

# Grand Council Meeting Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity April 14, 2008

## *Attending*

Laura Schmidt, Worthy Grand Associate Architect  
Richard L Jenkins, Worthy Grand Scribe  
Scott Swanson, National Director

Stephen P. Janick, Grand Advisor  
Frank Kitchel, Worthy Grand Estimator  
Chooch Pickard, Expansion Director

**Excused:** Vicki J. Horton, Worthy Grand Architect

**Called to Order, Monday April 14, 2008 at 9:03 EDT**

## *Reports*

### **Worthy Grand Architect** (*report submitted via email*)

1. Will be writing follow up letter to Rhoecus Chapter to discuss retrieval of their charter and copy(ies) of Ritual.
2. LCo8: Host hotel has been identified and I signed the contract two weeks ago. The location is ideal and the rates are favorable (for Austin). LC Director and I will finalize the budget before April 30 and are doing our best to keep registration fees low this year (preliminary #'s about \$150-\$175).
3. Still need to follow up with GL on installation processes, roles, etc.
4. Summer meeting: Please continue sending your agenda items – we're going to have a busy weekend in Annapolis.
5. Attended Region 1 Founder's Day weekend hosted by Vitruvius Chapter this weekend. Great time! Roughly 90-100 actives and alumni from DOMI, RABI, SENE, VITR and META (our WGS) were in attendance. Also sat in on Vitruvius Alumni Association's annual meeting and met some really great VITR alumni brothers.
6. Thanks to WGAA for manning the wheel tonight – my sister-in-law (Kyle's little brother's wife) is in labor as I type this report at BWI, so I'll be visiting with Mason Davis Horton during the conference call.
7. I replied to a message from the Upps of DAED AA about the gold medal discussions held at convention, and some thoughts I had regarding other possible awards for Ken Kohlen. I have not heard back from them, although I did tell them that this will be an item on our agenda for summer meeting, so they may be holding out to hear from us after our meeting.
8. I still need to send out a letter to SENE about their incorporation status. Let me know if there have been any changes since our last meeting in Reno. I was unable to discuss it with the few who were at the R1 White Rose, as I never felt I had an appropriate moment.

### **Worthy Grand Associate Architect**

#### Convention

- 61<sup>st</sup> Convention – Reno  
It appears that we have not yet received our final bill from Harrah's. LB has talked to Harrah's and they are currently checking with their accounting department.

- 62<sup>nd</sup> Convention – St. Louis  
Planning for this convention is in the beginning stages. Most of the convention committee members from last year will be returning. LB has copy of the hotel contract. She will be sending it out for our review later this week. She hopes to have it finalized prior to the Summer Meeting.
- 63<sup>rd</sup> Convention 2010  
Lori Beth has submitted a few RFP's based on suggestions made at convention, and previous research done by the convention team.
- I'm thinking of writing a motion that will change the order of convention business to eliminate/revise the "suggestions for future convention sites." As it currently stands, it does not benefit the convention planner or the convention committee, and raises misconceptions about the convention planning process.

#### Alumni Development

- Alumni Dues  
We have collected over \$22,000 in Alumni dues for the 2008 Campaign. 264 brothers have paid dues. For the 2007 dues campaign, we collected over \$18,000 with a total of 295 contributing. We are on target to greatly exceed the # of dues payers in 2007.
- Life Members  
We erroneously sent out dues invoices to some of our life members. This was due to the database glitch that wiped life member #'s from the entry. The glitch has been fixed and the data has been restored.

The good news is, as far as I know, we have received very little in terms of complaints. Those I have received from WGE, I have followed up with a note, thanking them for becoming life members in the first place.

The extra super good news is, **34** of these Life-Members are paying the dues anyways. Many of them are giving donations as well. I would like to write a personal thank you to each of them. But I would like to ask you assistance, as that's a lot of people!!

#### Alumni Associations

- Domitian AA?: The alumni of Domitian chapter met on 4/5/08 to discuss the formation of their new alumni association. I have not yet received word of the outcome.
- Cleisthenes AA?: The alumni of the Cleisthenes chapter plan to meet on 4/19/08 to discuss the formation of their new alumni association.

#### Worthy Grand Scribe

- Busy with Bronze Medal nominations and Merchandise requests
- Working to assemble Spring/Summer issue of APX Letter
- Visited VITR past weekend, attending META initiation next weekend
- Planning to work to refresh colony process with ND in next month.

#### Worthy Grand Estimator

- WGE file distributed prior to meeting.
- Expecting large surplus for current fiscal year. Our obligation is to use it – wisely.

- Chapter reporting is currently good with reports received from most chapters.
- Discussion of supplemental reporting for chapters that have prepaid active dues for the semester followed by discussion of possible benefits of all chapters reporting once at start of semester (for summer meeting agenda).

### **Grand Advisor**

- Dana Habel new president of the IktaIA. Founders' Day event attended by 50 actives and alumni.

### **National Director**

- Planning RD Retreat/Training session.
  - All RDs, plus ND, WGS, Ed.D, and AED. Workshops on: facilitating annual planning sessions; implementing a successful rush; APX business basics; building trust and communication. August 1-3, Indianapolis, IN.
  - Will have hotel quote later in week. Estimate costs at \$6,000+ including travel.
  - ND given go-ahead for retreat.
- Attended Region 6 Founder's Day event in Kansas City. PYTH and META alums joined chapter, RD6, and myself.
- Attending META initiation with RD2 next weekend (April 18-19). Holding annual planning meeting workshop (train the trainer) with chapter next day (April 20).
- Developing chapter (function) checklists with RDs.
- Contacting potential RD candidates.
- Researching philanthropic events at each chapter. Received four replies to date (RDs contacting each chapter and alumni association and gathering information).
- Hosting workshop with RD1 at SENE May 17. Morning session with actives, afternoon session with recent grads to start alumni association. (In conjunction with work trip to New England.)
- Plan conference call with RD7 and SOST Pledge Educator to discuss colony progress, plan for summer activity/communication. WGAA working with RD7 to teach database usage. Discuss options for Seattle-area APX get together.
- Developing APX chapter and alumni association business basics (1 hour) workshop with RDs for LC 2008. The station-rotation program. I will not be attending LC as I have a prior commitment that weekend (know RD1 will not attend as well).
- Plan to work with WGS to expand colony education guide developed by RD8. Hope to have this completed before Summer Meeting. Gathering input from SOST process.
- Handbook for Members taskgroup is progressing and back on track to complete the project. We have placed Danielle Likvan (ANTH AA) as the lead, and she has recruited additional members representing alums, actives, and brothers who were colony members. Good representation across the board. I will be reducing my role and serve as a reviewer. Rick will stay on to provide oversight to Danielle and as subject matter expert and reviewer.
- DAED cancelled meeting with RD8. Looking to coordinate with future officers. Possibility to have WGAA participate as an outside party.
- Next RD Call is Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 9 p.m. EDT.

**Expansion Director**

- Demetrios - we should be expecting a colony petition this week.
- Daphnis - student contact is busy with final projects. Things are on hold until further notice.
- Prairie View A&M – AED is still in contact with Barry Norwood, faculty. She and another alumnus have contacted the Dean with plans to work directly with interested students.

*Old Business*

*None*

*New Business*

- Motion to invite E. Fitzpatrick to Summer Planning meeting due to interest in running for WGE. Approved.
- WGAA asks to purchase a Sam's Club membership for purchase of convention and LC supplies. Approved.

Next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2008 at 9:00 EDT.

**Meeting adjourned 10:45 pm EDT.**

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