Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity Minutes of the 50th Biennial Conclave

Supreme Council

John N. Stipp, E '89– Grand Master Alchemist Jennifer M. Showerman, Z '92 – Grand Collegiate Alchemist William H. Courtney IV, Δ '91 – Grand Professional Alchemist Randy Weinstein, AK '90 – Grand Master of Ceremonies

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The Grand Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma assembled in Conclave at the 50th Biennial Conclave of the Fraternity in the lecture room 201 of the Morton Hall of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio for six Grand Chapter Sessions held:

August 4, 2010, 8:09 am	Session 1	76 members present
August 4, 2010, 2:14 pm	Session 2	75 members present
August 5, 2010, 8:05 am	Session 3	74 members present
August 6, 2010, 8:06 am	Session 4	75 members present
August 6, 2010, 3:31 pm	Session 5	76 members present
August 7, 2010, 9:00 am	Session 6	76 members present

GMA Stipp 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 the temporal sequence of the actions.

Motion 1

Ву	John Stipp, GMA	First Reading:	8/4/10
Second	Jennifer Showerman, GCA	Action:	8/4/10

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter adopt the Standing Rules for the 50th Biennial Conclave as distributed.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 2

By	Jennifer Showerman, GCA	First Reading:	8/4/10
Second	Randy Weinstein, GMC	Action:	8/4/10

Resolved, That the right to vote with full delegate privileges be granted to the representatives of the Colonies present.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 3

By John Stipp, GMA First Reading: 8/4/10 Second William Courtney, GPA Action: 8/4/10

Resolved, That children three years old and younger be allowed into Grand Chapter Sessions during the 50th Biennial Conclave if they are accompanied by a member parent.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 4

Ву	William Courtney, GPA	First Reading:	8/4/10
Second	Randy Weinstein, GMC	Action:	8/4/10

Resolved, That the number of Professional Representatives for the 51th Biennium be set at 10.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 5

By	Randy Weinstein, GMC	First Reading:	8/4/10
Second	Jennifer Showerman, GCA	Action:	8/4/10

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter concur with Supreme Council Proposition 4271 retaining the Pledge Fee at \$40 and the Lifetime Membership Fee at \$145.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 6

By	John Stipp, GMA	First Reading:	8/4/10
Second	Jennifer Showerman, GCA	Action:	8/4/10

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter affirm the risk management policy as revised and adopted by the Supreme Council on June 13, 2010.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 7

By	William Courtney, GPA	First Reading:	8/4/10
Second	Randy Weinstein, GMC	Action:	8/4/10

Resolved, That in order to add value to its membership, the Grand Recorder is directed to investigate agreements with companies to provide discounted products or services for our members. Agreements will be reviewed and approved by the Supreme Council. The success of these programs will be reviewed at the 51st Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 8

By John Stipp, GMA First Reading: 8/4/10 Second Randy Weinstein, GMC Action: 8/5/10

Modify the Constitution and Bylaws as follows: (Changes in bold. Underline indicates additions, strikethroughs indicate deletions.)

Constitution Article III

Section B - Jurisdiction and Duties

The Supreme Council is empowered to:

- 1. Transact business of the Fraternity.
- 2. Make expenditures from the Grand Treasury, including the investment of funds of every kind.
- 3. Fix the time and place for conclave.
- 4. Issue Collegiate and Professional Chapter charters.
- 5. Revoke **or suspend** the charter of any subordinate chapter.
- 6. Meet at least once each year, or at the call of the Grand Master Alchemist, or upon the written request of three members of the Supreme Council.
- 7. Expel members for cause.
- 8. Publish a journal.
- 9. Choose a Certified Public Accountant to audit annually the accounts of the Grand Recorder.
- 10. Remove from office any subordinate chapter officer who fails to discharge the duties of the office in the proper manner.

Bylaws Article 1

Section C - Expulsion (Collegiate and Professional)

1. Expulsion of a member upon the revocation of a charter: When a charter is <u>suspended or</u> revoked, the Grand Collegiate Alchemist, if the chapter was a Collegiate Chapter, or the Grand Professional Alchemist, if the chapter was a Professional Chapter, shall make a complete investigation to determine the responsibility for the incidents leading to the <u>suspension or</u> revocation of the charter. If the Grand Collegiate Alchemist or the Grand Professional Alchemist determines that any member has committed any act that warrants expulsion, the Grand Collegiate Alchemist or Grand Professional Alchemist shall present a complete record of the case, with recommendations, to the Supreme Council. The member in question may be expelled by a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council.

Bylaws Article 2

Section C - Probation

- 1. Failure of a Subordinate Chapter to comply with Fraternity law shall be reported promptly to the District Counselor, who shall investigate and assist the chapter to correct its procedure.
- 2. If the Supreme Council finds just cause to place a Subordinate Chapter on probation or finds that the chapter has failed to comply with Fraternity law, it shall notify the chapter's District Counselor. The District Counselor shall then place the Subordinate Chapter on probation.
- 3. When a chapter is placed on probation, its charter shall be confiscated and forwarded by the District Counselor to the Grand Recorder, who shall retain possession during the period of probation.
- 4. A chapter on probation shall tender reports at least monthly to the District Counselor.
- 5. Probation will continue until the charter is reinstated <u>or suspended</u> by a majority vote of the Supreme Council or revoked by a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council.

<u>Section D – Suspension</u>

- 1. A chapter failing to comply with Fraternity law may have its charter suspended by majority vote of the Supreme Council.
- 2. A subordinate chapter that has had its charter suspended shall cease to operate as or be recognized as an active chapter of the Fraternity.
- 3. A chapter's suspension shall be for a stated period of time within the discretion of the Supreme Council.
- 4. At the end of the stated time period, the suspension will be lifted and the one of the following actions shall be taken.

- a. The chapter will be returned to full active status by a majority vote of the Supreme Council.
- b. The chapter will be placed on probation by a majority vote of the Supreme Council.
- c. The chapter's charter will be revoked by a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council.

Section **DE** - Inactive Chapters

1. The Supreme Council shall declare a Subordinate Chapter inactive if no activity has been reported for three consecutive years.

2. A chapters whose charter has been suspended or revoked shall be considered to be de facto inactive.

- 23. When a chapter is declared inactive, all property of the chapter, except that provided for by incorporation, shall pass to the Grand Chapter, in trust. The Supreme Council shall liquidate such assets as are required to pay claims against the chapter so far as the assets will permit. If the chapter is not reactivated within five years, the Grand Chapter may dispose of any residue in any manner it sees fit.
- 34. When a chapter becomes inactive, the Grand Chapter shall receive and retain the charter, records, and regalia of the chapter.
- **45**. The Grand Chapter shall be the sole representative and authorized agent of the inactive chapter in all matters.

Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.

This motion PASSED by a 72 FOR and 1 AGAINST vote.

Motion 9

By Geoff Giarmo, NEDC First Reading: 8/5/10 Second Ethan Murnahan, GLDC Action: 8/6/10

Amend the Bylaws Article 3, Section A,1,c (page 25, line 25):

Strike \$25 and insert at that point \$250.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 10

By Juan Nunez, Beta Eta First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Amanda Ferguson, SCDC Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter requests the Supreme Council to appoint a committee, led by the Grand Recorder, to develop guidelines for collegiate chapters on how to enter contractual obligations with third party organizations. The committee should solicit advice from chapters with experience in making such contracts. The guidelines should be distributed to all collegiate chapters by the 51st Biennium Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 11

By John Becker, PR First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Jeff Moore, PR Action: 8/6/10 The Grand Chapter directs the Supreme Council to conduct a thorough review of the minutes of the Conclaves and of the Supreme Council meetings held during the past three biennia to correct errors of fact, omission, and format. These sets of corrected and approved minutes shall be posted to the secure area of the website by January 31, 2011, and the obsolete sets removed.

This motion FAILED by voice vote.

Motion 12

By	Tony Thompson, Gamma Omicron	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Tom Twardowski, Del Valley Pro	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Supreme Council budget \$50 per Subordinate Chapter per school year (Fall – Spring) for defraying the cost of one active member receiving certified (Red Cross) First Aid/CPR training where/when feasible.

Motion 12 was amended as follows: "Insert "eg." in front of Red Cross and "per chapter" and after member" in a motion by Tom Twardowski, Delaware Valley Pro and Jeff Moore, PR. The amendment passed by voice vote.

This motion FAILED by voice vote.

Motion 13

By	Tom Twardwoski, Del Valley Pro	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Pete Ritter	Action:	8/7/10

Amend the Bylaws as follows:

Article 2, Section A,1,f (page 22 line 43) strike "The Chapters of Alpha Chi Sigma" and insert at that point "The Grand Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma"

Article 2, Section A,1,g (page 22 line 50) strike "active subordinate chapters" and insert at that point "Grand Chapter"

Article 2, Section A, 1, h (page 23 line 1) strike "chapters" and insert at that point "Grand Chapter"

Article 2, Section A, 1, h (page 23 line 2) strike "chapter" and insert at that point "Grand Chapter member"

This motion FAILED by a 9 FOR and 66 AGAINST vote.

By	Don Cole, PR Tony	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Pete Ritter, PR	Action:	8/7/10

ARTICLE 6 - PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

- 1. Any member of the Fraternity may attend meetings or functions of a Professional Group.
- 2. A Professional Group shall be identified by its locality.
- 3. Each Professional Group shall:
 - a. Hold at least two meetings per year.
 - b. Keep a record of its membership.
 - c. Actively support the Professional Branch to as great an extent as possible.
 - d. Engage in fraternal activities for the good of the order.
 - e. Provide an annual activity and membership report to the Grand Professional Alchemist.
- 4. Failure to meet these requirements may result in a revocation of the recognition of the Professional Group by the Grand Professional Alchemist.

Replace Article 2, Section B,1 (page 23 line 17):

Five or more Professional members, including at least one active Professional member, residing in the same locality may petition the Grand Professional Alchemist to form a Professional Group. The Grand Professional Alchemist, upon receipt of the petition, may authorize the creation of a Professional Group.

Append to Article 2, Section B,2,a (page 23, line 29):

and consist of eight or more active professional members.

This motion FAILED by a 24 FOR and 51 AGAINST vote. A motion to reconsider was made and seconded but failed by voice vote.

Motion 15

Ву	Pete Ritter, PR	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Susan Shuping, PR	Action:	8/6/10

Resolved, that the Supreme Council is directed to appoint a committee to investigate and, if feasible, implement an ongoing program to regularly provide books and other sources of reference authored by brothers to our chapters, to be maintained by the chapters as appropriate.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

By	Pete Ritter, PR	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Don Cole, PR	Action:	8/6/10

Resolved, that the GR is directed to annually report the number of brothers who have completed a Professional Induction Ceremony or Professional Recognition Ceremony.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 17

Ву	Don Cole, PR	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Sarah Pickett, PR	Action:	8/7/10

RESOLVED by the Grand Chapter of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity, that the Grand Professional Alchemist is directed to form a committee tasked with researching the qualifications, responsibilities and geographic distribution of the Professional Representatives. The committee shall consider the following:

- 1) Divide the country into Professional Regions based on the total population of the Professional Branch,
- 2) Determine the qualifications for candidates of the office of Professional Representatives.
- 3) Enumerate the responsibilities of the Professional Representatives
- 4) Determine the required interaction among the Professional Representatives, the District Counselors and collegiate chapters.

The Grand Professional Alchemist shall form this committee and report the roster to the Grand Recorder no later than 1 December 2010. The committee shall be chaired by the Grand Professional Alchemist.

The Grand Professional Alchemist shall deliver an interim report to the Supreme Council on the committee's progress no later than 1 December 2011. The Supreme Council shall determine at this time whether the committee shall continue work or be discharged.

Should the committee be granted permission by the Supreme Council to continue work, it shall prepare a draft legislative proposal for the Supreme Council no later than 1 June 2012 to be considered at the 51st Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

The original motion was replaced by unanimous consent. An amendment that deleted a section that defined the make-up of the committee was made by John Becker, PR and Christa Dahman, Beta Nu. The amendment to the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

By	John Becker, PR	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Calvin Bond, NWDC	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter requests the president of the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation to send a thank-you letter to a brother's employer for allowing that employee to attend the 50th Biennial Conclave if the Brother so requests.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 19

By	Calvin Luzum, Alpha Theta	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Aline Collin, Beta Delta	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extend its congratulations to the 2010 Kuebler Award recipient Edward Schneider, OA, Beta Delta 1942.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 20

By	Victoria Constant, Gamma Tau	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Alison Kleiner, Gamma Theta	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extend its heartfelt and brotherly thanks to GMA John Stipp 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.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 21

By	Claudia Brodkin, ECDC	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	John Becker, PR	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the grand chapter extend its thanks and congratulations to the 2010 Alpha Chi Sigma Hall of Fame inductees: Dr. Gregory R. Choppin, Beta Iota, 1970 Dr. William Albert Noyes, Sr. Zeta 1912

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 22

By	Keith Rich, Beta Phi	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Douglas Young, Mu	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the members of the Grand Chapter express their gratitude and utmost thanks to the Gamma Nu organizers of the 2010 Biennial conclave:

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 23

By Calvin Bond, NWDC First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Alison Kleiner, Gamma Theta Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter express its thanks to the National Office Staff for all of their hard work at the 50th Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 24

By Claudia Brodkin, ECDC First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Victoria Constant, Gamma Tau Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the members of the Grand Chapter extend its thanks and congratulations to Gamma Nu Chapter for a very successful 50th Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 25

By Douglas Young, Mu First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Calvin Luzum, Alpha Theta Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extend its thanks to the city of Athens, OH and Ohio University for providing a gracious and welcoming background for a successful Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 26

By Aline Collin, Beta Delta First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Victoria Constant, Gamma Tau Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolve that the Grand Chapter extend it thanks to Ohio University for hosting the 2010 John R. Kuebler Awards Banquet and the 50th Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 27

By John Becker, PR First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Alison Kleiner, Gamma Theta Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extend its congratulations to the Newest Brothers: Honor Initiate: Dr. Tadeusz Malinski Conclave Initiate: Carolyn Khurshid

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 28

By Calvin Bond, NWDC First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Keith Rich, Beta Phi Action: 8/6/10

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.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 29

Ву	Claudia Brodkin, ECDC	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Alison Kleiner, Gamma Theta	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extend greetings to the members of the Order of Altotus who were unable to attend the 50th Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 30

By	Victoria Constant, Gamma Tau	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Calvin Luzum, Alpha Theta	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its congratulations to the following Alpha Chi Sigma Scholars: 2009: Anastasia Barrier, Gamma Upsilon; 2010: Nicholas Bencivenga, Mu

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 31

Ву	Aline Collin, Beta Delta	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	Alison Kleiner, Gamma Theta	Action:	8/6/10

The Grand Chapter congratulates Brother Mary Kinsel, chapter advisor to the Beta Psi Chapter, on her selection as the recipient of the 2010 Ronald T. Pflaum Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

By	Keith Rich, Beta Phi	First Reading:	8/6/10
Second	John Becker, PR	Action:	8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extend its thanks and congratulations to the following Brothers for their outstanding performance as cast members for the Honor and Conclave Initiations at the 50th Biennial Conclave: Dr. Lauren McMills, Gamma Nu 2001; Katie Surckla, Gamma Nu 2008; Preston Roeper, Gamma Nu 2009; Colin Kruse, Gamma Nu 2010; David Gordon, Gamma Nu 2010; Anthony Vallance, Gamma Nu 2008; Krystyna Chisholm, Gamma Nu 2008; Spencer Richardson, Gamma Nu 2010; Rachael Kyper, Gamma Nu 2008; Brent Lawson, Gamma Nu 2010; Craig Szmanski, Iota 2000; Christa Dahman, Beta Nu 2007; Joshua Stenger, Epsilon 2002; Chuck Carroll, Zeta 1990.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 33

By Aline Collin, Beta Delta First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Claudia Brodkin, ECDC Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter shall recognize and thank the crew and stagehands that made the Model Initiation a success: Randi Ress (coordinated ceremony), Gamma Nu 2008; Mike Raffay, Iota 2003; Ben Wegenhart, Gamma Nu 2005; Lauren Sullivan, Beta Nu 2002; Hannah Bowman, Beta Nu 2006; Laura Walkup, Beta Psi 2005.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 34

By Helen Webster, ACDC First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Stephanie Bates, Washington Pro Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Supreme Council is directed to appoint a Risk Management Policy champion to prepare supplemental information to better support the entire risk management policy (including but not limited to sexual harassment, discrimination, and alcohol-related issues) for use by all members of the fraternity. This information will include the necessary contact information for reporting incidents and requesting information regarding the risk management policy. Each chapter should supply information for local crisis hotline(s). These supplements are to be available by June 30, 2011. The supplemental information would be made available on the Fraternity's website.

The motion was amended removing the requirement for chapters to provide local crisis hotline information. The amendment was made by Geoff Giarmo, DC and John Becker, PR. The amendment passed by voice vote.

This motion FAILED by a 34 FOR to 41 AGAINST vote.

Motion 35

By Douglas Young, Mu First Reading: 8/6/10

Second Erin Duffy, Pi Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that when star chapter awards are determined, chapters shall receive notification why they did not receive the next higher award.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 36

By Matthew Smarte, Alpha Rho First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Tony Thompson, Gamma Omicron Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Supreme Council is requested to form a committee to investigate the logistics of ensuring that each subordinate chapter have one active brother trained in First Aid/CPR. The findings of the committee should be reported at the 51st Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 37

By GMA John Stipp, GMA First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Randy Weinstein, GMC Action: 8/6/10

The Grand Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma extends it's thanks to Buffalo Wild Wings and its staff for hosting the lead and mercury rounds of the Hexagon Olympics.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 38

By Jay Sekhon, Alpha First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Melissa Ward, NDC Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved, that the Grand Chapter directs the Supreme Council to form a committee to develop guidelines for social media submissions, including, but not limited to, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, etc. This committee shall present these guidelines at the 51st Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 39

By Calvin Bond, NWDC First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Melissa Ward, NDC Action: 8/6/10 Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter shall recognize and thank all who contributed to the performance of the Professional Induction Ceremony during the 50th Biennial Conclave:

Abbey DeGraffenreid (Coordinator), Alpha Omega 1995

Oliver Penrose, Gamma Theta 2003

Christy Gesell, Epsilon 1994

Sarah Pickett, Gamma Theta 2000

Pete Ritter, Gamma Thetat 1989

Jeff Moore, Alpha Omega 1996

Don Cole, Iota 1997

Chuck Carroll, Zeta 1990

Mistti Ritter, Gamma Theta 1992

Stephanie Bates, Alpha Rho 1995

Daniel Znidersic, Alpha Epsilon 2003

Helen Webster, Alpha Rho 1994

Susan Shuping, Epsilon 1991

Eric Haas, Sigma 1998

Jennifer Duff, Gamma Iota 1998

Jen Shapiro, Beta Psi 2003

John Becker, Iota 1986

Katie Riley, Alpha Rho 2004

Craig Szymanski, Iota 2000

Claudia Brodkin, Gamma Iota 2002

Mark Sahara, Alpha Omega 2004

Kate Cavanaugh, Alpha Theta 2003

Kip Nalley, Alpha Sigma 1990

Bob Stevens, Beta Delta 1979

Cassie Watson, Alpha 2000

Bec Shane, Gamma Theta 2003

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 40

By Calvin Bond, NWDC First Reading: 8/6/10 Second Aline Collin, Beta Delta Action: 8/6/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter would like to extend its sincere thanks to David Noyes for accepting Dr. William Albert Noyes, Sr.'s Hall of Fame induction on his behalf.

This motion PASSED by voice vote.

Motion 41

By Pete Ritter, PR First Reading: 8/7/10 Second John Stipp, GMA Action: 8/7/10 The Grand Chapter shall show its appreciation in the most appropriate fashion to Laura Courtney for her dedication to the fraternity by taking care of Cheeseology and letting GPA William Courtney Attend the 50th biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 42

By	Tom Twardowski, Del. Valley Pro	First Reading:	8/7/10
Second	Bill Courtney, GPA	Action:	8/7/10

Be it resolved that the Grand Professional Alchemist is instructed to form a committee to evaluate the formula governing the ratio of collegiate to professional representation in the Grand Chapter and report back by the 51st Biennial Conclave.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion 43

By	Jennifer Showerman, GCA	First Reading:	8/7/10
Second	John Stipp, GMA	Action:	8/7/10

Resolved, the Grand Chapter express its thanks to the Widener pre-colony for sending a representative to conclave. Their enthusiasm for the Fraternity is evident and we applaud their initiative and wish them success in becoming a fully credentialed chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity.

This motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Grand Chapter Officers

The Nominations Committee reported the following nominations to the Grand Chapter at the 2nd Grand Chapter Session:

Grand Master Alchemist Jennifer Showerman

Grand Professional Alchemist Mistti Ritter and Howard Mayne

Grand Collegiate Alchemist Randy Weinstein

Grand Master of Ceremonies Mark Evaniak and Jon Wenzel

All candidates were allowed to make a statement to the Grand Chapter and answer questions during the 5th Grand Chapter Session. The floor was opened nominations for from the floor but none were made. Consistent with the Standing Rules nominations closed at the end of the 5th Grand Chapter Session. Election of the Grand Chapter Officers for the 51st Biennium took place at the 6th Grand Chapter Session.

The Grand Chapter elected Jennifer Showerman as Grand Master Alchemist by acclamation.

Consistent with the Standing Rules a coin was flipped to determine the order of the elections of the most contested offices. The election of the contested office of Grand Master of Ceremonies was held next. The candidates left the Grand Chapter room to allow discussion and returned following the discussion. By secret ballot the Grand Chapter elected Mark Evaniak as Grand Master of Ceremonies: Mark Evaniak, 41 votes; Jon Wenzel, 34 votes; 1 abstention.

Brother Wenzel declined to be considered for the Office of Grand Professional Alchemist. The candidates left the Grand Chapter room to allow discussion and returned following the discussion. By secret ballot the Grand Chapter elected Mistti Ritter as Grand Professional Alchemist: Mistti Ritter, 59 votes; Howard Mayne, 16 votes; 1 abstention.

Brother Wenzel indicated that he did not wish to run for the office of Grand Collegiate Alchemist. The Grand Chapter elected Randy Weinstein Grand Collegiate Alchemist by acclamation.

A coin was flipped to determine the order of seniority on the council as Mark Evaniak and Mistti Ritter had identical years of service (none). Brother Mistti Ritter won the coin toss.

Based on length of service on the Supreme Council the order of seniority and order of succession for the 51st Biennium is:

Grand Master Alchemist
Grand Collegiate Alchemist
Grand Professional Alchemist
Grand Master of Ceremonies

Jennifer Showerman
Randy Weinstein
Mistti Ritter
Mark Evaniak

The Grand Chapter Officers for the 51st Biennium were installed according to Ritual at an Extraordinary Session of the Grand Chapter held on the evening of August 7, 2010. At that session the Supreme Council, by proposition 4291, designated Patrick J. Johanns as Grand Recorder and Marena Humphress as Assistant Grand Recorder for the 51h Biennium. Brother Johanns was duly installed according to Ritual. Following the installation of officers, GMA Showerman declared the 50th Biennial Conclave of Alpha Chi Sigma closed.

Patrick J. Johanns, Alpha Theta 1981 Grand Recorder