

# **Grand Council Regular Meeting**

## **Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity**

### **April 23, 2017**

#### *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, April 23, 2017 at 4:04 p.m. MST.**

#### **Old Business**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

- The WGA motions to approve the meeting minutes from January and February meetings.
  - The WGS seconds the motion.
  - The motion passes 7-0-0.

#### **Master Directory Update**

- The WGA, WGE, WGS and Todd Lewis had a call with the Neon CRM representative.
- Todd Lewis is testing out the system and learning about the set up process.
- After preliminary set up and meeting a with the representative, we are finding that this system may not be the best fit for us.
- Todd is continuing to work with the system to give a final evaluation.
- The WGA is contacting two additional systems that are geared towards fraternities to have a backup plan in place in the event that Neon is not the right tool for us.

#### **Directory and Chapter Contact Info**

- The WGS contacted chapters this week asking that they establish and report permanent physical addresses to the Grand Council.
- Several follow up messages will be sent in the coming weeks as a reminder to help us get accurate information in the Master Directory.

#### **Advisor Roundtable**

- The event will be held September 15-16 in San Diego with Numisius hosting.
- Invitations to go out this week to 10 advisors who have not attended a roundtable yet.
- We will contact additional advisors if the members of the first group decline.

#### **Seshait Chapter**

- The WGL is contacting the chapter with a sample pledge education program and initiation notes.

- The WGI suggests planning to send the GA to their next initiation.

## **New Business**

### **Post Convention Survey Results**

- 66 responses to the survey
  - The respondents don't like surprises (especially related to the banquet format)
  - The respondents want more diverse workshops, however even with 8 different sessions this year, attendance at workshops did not increase.
  - There was positive feedback on the food, expedited business, and graphics.

### **White Rose Symposium**

- Kim Archer, an Apollodorus Student took the lead planning the event.
- The event was well done with regard to risk management considerations.
- There were career oriented workshops and speakers.
- The event was well attended by alumni as well as students.
- The WGS will contact Kim for a write up in the APX Letter (or possibly The Archi)

### **Alumni Directors**

- WGAA sent a letter to Catherine Berry, Maggie Mueller, and John Conway inviting them to serve as Alumni Directors.
- Catherine and Maggie both declined.
- The WGAA would like to target new directors to get fresh ideas about some of the challenges we face for alumni.

### **Alumni Directors Meeting**

- WGAA to hold Alumni Directors Meeting. Currently looking at locations.
- Boston would be to work with a new Metro Group (\$1500).
- Denver would be to work with the directors with some event planning related risk management training (\$1800).
- WGE recommends going with the location that yields the biggest benefit since the cost difference is not that big.

### **Alumni Days**

- Alumni Director, Wellbe is working with the Andronicus Alumni Association on Los Angeles activities.
- Margaret will be working with Lori Beth on Orlando activities.
- The teams will propose their ideas for the events.
- WGS recommends doing a survey after Alumni Days, similar to the one after convention, so that we can track some of the gains and feedback on this young event.

### **Fedex Account**

- The WGAA suggests we establish a FedEx business account so we can take advantage of nonprofit discount rate.
- The WGE would like to address this after summer meeting so we can gain the benefits next year.

### **Connect Conference for Event Planners**

- Jerry from Conference Direct invited the WGAA to attend this conference for event planners.
- There is no cost for the fraternity.
- This is an opportunity to explore what is out there with cities as we plan events like Alumni Days, Conventions, and Leadership Conference.
- The WGI suggests we look into sending Emma Kate as well as the WGAA.

### **PFA Membership**

- The WGE is trying to figure out who receives correspondence from PFA.
- The WGA and WGE will look into our membership status to make sure everything is up to date.

### **PFA Conference**

- The WGE thinks it would be beneficial to attend the conference this year.
- The WGE is interested in attending and will look into the cost.

### **Double Signers on Checks**

- The WGE motions to increase the limit for reimbursement checks that require a double signer from \$1000 to \$2000.
  - The WGA opens discussion on the motion.
    - With increasing costs of travel and hotel bookings it may make sense to increase the \$1000 limit in our policy.
    - The WGA proposes that we update the policy for a two year period.
    - The proposed amendment is not necessary since the policy can be evaluated at any time.
    - The WGA motions to close discussion.
      - The WGS seconds the motion.
      - The motion to close discussion passes 7-0-0
  - The GA seconds the motion.
  - The motion passes 7-0-0.

### **Regional Director Appointments**

- The WGI motions to appoint the following Regional Director Team for the 2017-2018 year:
  - Rd1- Tommy Muchnick
  - RD2 - Aaron Michael Grant
  - RD3 - Abby Crock
  - RD4 - Adam Rhoades
  - RD5- Cara Haberman
  - RD6 - Michelle Finan
  - RD7- Ricky Fryer
  - RD8 - Katie Zuefle
- The WGE seconds the motion.
- The motion passes 7-0-0.

### **Colony and Expansion Directors**

- The WGL motions to appoint Maggie Mueller as the Colony Director and Eric Lynn as

the Expansion Director for the 2017-2018 year.

- The WGA seconds the motion.
- The motion passes 7-0-0.

### **Tracking possible appointees and volunteers**

- The WGL recommends that we create a google sheet to track potential appointees and volunteers.
- The WGL will make the list, other GC members can add interested brothers.
- The GA suggests adding a help wanted page to the website.

### **Certificates backlog**

- The WGA thought we were making really good progress through certificates.
- The WGA received a box of certificates going back to 2014 from the past WGA
- The WGA has found some sets in the box that have already been re-ordered and sent out
- The WGA will work with WGE and Brice to figure out if there are any certificates in the box that have not been duplicated.
- The WGE would like to discuss overhauling the certificate system at the summer meeting.

### **Summer Meeting Planning**

- The WGI booked a HomeAway house in Chicago that can accommodate 7.
- The WGS volunteers to put together a Summer Meeting agenda.

### **Expansion**

- The Expansion Director was contacted by Hampton University in Virginia and is working with them to submit a packet of intent in Fall
- The expansion team is working with a student who will be attending Ohio State in fall.
- The University of Arizona has not submitted a packet of intent yet and is not responsive with email.
- The Expansion Director will start working Arkansas again this fall.
- The Expansion team will reach out to University of Oregon again in the future.
- Kansas State may start conversations again next year.

### **Budgets and Cost proposals**

- The WGE would like to have the budget ready for Summer Meeting.
- Please submit any budget items to WGE by June 1.

**Meeting adjourned, April 23, 2017 at 5:33 p.m. MST.**