

**Supreme Council Meeting
January 17-18, 2015
Courtyard by Marriott Indianapolis Castleton**

The Supreme Council met in the Meeting Room B of the Marriot Courtyard in Castleton, Indiana following an evening of informal discussions and pizza. Present were GMA Mark Evaniak BΣ '80; GCA Helen Webster AP '94; GPA Jonathon Wenzel Δ '96; GMC Kip Nalley AΣ '90; GR Patrick J. Johanns, AΘ '81 and AGR Marena Humphress. Present for some of all of the meeting were: Merryn Cole AΘ '03, John Becker I '86, Timothy O. Deschaines M '02, Christy Gesell E '94, Jen Schnippert GB '03, Kerri Federico M '08, Chuck Carroll Z '90, and Harold Cowan I '88 Michael Clager, GI '89

The meeting was called to order at 8:20am after a buffet breakfast in the meeting room. GMA Evaniak welcomed all in attendance and discussed the agenda. No attendees reported conflicts of interest with any topics on the agenda.

GMA

1. Nominating Committee – Calvin Bond has been appointed as the new committee chair.
2. Installation of Delta Delta – Installation went well and the occasion allowed good informal discussions for the SC.
3. Foundation actions – In chats with Sherrie Settle as president of the Alpha Chi Sigma Education Foundation to discuss items. It might be appropriate to ask them to finance the sending of members to the PFA leadership conference in June.
4. Chemical Heritage Foundation – Paracelsus level and above will get subscriptions.
5. Harassment – Reports of harassment between collegiate members is a matter of concern. We will discuss what actions we can take to be proactive on this matter.

GCA

6. DCs
 - a. They are working hard and a mentoring program has been set up to integrate the 7 new DCs into the job. DC chats have been happening on Google Chat.
 - b. Their budget line was used up but that means that they were getting out and visiting chapters.
7. Expansion (Groups)
 - a. Philadelphia University, Kappa Reactivation at the University of Kansas, and Winthrop University – We hope to move these groups to colony status at the end of the spring semester.
 - b. We have relatively new or brand new collegiate groups at Oregon State University, Christopher Newport University and Northern Illinois University.
 - c. We have also received paperwork from Westminster University in Missouri.
 - d. We are waiting to confirm with Delta Chapter that they will be the parent for them, before we vote.
 - e. There is strong interest at the University of Chicago, University of Evansville, Florida A&M University, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, and Shepard University in West Virginia.

- f. **Midwestern University** – The students at this professional school stated that they did not have the time for Alpha Chi Sigma, with all of the other organizations available on campus. Permission to initiate students from this campus was withdrawn in August by the Supreme Council.
- 8. **Expansion (Colonies)**
 - a. **Albion College** – It is the opinion of the GCA and their DC that Albion College be granted colony status. The Supreme Council approved proposition 4527 moving them to Colony status with Alpha Beta as a parent chapter.
- 9. **Beta Mu** - The SC approved Proposition 4528 reactivating Beta Mu chapter effective January 17, 2015.
- 10. **MOP's** – These are done being revised and will be ready to distribute soon.
- 11. **Chapters at risk**
 - a. Beta Phi is doing great.
 - b. Gamma Upsilon is off probation.
 - c. Gamma Phi is currently on probation and has low membership this fall but got a good pledge class this fall. They think they have a new Chapter Adviser lined up.

GPA

- 12. **Professional Representatives**
 - a. The GPA spoke to PRs about what they would like to achieve. They would like some direction on activities for them to address. Several of the PRs have been involved in expansion efforts.
 - b. They will have their first meeting of the year before the end of January where they will elect their chair.
 - c. A template has been prepared for PR Annual Reports.
 - d. New PRs have been paired with Senior PRs this year.
- 13. **Society meetings**
 - a. **Spring ACS meeting** – There will be a luncheon at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Factory at the Spring ACS meeting in Denver.
- 14. **KC Pro** – KC Pro Group is preparing their petition to become a Chapter.
- 15. **St Louis Pro**
 - a. They have achieved all of the conditions of their probation except for the divestment of the structure built for the Renaissance Faire. This structure was built without consideration of building codes and now parts have been condemned. The facility has been inadequately insured but we got special coverage through our policy. The chapter is exploring options to get rid of the structure.
 - b. They appear to be making progress and are actively trying to be a good professional chapter
- 16. **Solicitation**
 - a. We got a good response this year.
 - b. Donations from the 20 – 29 groups are higher.
 - c. Two fund-raising consultants were interviewed with the look at possibly hiring them to review our fall solicitation. It was decided not to hire them at this time as we have a significant commitment of resources this year in the revamping of the website.
 - d. The SC approved a proposition to allow a University of Iowa Business Analytics course to analyze our database (with names and identifying information removed) to address questions regarding the characteristics that lead to contributing to the annual solicitation.

17. Thanks – The GPA recognized the efforts of the National Office and the PRs for their efforts and assistance in his position.

GMC

18. Delta Delta – Installation went well and he is ready for many more installation this biennium.
19. Ritual Committee – There are over 30 people interested in working on the ritual committee.

A 15 minute break was taken at 10 am.

GR

20. National Office – The new office is running smoothly and has significantly reduced costs to operate.
21. Website – The schedule for redesigning the website was presented.

GE – via GMA:

22. Hexagon commitments for biennium
 - a. Spring Issue – The GMA is working on gathering material for it now.
 - b. Summer Issue – The GMC is responsible for helping generate content for this issue.
 - c. Fall Issue – The GPA discussed ideas for this issue.
 - d. Winter Issue – The GCA will be generating content for this issue. The angle of seeking reports on the research done by the chapter advisers was considered.
23. The SC unanimously passed a proposition inducting Jim and Jenny Marshall into the Elixir of Life Club for their contributions to the Fraternity and The HEXAGON.
24. The To-Do list from Conclave was reviewed. Nothing major was noted as undone.
25. Conclave bid opportunities were discussed.

At 12:00, we broke for lunch from McAlister's Deli provided by Brad Hulse.

26. Fraternity Investments – The Fraternity investments with Morgan Stanley were valued at \$902,038.72 as of December 31, 2014. The portfolio began the year at 852,246.36 and we added \$20,000 to the account during the year giving us a net return after expenses of 3.52%. Our investments continue to show a premium return for the inherent risk of the portfolio.

At 1:20 we reconvened for a discussion of expansion strategies and opportunities for the professional and collegiate branches. One outcome was the decision to discontinue the use of the term "pre-colony" and instead use the term "Collegiate Group" to describe a school where we are permitting the initiating of members with the intent of forming a colony and chapter on the campus in the future.

At 5:30, the council broke for dinner.

At 9:00 pm the SC discussed personnel issues in closed session.

Sunday

The SC reconvened at 8:39 am after a breakfast buffet in the meeting room.

27. The proposed budget for the coming year was reviewed. As not all numbers were available to complete the budget, it will be approved via email.
28. Website redesign – Those assembled broke into groups to consider aspects of the website redesign. The ideas generated were analyzed and included in a document to go to the firm leading the redesign effort.

At 12:16, there being no further business, the SC adjourned. Lunch was catered by Courtyard by Marriott.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Johanns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Patrick Johanns
Alpha Theta '81
Grand Recorder

Propositions Passed at January 2015 SC Meeting

Proposition 4527

1/17/2015

Maker: Grand Collegiate Alchemist Helen Webster

The members of the Fraternity at Albion College in Albion, Michigan be recognized as Albion College colony of Alpha Beta chapter of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4529

1/17/2015

Maker: Grand Recorder Patrick J. Johanns

The Supreme Council approves the use of a copy of our data base scrubbed of personally identifiable information to be used by the Business Analytics course at the University of Iowa for the purpose of identifying characteristics of members that could be used in the annual soliciation.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4530

1/17/2015

Maker: Grand Recorder Patrick J. Johanns

That James and Virginia Marshall be inducted into the Elixir of Life Club in recognition of their contributions to the Fraternity and The HEXAGON.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously