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Objective

To organize and unite for education and professional development purposes the students of Architecture and its Allied Art in the universities and colleges of America and the alumni members of this Fraternity in order that this Fraternity may promote the artistic, scientific, and practical proficiency of its membership and the profession.

National Experience

Worthy Grand Architect (National President)

July 2021 – Present

- Serve as chairman of the Grand Council and together manage and execute the day-to-day operations of the Fraternity to serve all of the chapters, collegiate students, alumni associations, and alumni.
- Complete and execute the annual Insurance renewal for Alpha Rho Chi.
- Collaborate with our Insurance provider to revise our National Risk Management Policy and work to re-implement the Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative (FHSI).
- Review and sign off on all national contracts and review and approve the sign off all contracts of chapters and alumni associations.
- Facilitate and preside over all meetings of the Grand Council when Convention is not in session.
- Attend the annual Professional Fraternity Association (PFA) Conference to collaborate with other professional organizations and companies to help grow partnerships to benefit the Fraternity.
- Launched an educational partnership with Plaid to provide relevant educational materials to our membership.
- Established an Events Coordinator position to oversee all event planning for the Fraternity.

Worthy Grand Inspector / National Director (Chapter Operations)

July 2013 – June 2020

- Served as a voting member of the Grand Council for four (4) years and a non-voting member for three (3) years.
- Supervised a team of Regional Directors and together managed and oversaw all chapters and collegiate members of the Fraternity.
- Oversaw multiple investigations for violation of Alpha Rho Chi's Risk Management policies and issued any required mitigation measures and disciplinary action due to the investigation findings.
- Assisted in the planning, scheduling, and execution of the annual Leadership Conference.
- Visited Chapters to present modules of the Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative (FHSI).
- Attended the Fraternal Law Conference as well as trainings and presentations to build relationships and learn how to handle navigate sensitive situations.

Regional Director

July 2011 – June 2013

- Served Alpha Rho Chi chapters and alumni associations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.
- Attended various events for chapters and alumni associations to celebrate events such as founding anniversaries and other significant milestones.
- Submitted monthly reports on chapter and alumni association events, activities and any concerns or issues.
- Conducted annual visits to present risk management, general operational and educational presentations to each Chapter.
- Attended the annual Leadership Conference and Convention to assist with educational programming and business sessions.

National Pledge Educator & Colony Director

July 2005 – June 2006

- Began the process to establish the national framework for the education, development, and installation of new chapters.
- Reviewed multiple previous pledge guides and manuals to gauge the viability of establishing a National Pledge Education Program.
- Developed a presentation for Leadership Conference in 2005 to help gather input and information to help with the Pledge Education and Colony process.

Chapter Experience

Colony Director

Fall 2004

- Oversaw the Domitian Colony at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.
- Assisted the Grand Council in execution and completion of all requirements to become a chapter of Alpha Rho Chi.
- Conducted monthly visits to the NJIT campus to meet with the colony and address any concerns or issues they were encountering.
- Organized the official weekend to install the Domitian Chapter.

THON Chair

Fall 2003 – Spring 2004

- Managed Vitruvius' involvement and participation in the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON).
- Organized various fundraising events to support the 4 Diamonds Fund at Penn State Children's Hospital (the benefactor of all THON donations).
- Managed THON finances for the Alpha Rho Chi Vitruvius Chapter.

Education

The Pennsylvania State University
Bachelor of Architectural Engineering

University Park, Pennsylvania
Graduated: December 2004

Certifications

- Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP)
- City of Houston Leadership Institute Program (LIP)
- Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity Professional Fraternity (APX)

Other Professional Associations

- American Public Works Association (APWA)
- Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)

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Summary

Senior Project Manager experienced in all aspects of project management and execution, including pre-design, design, contracting and construction management with over 18 years of experience.

Experience

City of Houston

Senior Project Manager

Houston, Texas

April 2016 - Present

Storm Water Action Team (SWAT)

- Senior Project Manager for the construction of 193 SWAT Projects totaling \$64 million.
- Advertised, bid, and awarded 31 contracts totaling \$131 million.
- Manage a team of Project Managers and Inspectors who oversee the construction of all SWAT Projects.
- Coordinate and collaborate with the 11 District City Council Members to identify finalize SWAT Project locations.
- Coordinate with Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), TxDOT and the US Army Corps of Engineers during the planning, design, and construction process, as required by location.

Emergency Drainage Repair Contract

- Senior Project Manager for the construction of 22 Emergency Drainage Repair Projects totaling \$878,023.21.
- Advertised, bid, and awarded Emergency Drainage Rehab Contract to be able to immediately respond to emergency situations.
- Execute all project documents, including developing a repair plan and cost estimate on site to get the Contractor mobilized immediately.

Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) Contracts

- Allows the selection of contractor by best value to the City of Houston.
- Managed the first large scale execution of these contracts for Houston Public Works.
- Developed the selection criteria that the proposers would be evaluated on in addition to their contract bid.
- Awarded, to date, 4 contracts totaling \$32 million.

Storm Water Pump Station Review Post-Hurricane Harvey

- Managed the Engineering Consultant team for the review and investigation of 9 storm water pump stations across Houston.
- Coordinated with the consultant and Stormwater Operations GIS team to develop a database that would house all required criteria needed to fully evaluate each pump station.
- Verified and evaluated, all existing equipment and all functional and non-functional components of each pump station to determine improvements needed to bring each station back to full functional use.

Project Management System Development Team

- Participated in a focus group with various representatives of Houston Public Works to evaluate the possibility of a new project management system.
- Selected as part of a team of Subject Matter Experts (SME) across HPW to work with the developer to review all aspects of the software to ensure it had the capabilities needed for department wide use.
- Generated feedback to the developer on items that would and would work as well as items that needed to be added for fully functional use within HPW.
- Attended and participated in 40-hour training session/soft launch of the software with the developers and the team of SMEs to ensure all feedback was addressed and the system was ready to roll out department wide.

Ditch Rehab Contracts

- Senior Project Manager for the construction of 8 Ditch Rehab Projects totaling \$2.75 million.
- Advertised, bid, awarded, and managed Ditch Rehab Contracts to re-establish roadside ditches along major thoroughfares in Houston.
- Coordinated with the Stormwater Operations Ditch Maintenance team to identify project locations.

City of Houston
Project Manager

Houston, Texas
August 2009 – April 2016

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

- Project Manager for the construction of 15 different CIP's ranging from \$400,000 - \$12,000,000.
- Managed the construction of multiple CIP's concurrently and all contract documents associated with the successful execution of the project.
- Oversaw coordination and communication throughout the duration of the project between the city, Engineer of Record, Contractor, Citizens as well as County, State and Federal Agencies.

Local Drainage Work Authorization Projects (LDP)

- Project Manager for the construction of 78 Local Drainage Project storm sewer repairs totaling \$8.8 million.
- Managed the construction of multiple LDP Contracts and multiple work authorizations within those Contracts concurrently.
- Collaborated with various entities both internally and externally throughout the design and construction process.

Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Inc.
Assistant Project Manager

Baltimore, Maryland
May 2006 – May 2009

Thames Street Wharf

- Assisted in the construction management of a \$50 million, 280,000 square foot 7-story office building.
- Managed the RFI, submittal and change order process for the project.
- Supported in the estimation and buyout of an additional \$10 million tenant fit out on the top four floors.

Twelve 09 North Charles Street Condominiums

- Started and completed a \$22 million, 88-unit residential/retail complex.
- Oversaw the coordination of the structural, HVAC, electrical, plumbing and fire protection contractors to ensure no systems came in conflict during construction.
- Assisted in the bidding and awarding of subcontracts and generated the scope of work for each trade.

Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Inc.
Project Engineer

Baltimore, Maryland
February 2005 – April 2006

McClay Street Apartments

- Completed an \$18 million, 200-unit residential housing project.
- Supervised and ran the monthly owner's meetings and weekly subcontractor meetings.
- Reviewed and approved monthly subcontractor requests for payment.

Education

The Pennsylvania State University
Bachelor of Architectural Engineering

University Park, Pennsylvania
Graduated: December 2004

Additional Skills

- Capital Improvement Project Management System (CIPMS)
- Microsoft Office

Certifications

- Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP)
- City of Houston Leadership Institute Program (LIP)

Professional Associations

- American Public Works Association (APWA)
- Alpha Rho Chi Professional Fraternity

References

- Available upon request