference call last Thursday. A contract for the LC Fund is on its way, along with materials describing various suggested funds in which to invest. President will be hosting a training retreat in Philadelphia the weekend of February 23

and it appears all Foundation board members will be attending. This week, the President will be contacting a Brother to follow up on his interest in serving as a Trustee.

- Will be attending the Apollodorus initiation this coming weekend (it was rescheduled from last weekend). This caused an increase in cost for the trip of \$100 (airfare change fee)
- Received invitation to attend Region 5 initiation held this past weekend, but could not attend. Region 5 Director called prior to the event, so I know he attended.
- Have received no return phone calls or email messages from Rhoecus Chapter.
- Have coordinated with Grand Lecturer to review plans for Cossutius installation. Ordered a document box and gavel for presentation to the new chapter.

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- Thank you notes sent to alumni who paid 5+ years in dues, nearly complete. Only 5 more to go.
- Alumni Dues Invoices. These are late. WGS will call WGAA later in the week to discuss preparing dues invoices.
- The Cleisthenes Alumni group is sending a letter out to the local Houston alumni, and Cleisthenes alumni throughout the country to gain interest in an AA. They are requesting reimbursement for their postage, which will amount to \$45.00. I would like for this to come out of the Alumni Development portion of the budget. (No objections were raised)
- Working with the committee for the Cossutius Colony Installation, which will be this weekend.
- Convention Planning: Next conference call: 1/15/08. Write ups should be ready for the website by the end of the week.

Worthy Grand Scribe

- The Archi arriving in mailboxes.
- Will visit Rabirius Chapter over upcoming weekend.
- Possible need to change APX Letter schedule since lead times may make timely distribution of Convention information a problem. Will discuss with WGAA on call, Convention Director.

Worthy Grand Estimator

- Latest spreadsheet distributed to attendees.
- Mature CDs cashed to fund bulk of \$50K Leadership Conference Endowment. Contracts circulating between officers of fraternity and APX Foundation.
- Visited Anthemios Chapter past weekend

Grand Advisor

- Working with IkTiAA for leadership handoff
- Writing an alumni "can do" list

Discussion of "missing dates" from the member database.

National Director

- Will be unable to attend Convention due to unavoidable work commitment.
- First aid program. Developed program details and necessary forms based on discussion at summer meeting. Program will be first-come, first-served requiring preapproval of funding. Announcements to be shared with RDs and chapters as well as published in the next APX Letter. Copies of announcement and S-4 form distributed prior to the meeting.
- **New business:** Motion to implement program as outlined was approved.
- ND not hearing from RD5. WGA to follow up.
- RD7 candidate has volunteered should a colony be organized in Region 7.

Old Business

Rhoecus Chapter

- WGA has made attempts to contact the chapter. Calls have not been returned.
- Motion made by the WGS and seconded by the WGE
to suspend the Rhoecus Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi for failure to pay indebtedness due to the Fraternity and denial of the authority of the Grand Council.

In addition to the charges in the motion, the Rhoecus Chapter is cited for violation of the Constitution and By-Laws. Violations include:

- Constitution, Art. VII. § 01: "Each Chapter shall be maintained by its members so as to remain financially solvent, in good standing with the Fraternity with all fees fully paid"
- Bylaws, Art. XIX § 01: "Each Chapter shall forward membership reports as required to the Worthy Grand Estimator."

After discussion, the motion passes unanimously

- WGA to notify Rhoecus Chapter of suspension. Letters will also go to university, alumni association.
- Suspension set at 2 years.

Cossutius Installation

- WGA has made received 21 returned ballots and cast 5 votes on behalf of 5 organizations that did not respond in time (NICO, RHOE, META, DOMI, APOL). These votes, all in favor, equal the 26 required to approve the petition of the Cossutius Colony.
 - No response was received from ANDR, AndrAA
 - No delivery confirmation received from HADR, MetaAA, SENE, SESH, SeshAA
- Grand Lecturer reports that plans are proceeding. Pre-Ritual activities submitted by RD8.
- Sign-in book to be arranged with other presentation items.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 18, 2008.

Annual meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008 at 10 am. Notices will be distributed.

Meeting adjourned 10:58 pm EST.

Richard L Jenkins
Worthy Grand Scribe,
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity