

# Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity February 18, 2008

## *Attending*

Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect  
Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect  
Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator  
Chooch Pickard, Expansion Director

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

**Called to Order, Monday Feb. 18, 2008 at 9:05 EST**

## *Minutes*

Minutes from Jan. meeting were reviewed. Changes to New Business/Rhoecus requested. WGS to prepare a revision for approval at Annual Meeting in March.

## *Reports*

### **Expansion Director**

- Associate Expansion Director working on expansion with Prairie View A&M with visit to campus and faculty contacts.
- Terri Brumett and ED working with schools at University of Arkansas. We should see a petition to establish a Daphnis colony soon.
- Joe Henderson and ED working with students and alumni at Demetrios.
- Flying to Pullman, WA to assist WGAA and RD7 to assist with Sostratus Pledge Ceremony.
- No other active leads at this time.

*Expansion Director excused from remainder of the call.*

### **Worthy Grand Architect**

1. Sent letter of suspension to **Rhoecus Chapter**, and notification letters to Rhoecus Alumni Association, the KU Architecture Dean, their Faculty Advisor, and the Director of Student Organizations. Thus far, have received no responses whatsoever. See #8 below for further info.
2. Made the formal pass-off to the **Nominations Committee**, requesting they fulfill their obligations to announce the following openings up for election/appointment at convention, and for FY09:

Convention President  
Convention Secretary  
WGA  
WGS

Grand Lecturer  
Expansion Director  
ND and RDs 1-8  
Archi Editor

APX Letter Editor  
National Webmaster  
National Historian  
**Executive Assistant**

As all appointments (except for GA) are annually renewed, I will be sending a message to all current appointees requesting that they let me know if they are interested in serving another term.

3. **LC08:** Have narrowed the potential host sites to two (DINO & APOL). Will have a final decision made by the end of this week and will formally announce during the GC report at convention, so I ask that we keep this information amongst ourselves only, until a formal announcement is made.
4. Will be following up with **Grand Lecturer** on Cossutius installation in order to improve processes, further define roles and responsibilities, etc.
5. Forwarded check to **APX Foundation** to establish our Leadership Conference account. Received a phone call from their outgoing treasurer that they have received the check. Incoming treasurer is waiting on a direction from us as to which fund(s) we wish to invest.
6. I've placed the order for **Cossutius'** charter and requested it be sent to WGS first for signature. WGS to coordinate signing meeting with Grand Lecturer in DC area before shipping to WGA.
7. **"So" Whitten** plaque will be given to engraver this week to have this year's recipient engraved.
8. I will be making several **WA and alumni president calls** this month, based on the list I sent in November. I will keep Rhoecus Alumni Assoc. on my list until I'm able to reach them, in order to discuss the chapter's suspension. Would ask that each of you attempt to make 3 phone calls prior to convention to check in with our chapters/AAs.
9. Attended Imhotep Chapter **training session conference call** on 1/29. ND, Education Director (for lack of official title), RD5 also were on the call. Will provide more information as requested. Otherwise, please refer to ND's report for final review of the training session itself.
10. Received phone calls from **Demetrios Control Corporation and Demetrios Alumni Association** regarding colonization progress at OSU, and requesting the Fraternity's help. I'm still waiting to hear what decisions were made during the DEME AA meeting this past weekend. Have advised the WGAA of the situation and will let her know if her assistance becomes necessary.
11. I've asked the LC Director to check on potential **summer meeting** sites in the DC area, since she was already looking in the area at one point for LC sites. Please let me know of any weekends that are already out of the **question** for you (other than 4th of July weekend).
12. Finally: **convention**. Please send me your items for the GC convention report by 2/29. I have several items on my Convention To Do list, in addition to doing my taxes, etc. and would like to have the report done by the end of the first weekend in March (3/2). Also please plan to attend the Annual GC Meeting on Thursday morning, March 13.

### Worthy Grand Associate Architect

- Convention
  - 68 registered to date with one week left in early bird registration
  - Sent copy of draft convention schedule
  - Annual meeting scheduled for Thursday morning. 9 am.
  - Banquet presentations streamlined
  - WGAA to work with WGE and ND on business meeting preparation

- Assigned times for delegate credential checks to be added to schedule. A “preflight” checklist will be prepared for delegates at Convention check-in.
- Dues invoices out this week
- Made calculation for Alumni Association award

### **Worthy Grand Scribe**

- Alumni dues notices leaving printer
- APX Medal Announcements mailed from printer. Site updated for 2008 nominations.
- Winter APX Letter cancelled due to scheduling of Convention content. Next issue in Spring.
- In Miami Feb 9, visited Nicon WA. Claims 10 pledges and building props for upcoming initiation. Says they are collecting national dues, despite lack of reports. 2 actives planning to travel to Convention. Sent follow up email informing WA that I expected to see reports by end of Feb. No response received.

### **Worthy Grand Estimator**

- Chapter reporting seems especially poor this year. Noted lack of reports from NICO (Oct), RHOE (FY), APOL (Nov), VITR (Oct), ANDR (Jan), DAED, RABR (Jan) and SENE (Jan).
- Daedalus – concerns about lack of leadership in reporting and contact from RD8.
- Seshait -- noted variation from month to month in number of active members and difference with number of students registering for Convention. Contacting chapter WE, it appears the chapter is not reporting the number of active members, but only actives from whom the WE is able to collect dues that month.
- Notes difficulty collecting S-2 information on chapter rosters

### **Grand Advisor**

- IktiAA meeting Friday with active chapter
- Been sending personal letter to IKTI alumni not currently paying dues, to good effect.

### **National Director**

- New appointments for Sostratus Colony: Dana Hennis (DAED 1989) as RD7. Camille Ganir (ANDR) as colony pledge educator. Ryan Rosen will mentor Bro. Ganir with meeting notes, quizzes and experience from COSS.
- Attended SATY rush event with RD8
- DAED: Chapter has been unresponsive to RD8’s attempts to contact them. Not sure if they are having a pledge class this year. WGAA to contact RD8 to offer assistance.
- Sponsor organization for SOST. ANDR has expressed interest to WGAA when assisting with pledge ceremony. Sponsorship role to be offered to chapter provided dues and reports brought up to date.

## *Old Business*

### **Rhoecus Chapter**

- Rhoecus Chapter has not responded to WGA’s notice of suspension

## *New Business*

### **Nicon Chapter**

- WGE moves to:  
*Suspend the Nicon Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi for failure to pay all indebtedness due to the fraternity and denial of the authority of the Grand Council*
- WGS requests consideration of the motion be delayed until the end of month to check the chapter's response and compliance with the email he sent Feb 16.
- Motion tabled until the Annual Meeting.
- WGA will send a letter to Nicon Chapter regarding this pending motion.

### **Region 7 Appointment**

- WGA moves to:  
*appoint Dana Hennis as Regional Director (7)*  
Motion passes unanimously.

### **Grand Council Delegate**

- GA to represent the GC to the 61<sup>st</sup> National Convention until the C&BL can be changed to eliminate the GC delegate.

### **Alpha Rho Chi Foundation Leadership Conference Endowment**

- WGE suggests the endowment be invested in a growth stock fund
  - Finances of the national fraternity are stable and there is little risk of the fraternity needing to use the fund's principal for rainy day needs in the next 2 years
  - The fraternity can continue to fund LC professional programs from the operating budget until the return is sufficient
  - WGE will present options from the APX Foundation by next meeting

## *Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity*

S-2 Rosters. The WGE and WGS should develop new ways of handling the S-2 reporting to improve chapter response and reduce the effort required to handle the reports. One option would be to send chapters completed reports from the database for chapters to edit with status and update changes and return.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday March 13, 2008 at 9:00 am PST. A conference line will be established for those unable to attend in person.

**Meeting adjourned 10:52 pm EST.**

**Richard L Jenkins**

Worthy Grand Scribe,  
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity