

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

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Professional Chapters and Groups

At the beginning of this biennium, we were fortunate to gain another Professional Chapter in Boston. That brings the total to 9 active Chapters. While most remain healthy and working well together, St. Louis Professional Chapter has been struggling. Council has recognized this as a Chapter in Trouble, and I have been working with several Pro Brothers in the St. Louis area to rejuvenate it to a successful active status.

We also have an equal number of active Professional Groups across the country. One of these, Southwest Virginia Group, has interest in becoming a Chapter and discussion will take place during Conclave over its future.

The Chapters and Groups continue to support the Collegiates in their respective areas. With the rapid growth of Collegiate Chapters, it has not been an uncommon site to see Professionals working with Collegiates in support of the colonies.

Professional Representatives.

I would like to recognize two long-standing PR's who have decided to step down from their positions after long tenures as Professional Representatives. Jeff Moore, who decided not to seek reelection in 2013, and John Becker, who will not be seeking reelection this year. Their service to the fraternity has been exemplary for others. Jeff has helped out with expansion, both Professional and Collegiate, in the Northeast. John had just finished serving as PR chair in 2013. He can always be found at SC meetings and North Central District Conclaves. John, who along with OA Jen Showerman, has been instrumental in helping the National Office in archiving important aspects of the organization properly as we have moved to a new headquarters.

My also thanks to Washington Professional President Kip Nalley for chairing and moderating the discussion on Professional Representatives as directed by the Grand Chapter during the last Conclave.

Hall of Fame

The help of OA Jennifer Showerman, Zeta 1992 for her help in chairing the search committee for this biennium's hall of fame recipients. The award winners are Rudolf A. Marcus, Zeta 1965, and William N. Lipscomb, Jr., Alpha Gamma 1939.

Annual Fund

A great thanks to all of those Brothers who have donated these past two years. 2012 and 2013 have both shown small increases in contributions over previous years. In past years, the job of solicitation has fallen squarely on the shoulders of the GPA. This biennium, the entire SC has taken a roll in helping with the drive. Hopefully, the extra effort has been noticed by the brotherhood. We have seen an increase in the number of first time donors, up from 62 in 2011 to 100 in 2012 and 89 so far in this year's campaign. An increase in young professionals in the ages of 21-30. If we are to survive financially as an organization,

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these Brothers will continue to be an important contributor to our health. We have increased the number of donors to 1232 so far this year, up from both 2012 (1188) and 2011 (1218)

Reserve Fund

This biennium we have 7 new Brothers begin to donate to the Reserve Fund, bringing the total number up to 34. We have also had 3 members reach lifetime active member status by giving \$2000 within 10 years. Our thanks to these individuals.

Professional Meetings

Alpha Chi Sigma has sponsored luncheons at all the ACS National Meetings this past biennium. My great thanks to OA Gary Anderson with his continuing help in organizing on-site these luncheons in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Indianapolis, and Dallas. Next Biennium, plans are already in place to have a luncheon in San Francisco.

PR Tim Deschaines has also looked into restarting Alpha Chi Sigma Luncheons at Pittsburgh Conference, or PittCon, which hasn't been in place in over a decade.

Other Fraternal Events

This past biennium, I have had the privilege of representing Alpha Chi Sigma at the 2014 ACS meeting and presenting the ACS award for Pure Chemistry to Sara E. Skrabalak. Along with GR Johanns, GCA Webster, and GMC Wenzel, I was able to attend the 2013 PFA meeting in St. Louis, and the 2012 meeting in Rochester, NY where I got to visit with my home chapter, Beta Sigma.

I have spent time visiting several chapters, District Conclaves, and was able to attend the installation of our newest Chapters Gamma Omega at Widener University, Delta Alpha at the University of Rhode Island, Delta Beta at Alcorn State, and Delta Gamma at Georgia Southern this biennium.

My thanks to all who have helped me in my professional growth and in the performance of my office this past biennium.

Yours in the Double Bond,

Mark Evaniak, *Beta Sigma 1980*
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