## Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity Record of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conclave

Supreme Council Randy D. Weinstein, AK '90 – Grand Master Alchemist Mark N. Evaniak, B $\Sigma$  '80 – Grand Professional Alchemist Jonathan E. Wenzel,  $\Delta$  '96 – Grand Master of Ceremonies Helen M. Webster, AP '94 – Grand Collegiate Alchemist

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The Grand Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma assembled in conclave at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conclave of the Fraternity at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA for the 5 Grand Chapter session held:

July 28, 2014	Session 1	8:04 AM	87 voting members present
July 28, 2014	Session 2	2:00 PM	87 voting members present
July 29, 2014	Session 3	8:01 AM	86 voting members present
July 30, 2014	Session 4	8:07 AM	87 voting members present
July 31, 2014	Session 5	8:06 AM	87 voting members present

Grand Master Alchemist Weinstein presided. Each Grand Chapter Session was opened and closed using the Official Ritual and roll was taken. The actions of the Grand Chapter are recorded in order of motion number rather than in temporal sequence of the actions. Eighty-seven delegates were registered for Conclave. Motions to amend the Constitution required a 3/4 affirmative vote of the members registered for Conclave, which was 66. Motions to amend the Bylaws required an affirmative vote by a 2/3 majority of the members present at a given Conclave session. Resolutions required a simple majority to pass.

Motion 1

Made by: Randy D. Weinstein, GMA Seconded: Mark N. Evaniak, GPA Resolved, That the Grand Chapter adopt the Standing Rules for the 52nd Biennial Conclave as distributed. Consideration: July 28

Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 2

Made by: Randy D. Weinstein, GMA Seconded: Helen M. Webster, GCA Resolved, That the right to vote with full delegate privileges be granted to the representatives of the Colonies present for Colonies that were established prior to February 1, 2014. Consideration: July 28

Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 3 Made by: Randy D. Weinstein, GMA Seconded: Jonathan E. Wenzel, GMC Resolved, That children three years old and younger be allowed into Grand Chapter Sessions during the 52nd Biennial Conclave if they are accompanied by a member parent and may be asked to be removed if disruptive. Consideration: July 28 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 4 Made by: Helen M. Webster, GCA Seconded: Jonathan E. Wenzel, GMC Resolved, That the Grand Chapter retains the Pledge Fee at \$40 and the Lifetime Membership Fee at \$145. Consideration: July 28 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 5 Made by: Mark N. Evaniak, GPA Seconded: Jonathan Wenzel, GMC Article: III Section: G.2 Pages: 28 Lines: 47 AMMEND BYLAW III, Section G.2 Delete: ", who shall appoint a chair for the committee from among its members." Consideration: July 29 First reading: July 28 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 6 Made by: Randy D. Weinstein, GMA Seconded: Mark N. Evaniak, GPA Article: III Section: A.2.e Pages: 25 Lines: 21-22 AMMEND BYLAW III, Section A.2.e Change Section A.2.e to "e. The vitae of nominees, together with statements of their views, shall be accessible when the ballots are made available." First reading: July 28 Consideration: July 29 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 7 Made by: Randy D. Weinstein, GMA Seconded: Jonathan Wenzel, GMC Article: IX Section: D Pages: 37 Lines: 25 AMEND BYLAW IX Section D Change "Upon entry to the Order, the member will be presented with one item of jewelry" to "Upon entry to the Order, the member may either choose to be presented with one item of jewelry or may be declared an active professional member for life." First reading: July 28 Consideration: July 29 Action: Passed Unanimously as amended Motion 8 Made by: Randy D. Weinstein, GMA Seconded: Mark N. Evaniak, GPA Article: III Section: G.1 Pages: 28 Lines: 30 BYLAW III, Section G.1 Change entire section to "1. Nominating – The Grand Chapter shall have a Nominating Committee to solicit possible candidates for Grand Chapter offices and Professional Representatives, to review the qualifications of each possible candidate, and, based upon the review, nominate candidates for each Grand Chapter office and Professional

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Representative. The committee shall consist of five active members willing to serve, who will select a chair amongst themselves. The committee may nominate more than one person for any office. BYLAW III, Section G.4 Delete: "4. Each permanent Grand Chapter committee shall include at least one Professional Representative." First reading: July 28 Consideration: July 29 Action: Passed For: 66 Against: 19 Motion 9 Made by: Matt Schnippert, SEDC Seconded: Luke Williams, Gamma Beta Article: Bylaw VII Section: H, 3 Pages: 36 Lines: 14-16 Replace with: A fine shall be levied against any chapter or member of the Fraternity responsible for the loss of all or part of a copy of the ritual. This fine will be set and publicized by the Grand Master of Ceremonies. First reading: July 28 Consideration: July 29 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 10 Made by: Kip Nalley, Washington DC Professional Chapter Seconded: Sandra Lukaszewski-Rose, PR Lines: 18-26 Article: Bylaw III Section: F Pages: 28 Replace Bylaw III Section F (Page 28 Lines 18-26) with: Section F – Removal of Elected Grand Chapter Members 1. Grand Chapter Officer – Any Grand Chapter Officer may be impeached by any subordinate chapter for disloyalty to the Fraternity or dilatory discharge of duties. The impeaching chapter shall take a vote of the active subordinate chapters regarding removal of the officer. The vote shall be counted and certified by the District Counselor at a meeting of the impeaching chapter and the result forwarded to the individual members of the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council shall recognize the result of the vote and shall declare the officer removed from office if three-fourths of the chapters vote for removal. 2. Professional Representative a. Impeachment - A Professional Representative may be impeached for disloyalty to the Fraternity or dilatory discharge of duties. To impeach a Professional Representative, two members of the Grand Chapter, one of whom is a professional member and not a member of the Supreme Council, may contact the Grand Professional Alchemist in writing detailing the charges. The Supreme Council shall discuss the charges and may remove the individual from the Professional Representative position by unanimous vote. b. Appeal – A person thus removed from the Professional Representative position may appeal removal within 30 days of being notified of the vote by contacting the Grand Recorder in writing. The Grand Recorder shall then contact all professional members of the Grand Chapter, supplying them with a copy of the original allegations and a rebuttal provided by the person making the appeal. The Supreme Council's decision to remove the person from the position of Professional Representative may be overturned by a majority vote of total number of professional members of the Grand Chapter. First reading: July 28 Consideration: July 29 Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 11 Made by: Kip Nalley, Washington DC Professional Chapter Seconded: Sandra Lukaszewski-Rose, PR Article: VII Section: B Pages: 15 Lines: 32-39 Replace Article VII Section B (Page 15 Lines 32-39) with: Section B – Duties Each Professional Representative shall: 1. Serve as a member of the Grand Chapter, including attending conclaves, providing representation for professional branch members at large." 2. Report to the Grand Chapter or Supreme Council when requested. 3. Work on tasks assigned by the Grand Chapter or the Supreme Council when requested. 4. Advance the Professional branch through reasonable engagement in the following activities: a. Aid in the transition of Collegiate members to the Professional Branch. b. Work to increase the number of Professional Groups or Professional Chapters. c. Work to increase the number of active professional members of the organization. d. Advocate the Professional Branch to all members of the organization. First reading: July 29 Consideration: July 30 Action: Passed as amended Motion 12 Made by: Dani Rowles, NJ Pro Seconded: Jack Hagedorn, Epsilon Be it resolved, that the Grand Chapter extends its thanks to the city of Charlottesville and the University of Virginia for providing a gracious and welcoming background for a successful Conclave. Consideration: July 28 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 13 Made by: Sean Smith, Beta Rho Seconded: Dani Rowles, NJ Pro Be it resolved, that the Grand Chapter extends its thanks to the Faculty and Staff of the University of Virginia for providing facilities and staff to promote a successful Conclave. Consideration: July 28 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 14 Made by: Vianca Vianzon, Sigma Seconded: Derek Marin, SWDC Be it resolved that the members of the Grand Chapter extend their gratitude to the Chemistry department of the University of Virginia for their help and support during the 52nd Biennial Conclave. Consideration: July 28 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion: 15 Made by: Jack Hagedorn, Epsilon Seconded: Vianca Vianzon, Sigma Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its gratitude to the Alpha Kappa chapter for

its outstanding hospitality and commitment to the fraternity by hosting the 52nd Biennial Conclave Consideration: July 28

Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 16 Made by: Tina Sengphanlaya, Beta Eta Seconded: Sean Smith, Beta Rho Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its thanks to Geico for sponsoring these past years and during the 52nd Biennial Conclave through outreach programs and support. Consideration: July 28 Action: Passed Unanimously

## Motion 17

Made by: Tyler Smith, Gamma Theta Seconded: Jack Hagedorn, Epsilon Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter expresses its thanks to VWR, Inorganic Ventures, Thomas Scientific, Phoenix Research Products, Quark Glass, and Thermo Fisher Scientific for their financial support to Alpha Chi Sigma during the 52nd biennial conclave. Consideration: July 28

Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 18

Made by: Vianca Vianzon, Sigma Seconded: Jack Hagedorn, Epsilon Be it resolved that the members of the Grand Chapter extend their utmost gratitude and appreciation to the National Office and Staff for their help and support leading to and during the 52nd Biennial Conclave. Consideration: July 28

Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 19

Made by: Derek Marin, SWDC Seconded: Tyler Smith, Gamma Theta Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of our fraternal dead, to consider the way they enriched our lives and that of Alpha Chi Sigma. We shall sorely miss those who were elevated to the Chapter Eternal during the past Biennium. Consideration: July 28

Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 20

Made by: Kip Nalley, Washington DC Professional Chapter

Seconded: Daniel Znidersic, SCDC

Article: Bylaw III Section: 2b, 2g Pages: 25 Lines: 16-17; 29-32Change Bylaw III Section A Point 2.b (Page 25 Lines 16-17) to:

b. Each Professional Representative shall hold office for a term of no more than two years, with approximately one-half of the Professional Representatives beginning their term in any year.

Change Bylaw III Section A Point 2.g

g. If an elected Professional Representative is unwilling or unable to serve for any reason, including failure to remain an active professional member, the Grand Master Alchemist shall appoint the unelected nominee who received the next highest number of votes in the preceding election to serve as Professional Representative.

First reading: July 30Consideration: July 31Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 21 Made by: Randy D. Weinstein, GMA Seconded: Jonathan E. Wenzel, GMC Resolved, The committees established by Motions 21 and 36 at the 51st conclave be dissolved. Consideration: July 30 Action: Passed by 2/3rds voice vote Motion 22 Made by: Randy D. Weinstein, GMA Seconded: Mark N. Evaniak, GPA Resolved, that the number of Professional Representatives for the 53rd Biennium be set at eight (8). Consideration: July 30 Action: Passed unanimously as amended Motion 23 Made by: Daniel Znidersic, SCDC Seconded: Derek Marin, SWDC Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends greetings to the members of the Order of Altotus who were unable to attend the 52nd biennial conclave. Consideration: July 30 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 24 Made by: John Becker, PR Seconded: Sean Smith, Beta Rho Be it resolved that the grand chapter offer its thanks and congratulations to the following brothers for outstanding performances as cast members for the conclave initiation at the 52nd Biennial Conclave: Oliver Penrose, Dr. John Adams, Lauren Abbott, Isaac Falk, Grayson Johnson, Eric Stevens, Charles McAnany, Stephanie Bates, Chantel Bailey, Berk Ekmekci, Yi-Ting Liu, Graham Frazier, and Nicholas Offerjost Consideration: July 30 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 25 Made by: Sean Smith, Beta Rho Seconded: John Becker, PR Be it Resolved that the Grand Chapter offers its thanks to Mitch Crane for an inspiring and informative expert keynote speech. Consideration: July 30 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 26 Made by: Jack Hagedorn, Epsilon Seconded: Shane Stone, Pi AMEND CONSTITUTION VIII Change entire section to "The Order of Altotus shall consist of all past Grand Master Alchemists, except those removed from office, and other specially chosen active Professional members. Each member of the Order will be considered an active professional member for life." AMEND BYLAW IX Section D Change entire section to "The Order of Altotus Jewelry shall be reserved exclusively for the members of the Order. Upon entry to the Order, the member may choose to be presented with one item of jewelry."

First reading: July 30 Consideration: July 31

Action: Passed Unanimously as amended

Motion 27

Made by: Laura Walkup, PRSeconded: Kathryn Cavanaugh, PRArticle: VISection: CPages: 15Lines: 3-10

Replace Article VI Section C (Page 15, Lines 3-10) with:

Section C-- Duties

Each District Councilor shall:

1. Maintain close contacts with the chapters in the district, acting as an advisor on behalf of the Supreme Council;

2. Visit each chapter in the district at least once each year or designate a representative to make the visit;

3. Preside over district meetings;

4. Place on probation, subject to the approval of the Supreme Council, any chapter in the district which fails to comply with Fraternity requirements;

5. Attend Conclaves and vote on Grand Chapter legislation; and

6. Act as a nonvoting ex officio member of all policy-determining committees of each Collegiate Chapter in the district.

First reading: July 30Consideration: July 31Action: Passed

Motion 28

Made by: Sarah Pickett, CDCSeconded: Derek Marin, SWDCBe it resolved that the Grand Chapter pause for thoughts and prayers for Brother FrankOmana during his current health crisis.Consideration: July 31Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 29 Made by: Daniel Znidersic, SCDC Seconded: Derek Marin, SWDC Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its congratulations to the newest brothers: Katurah Roell, Conclave Initiate and Dr. Walter Dean Harman, Honor Initiate. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 30

Made by: Tina Sengphanlaya, Beta Eta Seconded: Sean Smith, Beta Rho Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its thank to the Brothers for the poster provided this 52nd Biennial Conclave by promoting the second object. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 31 Made by: Daniel Znidersic, SCDC Seconded: Mark N. Evaniak, GPA Let it be resolved, the Grand Chapter extends its appreciation to the 1910 Ritual team for an inspiring performance. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 32 Made by: Sean Smith, Beta Rho Seconded: Tina Sengphanlaya, Beta Eta Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter would like to extend its congratulations to the Alpha Chi Sigma scholars Amy Pochodylo, Alpha Upsilon 2011 and Jenna Silverman, Gamma Nu 2012. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 33 Made by: Tyler Smith, Gamma Theta Seconded: Daniel Znidersic, SCDC Be it resolved, the Grand Chapter extends its congratulations to William Lipscomb Jr. of the Alpha Gamma chapter, 1939 and Dr. Rudolph A. Marcus of the Zeta chapter, 1965 on their induction into the 2014 Alpha Chi Sigma Hall of Fame. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 34 Made by: Vianca Vianzon, Sigma Seconded: Derek Marin, SWDC The Grand Chapter congratulates Dr. Andrea Martin, Gamma Omega '10, as the recipient of the 2014 Ronald T. Pflaum Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 35 Made by: Vianca Vianzon, Sigma Seconded: Sean Smith, Beta Rho Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its heartfelt and brotherly thanks to GMA Randy D. Weinstein for his years of service to the Fraternity and as a member of the Supreme Council. May you always be ready with your advice and wisdom whether it is solicited or not. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously

Motion 36 Made by: Derek Marin, SWDC Seconded: Vianca Vianzon, Sigma Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its thanks and congratulations to the 2014 Kuebler Award recipient: D. Mitch Levings, P.E. Beta Delta 1975, Order of Altotus. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously Motion 37 Made by: Nai Saephanh, Alpha Alpha Seconded: Bryan Chin, Beta Mu Colony of Beta Gamma Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter directs the Supreme Council to consider for all future biennial Conclaves inviting, and reimbursing normal Conclave expenses for, two Brothers – a delegate and a non-delegate - of new collegiate chapters and collegiate chapters participating in expansion efforts with interest groups. A collegiate chapter should be considered as new if it is within the first five years by date of installation. Consideration: July 31 Action: Passed Unanimously

## **Election of Grand Chapter Officers**

The Nominations Committee put forth the following candidates for office: Mark Evaniak for GMA, Jonathan Wenzel for GPA, Helen Webster for GCA, and Kip Nalley and Calvin Bond for GMC. Calvin Bond withdrew his name from consideration. The slate of candidates was approved by acclimation.

 $53^{rd}$  Biennium Supreme Council (in order of Seniority) Mark N. Evaniak, B $\Sigma$  '80 – Grand Master Alchemist Jonathan E. Wenzel,  $\Delta$  '96 – Grand Professional Alchemist Helen M. Webster, AP '94 – Grand Collegiate Alchemist Kip Nalley, – Grand Master of Ceremonies

Respectfully submitted,

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