

**Supreme Council Meeting
July 17-18, 2015
Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Carmel, IN**

The Supreme Council met in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Carmel, Indiana following a lunch of Jet's 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 and Member Services Coordinator Allison Wisher. Present for some of all of the meeting were: North Central DC Josh Stenger, E '02; Harold Cowan I '88; PR Michael Clager, ΓI '89; Central DC Sarah Pickett, ΓΘ '00; Northern DC Melissa Ward, AΘ '98; Great Plains DC Oliver Penrose, ΓΘ 03; Great Lakes DC Scott Wilson AZ '78; Gateway DC Rachel Palasky, BΔ '07; and New England DC Taylor Perkins, ΔA '09.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm. GMA Evaniak welcomed all in attendance and discussed the agenda.

GMA Evaniak

1. Conflicts of Interest – No attendees reported conflicts of interest with any topics on the agenda.
2. Conclave Motions
 - a. Constitution and Bylaws – Updated and approved this biennium.
 - b. Conclave Motion 37 (Colony/Group Reimbursement) – Will be explored in more depth at the January 2016 meeting.
3. Nominating Committee – Melissa was thanked for her hard work in the past. Calvin Bond will be submitting names for PR next week.
4. ACS Pure Chemistry Award Winner – Mark presented the award at the ACS meeting to Adam Cohen. His seminar was outstanding.
5. GMA Visit to Beta Iota – Mark visited the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. He reported that they are doing well.
6. National Office Staff – Mark commended Marena and Allison and the rest of the staff for their work so far this year.
7. Directories – Over 1000 directories were sold. Distribution of the 25 copies received by the National Office was discussed. Copies will be given to the SC, Grand Editor, Grand Historian, OA and high donors.

GPA Wenzel

8. 25 Year Pin – Kip Nalley was presented with his 25 year pin.
9. Solicitation – A tri-fold brochure is being prepared to send out as the solicitation letter. It will feature collegiate and professional activities. The cost is expected to be similar to previous years. About 600 of those who purchased a directory did not donate in the past. They will get a special mailing. No donation envelop will be included in The Hexagon mailing. Donation levels were tabled for a later discussion. Donation of points from credit cards added \$25 to our income this year. This may be an avenue to follow up on. We will have a share feature on our website this year for members to let others know that they donated.
10. St Louis Pro – They have met all terms of their probation and no longer have the Apothecary hut. St Louis was removed from probation by SC Proposition 4543.

11. ACS Luncheon – The next luncheon will be August 18 at the Atlantic Beer Garden in Boston, MA. The luncheon in Denver was well attended. About 25 Brothers attended.
12. Professional Representatives – They have been meeting regularly by phone and Skype. Each PR is working on a project of their interest.

GCA

13. Delinquent Chapter Reports – Beta Mu, Alpha Pi and Gamma Chi are all missing some paperwork.
14. Expansion (Colonies)
 - a. Boston University (Mu) – They are ready to ask for permission to petition.
 - b. Albion College (Alpha Beta) – They will have their third pledge class this fall. Not quite ready to petition this fall.
 - c. UC-Irvine (Beta Gamma) – They are ready to ask for permission to petition.
 - d. University of Tampa (Gamma Delta) – They just got their chapter advisor. They are not ready to petition yet.
 - e. University of New Orleans (Delta Beta) – They are ready to ask for permission to petition.
 - f. Chapter visits were discussed and assigned.
15. Expansion (Collegiate Groups) I
 - a. Philadelphia University (Gamma Omega) – Four pledge classes completed. Recommendation to move to Colony.
 - b. Winthrop University (Rho) – They are very organized. Recommendation to move to colony status.
 - c. University of Kansas Kappa (Beta Rho) – Three pledge classes and recommended to move to colony status.
 - d. SC Proposition 4544 to move all three to colony status was approved.
16. Expansion (Collegiate Groups) II
 - a. Westminster (Delta) – Still working on getting their first class organized and pledged. Should be completed this fall. Much excitement on both sides, per their DC.
 - b. Florida A & M U – One class including four faculty members initiated.
 - c. Oregon State (Sigma) – One class so far. Plans are in the works for them to travel to Sigma to see how they do things.
 - d. Northern Illinois (Zeta) – One class so far with 10 people. They are excited to move on with the process.
 - e. Christopher Newport University (Gamma Iota) – One pledge class and there is a lot of energy in the group.
 - f. Colorado State, University of Colorado, and UT-Austin – Interest has been expressed in creating collegiate groups on these campuses.
17. Chapters at risk
 - a. Gamma Phi – They have completed everything to go off probation but are still looking for a chapter advisor. SC Proposition 4549 to remove them from probation passed.
 - b. Mu – The GCA will visit this fall.
 - c. Beta – They will be visited this year to discuss issues.

Brad Hulse of Morgan Stanley spoke to the assembled Brothers about the Fraternal Investments from 2:00 to 3:00pm. This marks the 30th year that Brad has advised the Fraternity. The Fraternity's investments were valued at \$912,881 on June 30,

2015. On June 30, 2014, the investments were valued at \$902,039. The average annual return over the last three years is 8.46%. The current allocation is: 78% equities, 20% fixed income, and 2% in cash and equivalents. The portfolio has had good returns given the level of volatility in the portfolio. The Council took a break at 3:00pm and reconvened at 3:22pm.

18. Star Chapters – Twelve 1-star chapters and Eighteen 3-star chapters were recorded for the past academic year.

GMC

19. Beta Mu Activation – Helen, Mark and Kip were present to reactivate Beta Mu.
20. Coming Year – There is a potential of four new chapters this coming year. Brothers are encouraged to join in the celebrations.
21. Regalia – The stocks needed for installations have been reviewed and restocked. Sources for a vendor for copper boxes and tokens are being sought.
22. Ties – The stock of fraternity ties has been depleted and new designs are being considered. Scarf patterns will be considered also.

GR

23. Initiation Numbers – Pledge and initiation numbers of the first half of the year indicate a high likelihood of another record year for new members.
24. Solicitation Research – The student team looking for characteristics associated with the likelihood of donating was unable to recommend improvements to our solicitation segmentation.
25. Budget – The budget for 2015 was approved by SC proposition 4552.
26. Directories – Almost 1,100 were sold. Some Brothers reported pressure from Harris Connect to purchase directories and magazines.
27. PFA – The PFA hosted their first Leadership Academy but collegiate members from Alpha Chi Sigma were unable to attend. The GR is unlikely to be able to attend the annual meeting this year. SC agreed in sending someone from the National Office to be in attendance.
28. Website Redesign – The progress of the web redesign was discussed. The process is on track to permit a launch of the new site in August.

New Business

29. Kansas City Professional Petition – The SC reactivated KC Pro Chapter by SC proposition 4551.
30. Beta Iota Chapter Petition – The GMA reported an excellent visit to the chapter and a petition has been received. Beta Iota chapter was reactivated by SC Proposition 4545.
31. **Professional in Chemistry** Tagline – The SC unanimously passed proposition 4550 approving the change in the tagline from **Professional in Chemistry** to **Professional in the Chemical Sciences**. In addition to SC, GMA reported discussion with OA over rebranding and was well received.
32. Conclave Bids – After a lengthy discussion of the merits of the submitted bids, the SC decided that the 53rd Biennial Conclave will be hosted by Alpha Omega. SC Prop 4546. Beta and Alpha Beta chapters are encouraged to submit a bid for the 54th Biennial Conclave.
33. LA Pro – No annual report has been submitted in the last two years. If a report is not received by next April, the SC will have to declare them inactive. Options were explored to motivate the chapter. The chapter will have until

- August 30th to submit their missing paperwork or face the potential loss of recognition as a chapter.
34. Website Redesign – The website is on track for launch in August. The challenge will be to identify and generate relevant content. On the National Office side we will assign a person to spend a specified amount of time each week to this task. We will also identify a volunteer brother to help collect content.
 35. GoogleDocs Platform – GoogleDocs was discussed as a platform to share documents within the SC. It should be set up so changes have to be approved. The Grand Recorder will investigate the capabilities and the ability to meet our needs.
 36. Chapter Advisors – Ideas were brought up to recognize the efforts of our Chapter Advisors. One such idea was to send letters of thanks to the Chapter Advisors.

The Supreme Council spent the remaining time until departing for dinner at Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery at 6:45pm discussing strategic directions for the Fraternity. Topics included how to promote the professional branch and conducting a survey of new professionals. Informal discussions continued during dinner and in the meeting room following dinner.

The next morning after breakfast, the Supreme Council met in closed session from 9:00 to 10:00am to discuss risk management issues. At 10:00am, there being no further business to discuss, the Supreme Council adjourned to begin a day of training with new District Counselors. In addition to those attending the SC meeting Atlantic Central DC Katie Riley, AP 2006; South Central DC Daniel Znidersic, AE, 2003; Roxana Farjadi, Σ 2010; Central Coast DC Mark Sahara, AΩ2004; and Samantha McKenna, T 2010 were present for the training session.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrick Johanns
Alpha Theta '81
Grand Recorder

Propositions Passed at July 2015 SC Meeting

Proposition 4543

7/17/2015

Maker: Grand Professional Alchemist Jonathan Wenzel
St Louis Professional Chapter has successfully met all the conditions of their probation. They are removed from probation.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4544

7/17/2015

Maker: Grand Collegiate Alchemist Helen Webster
Philadelphia University (Gamma Omega), Winthrop University (Rho), and University of Kansas Kappa (Beta Rho) have made progress toward becoming chapters and are moved to colony status.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4545

7/17/2015

Maker: Grand Master Alchemist Mark Evaniak
Beta Iota Chapter at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL is reactivated effective 7/17/2015.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4546

7/17/2015

Maker: Grand Master Alchemist Mark Evaniak
The Supreme Council accepts the bid from the Alpha Omega Chapter to host the 53rd Biennial Conclave. It will be held on the Georgia Tech campus in Atlanta, Georgia in late July or early August of 2016, with the exact dates to be finalized soon. The bids to host Conclave by Beta and Alpha Beta Chapters are gratefully acknowledged.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4547

7/17/2015

Maker: Grand Collegiate Alchemist Helen Webster
The Supreme Council considered Alpha Rho's petition to expel a member. The Supreme Council does not believe the actions warrant expulsion from the Fraternity and does not affirm the expulsion. The member in question will be transferred to the professional branch.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4548

7/18/2015

Maker: Grand Collegiate Alchemist Helen Webster
In accordance with Bylaw II Section D, the Supreme Council suspends the charter of Beta Chapter at the University of Minnesota until September 15, 2015.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4549

7/19/2015

Maker: Grand Collegiate Alchemist Helen Webster
Gamma Phi Chapter has met all of the conditions of their probation and is removed from probationary status.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4550**7/20/2015**

Maker: Grand Master Alchemist Mark Evaniak

The official tagline of the Fraternity is changed from "Professional in Chemistry" to "Professional in the Chemical Sciences." This rebranding is to better reflect both the increasing diversity of the current chemical professions and to better reflect our membership who we represent.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4551**7/17/2015**

Maker: Grand Professional Alchemist Jonathan Wenzel

The Kansas City Professional Chapter is reactivated effective 7/17/2015.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 4552**7/17/2015**

Maker: Grand Recorder Patrick J. Johanns

The budget for 2015 is approved.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously