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Let’s assume a steady state transition for Alpha Chi Sigma members. About 1600 new members are initiated into the Collegiate branch each year; about 1600 must graduate each year and become Professional members. The first couple of years after graduation are full of change — jobs, friends, locations and activities all caught up in a whirlwind. And you will get through it like the tens of thousands of Alpha Chi Sigma members before you. Before I expound some about the Professional Branch and its activities, and how to stay connected to Alpha Chi Sigma, let me please start with one simple but very important request. PLEASE keep your contact information (mail and email address) current with the National Office. School- or work-affiliated email addresses are often transient, and your summer address is often that of your parents, and maybe not you.

Almost everything the Professional branch does is keyed on being able to reach you in a timely fashion. The value of the Alpha Chi Sigma directories (issued every few years) is predicated on having the correct information. The natural transitions mean that about 5% of the contact information that the National Office has is going to be inaccurate at any given time! Founder’s Day might be a good date to set an annual reminder to set up and update your own profile at the Fraternity website.

Please remember to VOTE on the granting of a charter to the University of California, Irvine by March 19, 2018.
The 54th Biennial Conclave is will be hosted by Gamma Upsilon at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. The exact dates are not yet set. Who is going to be your collegiate chapter delegate? Your professional chapter delegate? Who are your alternates? Who all is going to go? Talk to the Brothers who have been to one, or a few, or are "FARTS." Start or continue your listing in the Tontine.
A Reminder about Professional Activities

You can find a list of Professional chapters and groups on the Fraternity website, and on the back cover of the HEXAGON. The activities (social and professional) of these Professionals are listed on the National calendar. There is a pro chat that spans the United States in its participants, and more of that in an upcoming article. National chemistry meetings such as the American Chemical Society meeting or the American Institute of Chemical Engineers usually have a sponsored lunch where Alpha Chi Sigma members congregate (and these bi-annual meetings usually are highlighted as part of the scrolling news on the website). Many collegiate newsletters compose alumni newsletters so that they can tell you what they are doing, but also help tell your chapter brothers where you are, and what you are doing. Professional members often organize Professional Induction Ceremonies (PICs) for graduating collegiate members. None of this works perfectly or seamlessly, of course. There are hiccups when contact information goes astray. But it really takes just a bit of effort to keep the lines of communication open, to stay in touch, and to keep participating in Alpha Chi Sigma activities. Professional chapters and groups have outreach activities that parallel those you may have enjoyed while a collegiate. In addition, your collegiate and professional brothers become part of your professional network. There are lots of for-profit sites that want to help you establish this "professional network." With Alpha Chi Sigma, it's built in. Read the website and the Hexagon (look for the archive of electronic copies on the website). Come to Conclave and become informed about all of these activities. For those of you who use Facebook and other social media, the Fraternity has a Facebook page and so do thousands of your brothers. Remember that we are professionals!
The National Office uses the commercial database Raiser’s Edge to organize and maintain information about the Fraternity members. The database keeps name and address, other contact information, initiation history and membership records, fee payments, and professional contribution records. The membership record is started by National Office staff at the time pledge information is first received, and is updated through initiation, and subsequently through collegiate and professional chapter reports. The information is limited and kept confidential, and limited to only what is necessary through membership. For example, the Fraternity database does not maintain your credit card information on file, as credit card transactions are handled securely by a commercial vendor. When an Alpha Chi Sigma member creates or updates their profile on the Fraternity website, that information is seamlessly linked to the Raiser’s Edge database. Because of security, information about other members is not available, and so access is through the familiar User ID and password. National Office staff is focused on entering information for pledges and new initiates, and it is very helpful when members keep their information current.
The Chrome and Blue is a newsletter published monthly during the academic year primarily for collegiate chapter officers and District Counselors. It also provides information useful to the rest of the Grand Chapter and to any interested Brothers. It serves to communicate news, reminders and updates in a timely manner.

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Just one click on the Fraternity website gets you to the National Event Calendar.

Just one email to the National Office gets your event on the Calendar.

Just one page gives you the most up-to-date information about what is happening in our Fraternity across the nation!

Use the calendar to publicize your event!

https://www.alphachisigma.org/calendar