Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

Record of the 55th Biennial Conclave

Held Virtually Online-July 6 - 9, 2020

Supreme Council

Helen M.M. Webster, Alpha Rho 1994 – Grand Master Alchemist Kip Nalley, Alpha Sigma 1990 - Grand Professional Alchemist Sean Pawlowski, *Gamma Upsilon* 2006 – Grand Master of Ceremonies Merryn Cole, Alpha Theta 2003 - Grand Collegiate Alchemist

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Approved by SC Proposition 4837 on August 19, 2020

The Grand Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma assembled virtually in Conclave at the 55th Biennial Conclave of the Fraternity for seven Grand Chapter Sessions held:

July 6, 2020	Session 1,	2:00pm	92 Members present
July 6, 2020	Session 2,	4:30pm	89 Members present
July 7, 2020	Session 3,	1:30pm	89 Members present
July 7, 2020	Session 4,	4:00pm	86 Members present
July 7, 2020	Session 5,	6:00pm	86 Members present
July 8, 2020	Session 6,	1:30pm	92 Members present
July 8, 2020	Session 7,	3:45pm	89 Members present

Grand Master Alchemist Webster presided. Each Grand Chapter session was opened and closed using the Official Ritual. Roll was taken as people were admitted into the meeting. The actions of the Grand Chapter are recorded in order of motion number rather than in the temporal sequence of the actions.

Motion 1

Made by: Helen Webster GMA Seconded: Kip Nalley, GPA

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter adopt the Standing Rules for the 55th Biennial Conclave as distributed.

First Reading: 7/6/2020 Consideration: 7/6/2020

Action: Voice - Passed by Yes / No Tally

Motion 2

Made by: Helen Webster, GMA Seconded: Kip Nalley, GPA

Resolved that the Grand Chapter concur with Supreme Council Proposition 4827 setting the Pledge Fee at

\$50.00 and the Lifetime Membership Fee at \$170.00 for the 56th biennium

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/7/2020

Action: Voice - Passed by Yes / No Tally

Motion 3

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Sean Pawlowski, GMC

Resolved, to set the number of Professional Representatives to eight for the 56th Biennium

First Reading: 7/6/2020

Action: Motion to postpone by LA Pro Delegate, Seconded by Indy Pro Delegate

Consideration: 7/7/2020

Action: Voice - Passed 2/3 Yes / No Tally

*Note: This vote required a 2/3 majority to pass as it impacts the voting membership of the Grand

Chapter

Motion 4

Made by: Helen Webster, GMA Seconded: Kip Nalley, GPA

Resolved,

Article IV, Section D.1

Insert "Health and Safety Officer"

First Reading: 7/6/2020 Consideration: 7/7/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (80) Against (1)

Motion 5

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved, Bylaw V

Add Section B.4:

- 4. Conduct to consist minimally of either:
- a. no less than 5 active members, including the Health and Safety Officer, appointed as described in chapter bylaws or,
- b. The Health and Safety Officer, Vice Master Alchemist, Treasurer, Master of Ceremonies, Reporter, and Recorder

First Reading: 7/6/2020 Consideration: 7/7/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (82) Against (1)

Motion 6

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Delete Bylaw I, C; Bylaw II, C,D; Bylaw III, F.

Add Bylaw II A-F (shown below). Renumber current Bylaws II and higher to reflect change

BYLAW II - CONDUCT

Section A – Rights and Duties

- 1. Every member has a duty to understand and abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, their oath of membership, and resolutions and policies of the Grand Chapter and the Supreme Council, including the Health and Safety Policy; as well as any provisions of chapter bylaws or house rules. Ignorance of a specific provision is not an acceptable defense.
 - 2. Members accused of conduct violations have the following rights:
 - a. To be informed of the charges against them;
 - b. To request an informal resolution of the case;
 - c. To be allowed a reasonable time to prepare a defense;
 - d. To hear and respond to evidence upon which a charge is based;
 - e. To appeal as provided herein;
 - f. To waive some or all of these rights.
- 3. Where required, notice may be given to any member or subordinate chapter in writing or via electronic mail.
- 4. Each subordinate chapter shall have jurisdiction to institute conduct proceedings concerning any of its members.
- 5. The Supreme Council shall have jurisdiction to institute conduct proceedings in the following cases:
 - a. All cases concerning any member of the Fraternity;
 - b. All cases concerning any subordinate chapter;
- c. All cases primarily reserved to the subordinate chapters in which the subordinate chapter fails, neglects, or refuses, upon request of a majority of the Supreme Council, to institute and pursue conduct proceedings promptly to conclusion;
 - d. All other cases not herein provided for.
- 6. The Supreme Council shall have appellate jurisdiction for all cases adjudicated under the provisions of Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaw II, Section C.

<u>Section B – Standards of Due Process and Evidence</u>

- 1. As used in this and the following sections:
- a. "Complainant" shall refer to the member(s), or pledge(s), or who brought a complaint against another member per Section C of this Bylaw.
- b. "Respondent" shall refer to that member or those members that are the subject of a written complaint submitted per Section C of this Bylaw.

- c. "Designated representative" may be any member in good standing of the Fraternity willing to represent the Complainant or Respondent during the proceedings in the case.
- 2. Formal rules of evidence shall not be applied, nor will deviations from prescribed procedures necessarily invalidate a decision, unless significant prejudice to the Respondent or Complainant may result.
- 3. The complaint against the Respondent must be established by a preponderance of the evidence, meaning that a reasonable person would accept that "more likely than not" a fact is true or an incident occurred.

Section C – Case Resolution by the Collegiate Chapter

- 1. The Respondent or any other member simultaneously alleged to be involved in the same or similar conduct violations may not participate in the adjudication or appellate processes as described herein.
- 2. Any member or pledge of the Fraternity may refer another member suspected of violating this Code to the Master Alchemist and Chapter Conduct Committee of the suspected member's chapter for resolution in accordance with chapter and Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaws. In order to initiate conduct proceedings, a written complaint must be filed with the Master Alchemist and Chapter Conduct Committee of the subordinate chapter.
- 3. Upon receipt of the written complaint, the Chapter Conduct Committee shall set a time and place for a meeting to hear the case. The meeting shall occur within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the written complaint. A copy of the complaint, together with notice of the time and place of the Chapter Conduct Committee meeting, shall be given to the Respondent at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. The Complainant shall first present

their case, without the presence of the Respondent, after which the Respondent shall have a reasonable opportunity to present their defense.

- 4. Following the conclusion of all relevant testimony, the Respondent and Complainant shall be excused and a determination of responsibility shall be made by a majority vote of members hearing the case. If a majority of the members hearing the case vote in the affirmative, the Respondent shall be found responsible. The members hearing the case shall then consider and decide the sanction to be assigned in accordance with Chapter and Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaws.
- 5. The Respondent and the Chapter Conduct Committee may resolve the complaint through agreed resolution. In order for the matter to be resolved without a Chapter Conduct Committee meeting, the Respondent must waive their right to an appeal; accept responsibility for their conduct; and agree, in writing, to complete the sanctions recommended by the Chapter Conduct Committee.

- 6. Respondents who fail to appear or to be represented by another member, after proper notice, may be found responsible by default, at which time the Chapter Conduct Committee will determine the appropriate sanction.
- 7. The Respondent shall be promptly notified of the determination of responsibility and any sanctions assigned.
- 8. Minutes shall be kept of all conduct proceedings, summarizing the evidence presented, and maintained by the Chair of the Chapter Conduct Committee and include:
 - a. Date of Chapter Conduct Committee meeting or chapter hearing;
 - b. Name and address or e-mail address of Respondent;
 - c. Chapter designation, school, and address;
 - d. Copy of the written complaint;
 - e. Summary of the evidence presented by the Complainant and Respondent;
- f. Determination of responsibility and the specific provisions of the Alpha Chi Sigma bylaws, chapter bylaws, or Fraternity Policy violated (if applicable);
 - g. Sanctions assigned (if applicable);
 - h. The name and address or e-mail address of the member who kept the minutes.
- 9. In the event that the Chapter Conduct Committee finds a member responsible for a conduct violation and votes to suspend or expel the member in accordance with the Alpha Chi Sigma bylaws, minutes from the proceedings and a copy of the sanctions must be sent

to the Grand Collegiate Alchemist within ten (10) days after the sanction is assigned. No other results of Chapter Conduct Committee meetings need to be reported.

Section D – Case Resolution by the Supreme Council

- 1. Conduct proceedings concerning a member or chapter that are to be adjudicated by the Supreme Council shall be instituted upon receipt of a written complaint, signed by a member or pledge in good standing and filed with the National Office. The written complaint shall set forth the alleged conduct violations with sufficient facts or supporting documents to substantiate the allegation. Proceedings concerning a member or chapter may also be instituted by the Supreme Council without receipt of a written complaint.
- 2. In any proceeding under this section, the Respondent shall be given reasonable notice of the time and place of hearing. The proceeding shall be conducted so that the Respondent has a reasonable opportunity to present a defense. At the conclusion of the presentation of evidence, the hearing body shall consider its determination of responsibility. The hearing body may, by a majority vote, find the Respondent responsible for one or more of the alleged conduct violations. If the Respondent is found responsible, the hearing body shall consider the assignment of sanctions as presented herein. The Respondent shall be promptly notified of the determination of responsibility and any sanctions assigned. The hearing body and the Respondent may enter into an agreement to resolve the complaint in a way other than as herein provided.

- 3. If the Respondent fails to answer the complaint or fails to attend the hearing, the Respondent may be found responsible by default, at which time the hearing body will determine the appropriate sanction.
- 4. The Respondent may waive the right to a hearing and may consent to the assignment of a sanction as recommended by the Supreme Council.

Section E – Sanctions

- 1. The subordinate chapter or its Chapter Conduct Committee, or the Supreme Council, may assign one or more of the following sanctions to an individual by a majority vote, with each sanction being voted on separately:
- a. Censure a written reprimand for violation of specific provisions of the Alpha Chi Sigma constitution, Alpha Chi Sigma bylaws, chapter bylaws, or Fraternity Policy, including a warning that continuation or repetition of prohibited conduct may be case for additional conduct proceedings.
 - b. Written apology to those wronged.
- c. Probation a designated period of time during which additional violations may result in more severe sanctions.
- d. Educational sanctions the completion of education programs or other discretionary sanctions necessary to develop the skills and/or knowledge necessary to prevent future violations.
 - e. Loss of privileges.
 - f. Exclusion from various fraternity activities.
 - g. Payment for loss or damage.
- h. Removal from office the Chapter Conduct Committee may not assign this sanction, but may forward a recommendation of removal from office to the subordinate chapter for final adjudication.
- i. Other sanctions as agreed upon by the subordinate chapter or its Chapter Conduct Committee, or the Supreme Council, and the Respondent.
- 2. The Chapter Conduct Committee, after a determination of responsibility in a conduct proceeding, may by a four-fifths vote suspend a brother for a specified period of time, or expel the brother from the Fraternity. The member suspended or expelled shall have the right to have the sanction reviewed by the chapter, which may, by a two-thirds affirmative vote overturn a suspension, or by a three-fourths affirmative vote overturn an expulsion. Should a suspension or expulsion be overturned, the case shall be remanded to the Chapter Conduct Committee, which shall have the authority to assign any other sanctions provided for herein. The expulsion of a member shall not be effective until approved by the Supreme Council, who shall have the authority to assign a lesser sanction.
- 3. The Supreme Council, after a determination of responsibility in a conduct proceeding, may by a majority vote: suspend or expel a brother from the Fraternity, place a chapter on probation, suspend or revoke the charter of a subordinate chapter, and/or issue other orders to the chapter as it deems in the best interest of the Fraternity.

- 4. The suspension of a member deprives them temporarily of all rights and privileges in the Fraternity. During their suspension, they may not hold office, attend meetings, nor participate in any Fraternity activities. They shall at all times be subject to the discipline and laws of the Fraternity, and shall not be in good standing until the termination of the suspension.
- 5. The expulsion of a member is the permanent dissolution of the fraternal relationship between the individual and the Fraternity. An expelled member loses all rights and privileges and forfeits all claims on the Fraternity. The expelled member may not again

become a member of the Fraternity in good standing unless a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council reinstates membership.

- 6. 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. Probation terms will include activities the chapter must perform to be reinstated as chapter in good standing. Probation will continue until the charter is reinstated, suspended or revoked by a majority vote of the Supreme Council.
- 7. A subordinate chapter that has had its charter suspended shall cease to operate as or be recognized as an active chapter of the Fraternity. The chapter's suspension shall be for a stated period of time within the discretion of the Supreme Council. At the end of the stated time period, the suspension will be lifted and one of the following actions shall be taken The chapter will be returned to full active status by a majority vote of the Supreme Council, or the chapter will be placed on probation by a majority vote of the Supreme Council, or the chapter's charter will be revoked by a majority vote of the Supreme Council.
- 8. The members of a chapter on probation, a suspended chapter, or a chapter with a revoked charter shall be members in good standing unless included in the conduct proceedings against such chapter.

Section F - Appeals

- 1. Any brother found responsible of a conduct violation by the Chapter Conduct Committee of a subordinate chapter may appeal their case in accordance with the chapter bylaws. Once the appellant's right to an appeal, as defined by the chapter bylaws, has been exhausted, they may exercise a further right of appeal to the Supreme Council as herein described.
- 2. Appeals must be submitted in writing, and supporting documentation should accompany all appeal requests. Appeals shall be based on one or more of the following grounds:
 - a. Procedural error that substantially affected the outcome of the case.
- b. New information that was not available at the time of adjudication that could substantially affect the finding of responsibility.
 - c. Finding of responsibility against the weight of the evidence.
 - d. Sanctions that are disproportionately severe in light of the violation committed.

- 3. Except as required to explain the basis of new information, an appeal shall be limited to a review of the decision letter issued in accordance with the Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaws, the minutes of the conduct proceedings as defined herein, the appellant's written statement, and any written response or memoranda prepared by the Chapter Conduct Committee, subordinate chapter, District Counselor, and/or the Supreme Council.
- 4. Any brother exercising their right of appeal to the Supreme Council or its designee must do so by filing a written notice of appeal with the National Office within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the chapter appellate process and the appeal shall be adjudicated within sixty (60) days thereafter.

First Reading: 7/6/2020 Consideration: 7/7/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (72) Against (4)

Motion 7

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved,

Add Article IV, Section H

Neither Collegiate chapters nor their members shall act as the legal representative or agent of the Fraternity, nor shall they have the right to assume, create, or incur any liability of any kind, expressed or implied, against or in the name of or on behalf of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity or its affiliates without the express permission of the Supreme Council.

Add Article V, Section G:

Neither Professional chapters nor Professional members shall act as the legal representative or agent of the Fraternity, nor shall they have the right to assume, create, or incur any liability of any kind, expressed or implied, against or in the name of or on behalf of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity or its affiliates without the express permission of the Supreme Council.

First Reading: 7/6/2020 Consideration: 7/7/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (80) Against (0)

Motion 8

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved.

Replace Article IV, Section C.10:

Conduct Chapter Conduct Committee proceedings, institute sanctions, and carry out sanctions when necessary.

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally - For (87) Against (0)

Motion 9

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved,

Replace Bylaw I, Section 8.e with the following:

The withdrawal of an invitation to membership is the dissolution of the fraternal relationship between the individual and the Fraternity. The individual whose invitation to membership has been revoked loses all rights and privileges and forfeits all claims on the Fraternity. The individual may not again become a pledge of the Fraternity unless another invitation to membership is extended in accordance with the chapter bylaws.

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally - For (86) Against (1)

Motion 10

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved,

Replace Article IV, Section E.3.b. with:

b. Report elections, initiations, deaths, *votes to expel or suspend a member as a result of Chapter Conduct Committee proceedings*, changes in status of members, election of officers, and matters of record as required by the Supreme Council.

Add Article IV, Section E.8:

The Health and Safety Officer shall:

- 1. Be familiar with the Health and Safety Philosophy and Health and Safety Policies of Alpha Chi Sigma
- 2. Be familiar with campus, local and national policies and regulations as they relate to the chapter
- 3. Be a member of the Chapter Conduct Committee
- 4. Assist with planning chapter events to ensure compliance with all policies and regulations.

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (80) Against (0)

Motion 11

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved,

Replace Article III, Section B.5 and B.7 renumber 8 to 7:

5. Hold conduct proceedings, institute sanctions, and carry out sanctions when necessary. Sanctions may be assigned to individual members or subordinate chapters.

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally - For (83) Against (0)

Motion 12

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved,

Delete Article II, Section B.2

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (81) Against (0)

Motion 13

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved,

Bylaw II Replace section E.2 and E.3 with the following:

E.2 A chapter whose charter has been revoked shall be considered to be de facto inactive.

E.3 When a chapter is declared inactive, it is the revocation of all its rights and privileges. All of the chapter's property rights shall be transferred to the Grand Chapter, which shall have the right to enforce ownership of property rights in any court of competent jurisdiction.

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (85) Against (0)

Motion 14

Made by: Sean Pawlowski, GMC Seconded: Merryn Cole GCA

Resolved,

Delete Bylaw VII, Section G and correct the surviving section enumeration accordingly. Replace the text of Bylaw VII, Section F with the following.

"Reasonable and customary business expenses incurred in and attributable to Fraternity service may be reimbursed from Grand Chapter funds upon authorization of the appropriate Grand Chapter Officer. Requests for such reimbursement must be submitted with appropriate justifying documentation to that authorizing officer within three months of the expenditure and no later than December 31 of that year."

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (83) Against (3)

Motion 15

Made by: Sean Pawlowski, GMC Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved,

The canon of materials, distributed primarily to the pledges of the Fraternity, commonly referred to as the "pledge manual" or "Sourcebook" shall be distributed in an accessible format determined by the Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally - For (84) Against (2)

Motion 16

Made by: Geoff Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Hannah Bowman, NCDC

Resolved,

Constitution, Article II, Section B.1 Remove subsection h. in its entirety.

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (74) Against (13)

Motion 17

Made by: Geoff Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Hannah Bowman, NCDC

Resolved,

Amend the Bylaws, Bylaw VII, Section C.2 Remove the words "or House Fund".

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (80) Against (3)

Motion 18

Made by: Geoff Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Hannah Bowman, NCDC

Resolved,

Resolved that the Grand Recorder is directed to investigate closing the House Fund and transferring the funds into the Reserve Fund. They shall report to the Supreme Council on the feasibility and costs within

1 year, at which time the Supreme Council shall decide on the appropriate course of action. The recommendation and final decision shall be reported to the Grand Chapter at the next biennial Conclave.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally – For (62) Against (26)

Motion 19

Made by: Geoff Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Oliver Penrose, GPDC

Resolved,

Replace Article X Section A with the following:

The Fraternity shall publish a journal to be issued at least annually. It shall be called "THE HEXAGON OF ALPHA CHI SIGMA."

First Reading: 7/7/2020 Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Failed - Yes / No Tally - For (70) Against (16)

Motion 20

Made by: Merryn Cole, GCA Seconded: Helen Webster, GMA

Resolved,

Alpha Chi Sigma will create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to investigate how we can better include and support our existing and future members, striving to make diverse voices represented and heard.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed - Yes / No Tally - For (83) Against (0)

Motion 21

Made by: Kip Nalley, GPA Seconded: Merryn Cole, GCA

Resolved.

Resolved, that the Grand Chapter offers its sincerest thanks and appreciation to Mr. Michael Webster, *Alpha Rho 1996*, husband of Grand Master Alchemist, Mrs. Helen Webster, and their family, for their support and understanding during the 55th Biennium.

Consideration: 7/7/2020 Action: Passed – Voice Vote

Motion 22

Made by: Merryn Cole, GCA Seconded: Sean Pawlowski, GMC

Resolved,

The Grand Chapter congratulates Lauren McMills, GN 2001, as the recipient of the 2020 Ronald T. Pflaum Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award.

Consideration: 7/7/2020 Action: Passed – Voice Vote

Motion 23

Made by: Geoff Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Willam Ramos, Gamma Zeta Delegate

Resolved,

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its sincerest gratitude to the generous host chapter, Alpha Upsilon, for their outstanding effort in planning to host the 55th Biennial Conclave of Alpha Chi Sigma.

Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed – Voice Vote

Motion 24

Made by: Jason Ellis, PR Seconded: Charlie Cox, PCDC

Resolved,

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter extend greetings to Maurice Bursey, Gerry Dobson, Lynn Swanson, Victor Palla, and Michael Zachmeier living members of the Order of Altotus, who were unable to attend the 55th Biennial Conclave.

Consideration: 7/7/2020 Action: Passed – Voice Vote

Motion 25

Made by: Geoff Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Evelyn Martinez, Beta Iota Delegate

Resolved,

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter would like to extend its congratulations to the Alpha Chi Sigma Scholars: 2019 -Angela Chen, Alpha Beta 2017, and 2020 - Jenna Manske, Alpha Beta 2017, and Certificate of Commendation Award Winners: 2019 - Hailey Loehde-Woolard (Alpha Omega 2017), Shannon Moore (Gamma Upsilon 2017), and Sandra McClure (Alpha Upsilon 2015); 2020 -Jin Yi Tan, Alpha Beta 2018, Christina Hemmingsen, Gamma 2017, and Allison Norman, Delta Beta 2018.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Motion 26

Made by: Geoff Giarmo, NDC Seconded: William Ramos, Gamma Zeta

Resolved,

Be it resolved that the members of the Grand Chapter extend their gratitude and appreciation to the Supreme Council, Grand Recorder, Assistant Grand Recorder, and all other members who assisted, for their achievement in moving Conclave online in response to the coronavirus pandemic for the 55th Biennial Conclave.

Consideration: 7/7/2020 Action: Passed – Voice Vote

Motion 27

Made by: Charlie Cox, PCDC Seconded: Geoff Giarmo, NDC

Resolved,

Let the Grand Chapter express its gratitude to the Nominations Committee, for their dedicated work in finding candidates to run for Professional Representative as well as for the Supreme Council.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Motion 28

Made by: Jason Ellis, PR Seconded: Charlie Cox, PCDC

Resolved.

Be it resolved that the members of the Grand Chapter extend their gratitude and appreciation to the National Office and Staff for their help and support leading up to and during the 55th Biennial Conclave.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Motion 29

Made by: Jason Ellis, PR Seconded: Ani Davis, Gamma Kappa Delegate

Resolved,

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its sincerest gratitude and congratulations to the 2020 Kuebler Award recipient: Dr. Walter Benson, Eta 1956.

Consideration: 7/8/2020 Action: Passed – Voice Vote

Motion 30

Made by: Jason Ellis, PR Seconded: Charlie Cox, PCDC

Resolved,

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter take a moment of silence for self-reflection and remembrance of our beloved brothers who joined the Chapter Eternal since the 54th Biennial Conclave, and give thanks to their efforts for all they have done for Alpha Chi Sigma throughout their mortal lives.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Motion 31

Made by: Charlie Cox, PCDC Seconded: Evelyn Martinez, Beta Iota Delegate

Resolved,

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter congratulates Scott Fogler, Z 1960 and the late Charles Reilley, P 1946 for their induction into the Alpha Chi Sigma Hall of Fame.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Motion 32

Made by: Rebekah Jones, St. Louis Pro Delegate Seconded: Tiffany Coleman, Delta Delta Delegate Resolved.

Be it Resolved that the Grand Chapter offers its gratitude to Bobbi Larsen and Mick McGill from Holmes-Murphy for an informative expert keynote speech and presentation on Insurance and Health and Safety.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Motion 33

Made by: Rebekah Jones, St. Louis Pro Delegate Seconded: Matthew Smith, Alpha Alpha Delegate Resolved,

Let the Grand Chapter express its profound gratitude to Kip Nalley, Merryn Cole, Sean Pawlowski, Jason Ellis, and Stephanie Bates for their willingness to run for our Supreme Council. Their dedication to Alpha Chi Sigma serves as a model for all Brothers.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Motion 34

Made by: William Ramos, Gamma Zeta Delegate Seconded: Rebekah Jones, St. Louis Pro Delegate Resolved,

Be it resolved, that as an organization founded on the principles of brotherhood, service, and education, Alpha Chi Sigma stands with our brothers to condemn acts of violence against people of color and the LGBTQIA+ community. Diversity makes our fraternity and our communities grow stronger. Violence against underrepresented minorities is a sign of weakness, not strength. We acknowledge the necessity of intersectionality within our community of chemistry. Many of our members will never know what it means to live as an underrepresented minority. Alpha Chi Sigma challenges all of our members to listen, support, and aid our brothers by every honorable means. Alpha Chi Sigma has increased our efforts to promote diversity, inclusion, and brotherhood and we continue to strive towards these ideals every single day in order to make the future of our fraternity and our country better.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Motion 35

Made by: Matthew Smith, Alpha Alpha Delegate Seconded: Evelyn Martinez, Beta Iota Delegate Resolved,

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its sincerest gratitude to Brothers Coppola, Levings, Welmers, Cole, Showerman, and Penrose for planning and leading informative discussions during the 55th Biennial Conclave.

Consideration: 7/8/2020

Action: Passed – Unanimous Consent

Supreme Council Elections

A Motion to Close SC Nominations was made in Session 4 on July 7 by PR Don Cole and Seconded by GPDC Oliver Penrose

The Motion to Close Nominations Passed Unanimously by Yes / No Tally

The election of the Supreme Council for the 56th Biennium was then held in Session 6 on July 8. The Nominations Committee was charged with counting the votes after the GR and AGR certified that all votes were cast by members of the Grand Chapter.

Kip Nalley was elected to the office of Grand Master Alchemist unanimously by Yes / No Tally

The candidates for Grand Master of Ceremonies were allowed to speak and then answered questions from the floor. The candidates then left the room and members took turns speaking for each of the candidates.

The election for Grand Master of Ceremonies was then held:

Stephanie Bates 29 Votes Jason Ellis 63 Votes

Jason Ellis was elected to the office of Grand Master of Ceremonies.

GMA Webster randomly decided the order of the elections for Grand Collegiate Alchemist and Grand Professional Alchemist by coin toss. By the coin toss, the Grand Collegiate Alchemist was to be elected before Grand Professional Alchemist.

Brother Bates declined running for Grand Collegiate Alchemist.

Merryn Cole was elected to the office of Grand Collegiate Alchemist by acclimation of the Grand Chapter.

Brother Bates declined running for Grand Professional Alchemist.

Sean Pawlowski was elected to the office of Grand Professional Alchemist by acclimation of the Grand Chapter

The Supreme Council for the 56th Biennium (in order of seniority):

Kip Nalley, *Alpha Sigma 1990* – Grand Master Alchemist Sean Pawlowski, *Gamma Upsilon 2006* – Grand Professional Alchemist Merryn Cole, *Alpha Theta 2003* – Grand Collegiate Alchemist Jason Ellis, *Delta 1997* - Grand Master of Ceremonies

Faithfully submitted,

Yours in the Double Bond,

John N. Stipp, OA, Epsilon 1989

Grand Recorder