

SC Meeting Minutes, January 17 - 18, 2014

ALPHA CHI SIGMA FRATERNITY

**Minutes of the Supreme Council Meeting
Indianapolis, IN
January 17 – 18, 2014**

The Supreme Council convened in the Colonel Green House at Fort Harrison State Park. Present were GMA Randy Weinstein, AK '90; GCA Helen Webster AP '94; GPA Mark Evaniak BΣ '80; GMC Jonathon Wenzel Δ '96; and GR Patrick J. Johanns, AΘ '81. Present for all or parts of the meeting were staff members Teresa Clark, Erin Goodwin, AGR Marena Humphress, Chuck Carroll, Z '90; David Thacker ΓI '88, , PR John Becker, I '86; GLDC Merryn Cole, AΘ '03; and Information Technology Senior Administrator Harold Cowan, I'88.

After a meal of Papa Johns pizza, GMA Weinstein called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM. He welcomed all members who were present, checked for any conflicts of interest, discussed the schedule, and asked members of the council to review their activities.

GMA Weinstein

1. Conflict of Interest – No conflicts of interest were noted with the items on the agenda.
2. Conclave Motion 15: Committee to look at PR numbers – A draft report has been submitted.
3. Conclave Motions 21 and 36: Science Outreach/Second Object Committee – Randy is chairing it and things are getting in the Hexagon. Progress is being made in tracking the activities done by chapters.
4. Hexagon Review – The effort to do more with submitting materials to the GE and having themes for each issue has been progressing successfully. The members of the SC will continue to take turns each issue to generate material for Hexagon.
5. Conclave
 - a. We have the contract and are working on the schedule.
 - b. The themes for conclave are “Expand and Multiply” and “Right vs Wrong”.
 - c. Expansion – We have been seeing success in expansion efforts. It will be a major effort at Conclave.
 - d. More discussion to come.
6. Nominations Committee – The nominations committee has submitted a preliminary report and plan to submit their final report within a week.

GCA Webster

7. Expansion
 - a. Jen Schnippert is doing a good job with expansion.
 - b. Colonies:
 - i. Boston U of Mu is doing well. They should be ready to petition in the next six months.
 - ii. Alpha Alpha of Sigma – Reactivation was approved by SC Prop 4468.
 - iii. Georgia Southern of Alpha Omega is being voted on by the chapters at this time.
 - iv. SE Missouri St of Beta Psi will not be ready to petition before the fall.
 - c. Pre-colonies/permission to initiate:
 - i. Midwestern U of Zeta – Little is heard from them right now.
 - ii. Winthrop U of Rho – They will have their first pledge class this spring.
 - iii. U of Florida of Alpha Omega – They will have their first pledge class this spring.

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- iv. Occidental College of Beta Gamma – SC Prop 4469: The members of the fraternity at Occidental College, Los Angeles, California be recognized as Beta Mu Colony at Occidental College of Beta Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity.
 - v. U of Tampa of Gamma Delta – They have initiated their first class.
 - vi. Philadelphia U of Gamma Omega – They have initiated their first class.
 - vii. U of New Orleans of Delta Beta – They have initiated their first class.
 - viii. California Irvine of Beta Gama will have an initiation class this spring.
- d. Interests
- i. University of Puerto Rico – Possibilities and challenges were considered.
 - ii. Kappa reactivation – There were not many at the interest meeting in the fall. There is support around if this starts up.
8. District Counselors –
- a. Stepping down: Calvin Bond,
 - b. Wanting to stay: Derek, Dan, Melissa, Sarah, Matt, Merryn, Sean, Katie Riley.
 - c. Unsure: Christy Gessell, Nick Garcia, Claudia Brodtkin, Kerri Federico
9. Districts – Redistricting will need to be done this conclave.
10. MOPs – Are being worked on. Michael Clager has been doing a good job helping with this.
11. Conclave Forums – Ideas include: Hazing and expansion.
12. Beta Phi – There is hope there now. They have a new chapter advisor.
13. An idea to allow high donors to name a district was discussed and will be further explored.
14. Alcohol Awareness Training – It is now a requirement to become a star chapter. The GCA will write an article for the Chrome and Blue.
15. Best Chapter Award – The best house and non-house chapter awards will be formally merged into 1 award.

GPA Evaniak

16. 2013 solicitation wrap-up
- a. Topped 100K.
 - b. Chemical Heritage Foundation update – We were able to provide subscriptions of the Chemical Heritage journal to those who requested it.
17. 2014 solicitation theme
- a. A GPA solicitation proposal was presented.
 - b. A list was discussed showing the number of consecutive years in donating. This would make a good article for the Hexagon.
18. PR chair appointment – Tim Deschaines is the new PR Chair.
19. PR Chats – The chats continue and the GPA has been attending.
20. Nominations Committee – Ideas were mentioned regarding the soliciting of candidates for PRs and SC candidates.
21. Indy ACS Meeting Luncheon– Big success with more than 50 participants. Indy Pro was of valuable assistance in locating a good place to eat.
22. Dallas ACS meeting Luncheon – Luncheon will be at the Omni.
23. HOF Elections - The report of the Hall of Fame Awards Committee is accepted. The 2014 inductees into the Alpha Chi Sigma Hall of Fame shall be Rudolph Marcus, Zeta '65 and William M Lipscomb, Alpha Gamma '39, deceased. The inductees or their representatives will be invited by the GPA to participate in the Induction at the 52nd Biennial Conclave at Grand Chapter expense.

Brad Hulse with Morgan Stanley reviewed our financial investments at 4:21 pm.

24. Asset Allocation – We currently have 68% of our assets in equities. This is slightly more aggressive

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than our target of 60%.

25. Economic Outlook – There are three things driving the market – improving economy, liquidity, and strong corporate profits. Morgan Stanley is predicting GPA growth of 2.5%. Others are predicting 3%.
26. Portfolio Returns – 2013 was a great year for investments with a 17.4% return on our portfolio. Over the long run the Fraternity has achieved a good return given the risk (volatility) of the portfolio.

GMC Wenzel

27. Membership Cards and Certificates – Goose Creek will be printing our membership cards and certificates. The certificate with the symmetrical design was selected. Laminated cards will be sent to new members. This should save time in the National Office in addition to providing better cards to our members.
28. Source books – Bids from three different vendors were discussed. The bid from Progress Printing was selected.
29. Website – A bid to overhaul the website from Blackbaud was reviewed. It will be discussed in more detail later.
30. Procurement of regalia and materials – Exemplars of the coat of arms and badge plaques were presented. Water colors of the plaques from Goose Creek were selected to replace the brass plaques.
31. Initiation at conclave – The 1906 initiation ceremony may be demonstrated at Conclave and the 1948 regalia may be used at the honor initiation.

GR Johanns

32. New Group – The Blue Grass Pro Group in Kentucky was recognized by the GR and will be in the directory.
33. Office Relocation – In August of 2013, we identified a worthy location for our office, at 6296B Rucker Road in Indianapolis. The new location is much smaller (800 square feet) but with the help of Lynn Hynes Design Associates we were able to renovate a former dentist's office into a compact efficient office space. The new location is part of a professional office area, has security cameras, and is in a neighborhood that is not slipping economically. The staff did a great job with the move. At this time we still need to move some artwork from the old office. We have countered an offer made for the Franklin Rd office and are waiting to see if it will be accepted.
34. Budget – The Fraternity took in \$404,404 in 2013 compared to expenses of \$492,564. \$131,426 was spent that was not in the budget to purchase a new building, renovate it, and move. This deficit should be recovered when the old building is sold.
35. Web Donations – The use of the web to make donations has grown steadily to 25% of total donations in 2013. I expect this trend to continue and think it will be worthwhile to review the possibility of monthly contributions in 2013. The ability to make monthly donations could increase the total amount people donate annually.
36. Document Review – GV Showerman and PR Becker have diligently worked to identify photographs and documents that merit special preservation in preparation for our move. They have examined of the vast store of documents in an effort to reduce clutter, identify records of historical significance, and comply with our document retention policy.
37. Professional Fraternity Meeting – GR Johanns and GPA Evaniak, GMC Wenzel, and GCA Webster attended the Professional Fraternity Association meeting in St Louis in September 2013. The meeting provided excellent opportunities to meet with the leaders of other professional fraternities and businesses that provide valuable services. I was elected to the board of the Professional Fraternity Association as President for a 1 year term. The PFA will be sponsoring a leadership workshop in the summer of 2014.
38. Conclave – In even numbered years, conclave always demands our focus. Once again we will be

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encouraging members to submit legislation before conclave.

39. Website – The renovation of our website will be a major task and needs to be considered carefully. In 2014 we plan on gathering information, surveying members, and looking at options. The updated website needs better menus, an updated look, and the ability for members to make monthly donations.
40. Membership Certificates and Cards – We are shifting to Goose Creek Publishing this year for the printing and mailing of our membership cards and certificates. While it should give our members better quality items and reduce the office workload, protection of our membership information will be paramount in developing this new process.

Conclave

41. Same legislative process but it will be paperless. No paper backup. A process flow of legislation was discussed.
42. Different registration fees for collegiate and professional members.
43. Award winners will have everything covered.
44. SC candidate pay their way.
45. No free ride for tontines.
46. Grand Editor, Grand Historian, Grand Parliamentarian and GV pay registration and have other expenses paid.
47. Staff will attend expenses paid.
48. OA will pay registration and travel and will be given free room and board.
49. Fewer forums and more district workshop planning sessions.

At 5:45pm we recessed to go to the new National Office for a tour followed by dinner at the 10-01. The GR and the GLDC showed their adventuresome side trying the schweinekopf special. Much amusement followed.

Saturday

The Council reconvened Saturday morning with a plan to complete its business in an expedient fashion so members could beat the approaching snow out of town.

50. North Franklin building – The potential buyer re-countered our offer. After discussion it was decided to accept the offer of \$150,000. This is less than we had projected but the adjacent building sold late last year for \$88,000 so it appears that the original valuations were optimistic.
51. Conclave – The conclave budget was discussed and registration fees were approved. The registration fee, paid by all attendees except invited awardees, Order of Altotus members, and the National Office staff, at the 52nd Biennial Conclave will be as follows: \$75(collegiate) and \$180(professional) until May 15, 2014; \$100(collegiate) and \$225(professional) from May 16 to June 12, 2014; and \$125(collegiate) and \$250(professional) after June 13, 2014. For members who are not elected delegates or invited guests, room and board charges will be \$270 double per person; \$310 single per person. Individual tickets to the Kuebler Banquet for non-registrants will be \$30.
52. A preliminary budget of \$497,471 was discussed and spending priorities determined.
 - a. With the progress in the expansion efforts, 4 installations will be budgeted for in 2014.
 - b. \$20,000 is to be budget for a more proactive expansion program.
 - c. Some numbers are uncertain given the pending sale of the North Franklin building.
 - d. A final budget will be passed within 3 weeks.
53. Professional Representatives – Goals for the PRs to accomplish during the next biennium were considered.

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There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm. GMA Weinstein headed toward the airport to catch his flight home with a lift to the airport by GMC Wenzel who then headed home. GR Johanns departed for home also. GPA Evaniak, and GCA Webster went to dinner with GLDC Cole and several members of Indy pro at La Hacienda Restaurant, and departed Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Johanns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Patrick Johanns, AΘ 1981
Grand Recorder

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Propositions Passed during Meeting

Proposition 4469 **1/17/14**
Made by Grand Collegiate Alchemist Helen Webster

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Action: Passed Unanimously **For: 4 Against: 0**

Proposition 4470 **1/17/14**
Made by Grand Professional Alchemist Mark Evaniak

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Action: Passed Unanimously **For: 4 Against: 0**

Proposition 4471 **1/17/14**
Made by Grand Master Alchemist Randy Weinstein

The Supreme Council accepts the offer of \$150,000 for the building at 2141 N. Franklin Rd.

Action: Passed Unanimously **For: 4 Against: 0**

Proposition 4472 **1/18/14**
Made by Grand Recorder Patrick J. Johanns

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Action: Passed Unanimously **For: 4 Against: 0**