

Grand Council Regular Meeting

Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

September 21, 2016

Attendees

Phil Buckberg, Worthy Grand Architect
Hao Phung, Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Emily Lewis, Worthy Grand Estimator
Christina Anderson, Worthy Grand Scribe
Risa Schoenfeld, Worthy Grand Lecturer
AJ Kessinger, Worthy Grand Inspector
Vicki Horton, Grand Advisor

Meeting called to order, September 21, 2016, at 6:01p.m. PDT.

The WGA motions to suspend the order of business to talk discuss the budget.

- The WGE seconds the motion
- The motion passes 7-0-0

Budget:

- We are currently over budget by approximately \$35,000
- We have run a surplus in past years and have funds available to cover the total budget, however we would like to use those funds only to cover long term investments
- Areas where we can trim the budget are:
 - Moving the publication of The Archi to next year.(\$10,000)
 - Acknowledging that the first cost of a new CRM can come out our surplus funds (15,000)
 - Reaching out to the Foundation for \$3300 of LC programming
 - Using improved data and income information to forecast the budgets for colonies
 - Reducing the historian budget and committing \$2300 to this year and \$2000 to next year's budget
- The WGA suggested approving tapping into \$25,000 of surplus funds from the CRM and the Archi
- The WGI suggests that we move the Archi production to next year to focus on the CRM transition and other Grand Council projects and produce an Archi that we can be proud of next year.

Old Business

Review of previous meeting minutes

- The WGA motions to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2016, July 1, 2016, July 29-30, 2016, and August 21, 2016 meetings.
 - The WGAA seconds the motion
 - The motion passes 7-0-0

Alumni Association Suspension

- The WGA motions to notify the Cossutius, Domitian, Nikon, and Xenocles alumni associations that they will be suspended.
- The WGA opens a discussion on alumni association suspension.
- The WGAA reports that the following alumni associations are not in good standing and have not taken corrective actions:
 - Cossutius AA
 - Domitian AA
 - Nikon AA
 - Xenocles AA
- The WGA calls the motion to question.
 - The WGAA seconds the motion.
 - The motion is approved 7-0-0.
- The WGA will send suspension letters.

New Business

Sostratus Report

- The WGI has spoken with the chapter. They are working with Washington State University. The university has requested that the chapter takes additional steps to petition with the university for affiliation. RD1 and WGI have been in contact with the chapter president.
- The WGI recommends that we do not suspend the Sostratus chapter based on the suspension letter.
- The WGI would like to work with the Sostratus WA at Leadership Conference in October.

LC update

- We have 100% registration from WA's and colony presidents as well as 3 students registered on their own.
- The programming is finalized.
- Welcome reception and dinner are not finalized yet.
- The WGA, WGI, LC planner, WGL, Colony director, and Regional Directors will be attending.
- We've rented vans to get students from the airport to the LC area.
- The WGS ask that the LC team provide the information to update the LC webpages.
- The WGS asks that the team make an announcement at LC requesting chapter updates for the APX Letter.

Alumni Days Update

- The events in San Francisco and Chicago occurred this past weekend.
- Attendance was lower than projected, but it means that everyone who attended received a great prize.
- The events in New York and Houston are happening this weekend, both have higher registrations than the first two cities.
- The food budget was reduced based on registration numbers.
- The photo booth was very successful in Chicago.
- The Eventzee City Discovery was well received by the attendees in San Francisco and Chicago.

Convention update

Portland 2017:

- A Portland site visit is planned for October to look at welcome reception locations,
- Current there is a convention team with 4 brothers looking for donations and Emma-Kate Morse shadowing WGAA to learn about convention planning.

Baltimore 2018:

- The WGAA received a quote for the National Aquarium, once their dates are released in January we will vote to see if we want to move forward.

Houston 2019:

- The WGAA is submitting the contract for the Doubletree just outside of Houston, the venue is in a convenient location.

2020:

- RFP's have been sent to Detroit and Milwaukee, it is too early to decide because our RFP is too far in advance.

DocuSign for Convention Credentials

- We will need to utilize the paid account to request images.
- We will need additional email addresses for each chapter and AA.
- WGS to reach out to Laura Schmidt to find out how she handled the ballots and advisor documents in the past.

The Rise

- The edition of The Rise will include a notice about our anti-hazing policies.
- The application for the committee to address religious symbolism in The Ritual will be included.
- We will no email copies of The Rise.

Advisor Roundtable recap

- Advisor Roundtable was small, but well received by the 5 advisors who attended.
- The advisors are impressed and excited that the event exists as a resource for our advisors.
- Michael Ambrose, OLYN advisor expressed that the fraternity has changed the way the school looks at their 2+2 architecture program.

Housing policy

- The WGL suggests that we have the RD's help investigate which chapters have unofficial houses so that we are in the clear for insurance purposes.
- The WGI confirms that we have started to look into this after the RD retreat.

GC Winter meeting

- The WGI has rooms reserved for the last weekend in January (27th-28th)

The WGA motions to adjourn the meeting.

- The WGS seconds the motion.

- The motion passes 7-0-0.

Meeting adjourned September 21, 2016 at 7:38 p.m, PDT.