

Supreme Council Meeting
Old Gold and White Room of North Avenue Apartments,
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
July 25, 2016

The Supreme Council met in the Old Gold and White room of the North Avenue Apartments on the Georgia Institute of Technology campus in conjunction with the start of the 53rd Biennial Conclave. Present for some or all of the meeting were: GMA Mark Evaniak Beta Sigma '80, GPA Jon Wenzel Delta '96, GMC Kip Nalley Alpha Sigma '90, GCA Helen Webster Alpha Rho '94, and GR Patrick Johanns Alpha Theta '81. Also present were: AGR Marena Humphress, Michael Clager Gamma Iota '89, EDC Howard McLean Iota '89, GPDC Oliver Penrose Gamma Theta '03, GLDC Scott Wilson Alpha Zeta '78, Danniell Tinney Alpha Kappa '11, Kelly Allen Alpha Omega '11, Dewayne Blusan Alpha Omega '12, PR Stephanie Bates Alpha Rho '95, CDC Sarah Pickett Gamma Theta '00, NCDC Josh Stenger Epsilon '02, Erin Fagan Gamma Iota '09, OA Gerry Dobson Beta Eta '70 and Harold Cowan Iota '88.

GMA Evaniak called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

GMA Evaniak welcomed attendees to Atlanta and offered the hospitality of fresh donuts and coffee.

1. No conflicts of interests with business before the Council were reported.
2. Conclave: The importance of making the first time attendees of conclave feel welcome was stressed.
3. ACS in San Diego: Wonderful meeting and the Fraternity luncheon went well. Sara Skarabalak, a recent (2014) winner of the ACS award in Pure Chemistry sponsored by Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity and Foundation has subsequently joined Epsilon chapter.

GCA Helen Webster

4. Redistricting: considerations of potential expansion, available DC candidates, and changes in chapter situations has forced the consideration of new districts for the 54th Biennium. Proposed changes were discussed.
5. Chapters at Risk
 - a. Alpha – Alpha chapter will be on probation until the University of Wisconsin takes them off probation.
 - b. Beta – They have been responsive to the requirements of their probation and gone through sensitivity training and the GCA put forth a motion removing them probation. The motion passed unanimously (SC Proposition 4586.)
6. Expansion
 - a. Kettering University in Flint Michigan – The GCA is recommending that a Fraternity group be formed there.
 - b. University of Richmond Group and the University of Kentucky Group (Alpha Gamma Reactivation) – they are ready to move to colony status. New SC will do this as soon as possible.

- c. UC Santa Barbara Group – plan to have their first initiation in the fall.
- d. Westminster College Group – Has been going well but not quite ready.
- e. Florida A&M Group– They will probably be ready to become a colony in December.
- f. Oregon State University Group – Nothing heard from in the last two semesters. Helen will talk to Sigma about this.
- g. Christopher Newport University Colony – The colony is ready to petition to become a chapter.
- h. Northern Illinois University Colony – Recommended to remain a group for now. They need to successfully go through an officer transition.
- i. Winthrop University Colony– They are not sending a representative to conclave.
- j. Philadelphia University Colony – They have been informed that a FaceBook post is not the proper channel to request to petition.
- k. Kappa Colony – Some problems with paperwork yet. We are not recommending that they move forward in the reactivation process yet.
- l. Albion College Colony – They need to initiate faculty before granting permission to petition but are otherwise doing well.
- m. University of New Orleans Colony – They are back on track. Currently writing petition.
- n. UC Irvine Colony– They will ask for permission to petition in the fall.
- o. There is the potential for 5 to 6 petitions in the next biennium.

At 9:57, Brad Hulse was presented an update on the Fraternity finances by phone.

GPA Wenzel

- 7. Fall Solicitation – A solicitation brochure draft has been prepared with the theme Life of the Fraternity. A draft letter for the mailing has been prepared.
- 8. Professional Representatives – Their activities during the past biennium and possible tasks for the upcoming biennium were considered. The Council will motion that the number of PRs be set at 8.
- 9. Professional Chapters – New Jersey Pro Chapter was declared inactive in SC Proposition 4587.
- 10. ACS Luncheon – Maggano's Little Italy on August 23 at 11:30. Professionals will pay for their own meals ala carte and the Fraternity will pay for lunch for Collegiate members attending.
- 11. Other meetings – The next GPA will explore expanding our presence for meetings hosted by other professional organizations.

GMC Nalley

- 12. PIC - There will be a Professional Initiation Ceremony Tuesday night. Details and location to be determined.
- 13. Conclave Logo – The Fraternity claims ownership of the Conclave logo once provided by the host chapter. The host chapter was given permission to print items for sale

using the Conclave logo. Discussion that future conclave host chapters be informed of this.

14. Swag – Ties, scarves, and license plate holders are now for sale through the National Office.

GR Johanns

15. Budget – The year to date expenditures are what we would expect at this time of the fiscal year.
16. Harris Connect – A \$4,300 royalty check was received from the directory. Some negative feedback was received regarding Harris's contact with our members. Since the directory was completed Harris connect has been taken over by new owners.
17. Website – The new website looks great and is effectively conveying information to our members. The process did take longer than expected and we negotiated with Blackbaud to gain extra services and training in compensation for the delays, as well as a discount on our website hosting.

Short break

Conclave

18. Schedule: Starts each morning at 8 am. A day to day review was held of planned events.
19. Meals: Attendees must show their badges for food in the dining hall.
20. Evening activity – Tech Rec Center from 8:00 to 10:00pm. Rocky Mountain Pizza will be suggested as a destination for Brothers after official activities tonight.

At 11:45 am, the Council met in closed session to discuss any personnel and risk management issues.

At 12:13, seeing no new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Johanns
Grand Recorder