

Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity

Record of the 54th Biennial Conclave

Hosted by Gamma Upsilon Chapter – July 23-27, 2018

Supreme Council

Jonathan E. Wenzel, *Delta 1996* - Grand Master Alchemist
Helen M.M. Webster, *Alpha Rho 1994* – Grand Professional Alchemist
Kip Nalley, *Alpha Sigma 1990* – Grand Collegiate Alchemist
Jason Ellis, *Delta 1997* – Grand Master of Ceremonies

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Approved by SC Proposition 4729 on August 27, 2018

The Grand Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma assembled in Conclave at the 54th Biennial Conclave of the Fraternity in the Bayer Pappert Lecture Hall at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for eight Grand Chapter Sessions held:

July 24, 2018	Session 1,	8:31am	93 Members present
July 24, 2018	Session 2,	3:41pm	98 Members present
July 25, 2018	Session 3,	8:31am	98 Members present
July 25, 2018	Session 4,	8:15pm	Closed Ritual Discussion. No Roll Taken.
July 26, 2018	Session 5,	8:31am	97 Members present
July 26, 2018	Session 6,	1:08pm	97 Members present
July 26, 2018	Session 7,	8:30pm	97 Members present
July 27, 2018	Session 8,	8:32am	96 Members present

Grand Master Alchemist Wenzel presided. Each Grand Chapter session was opened and closed using the Official Ritual and roll was taken, except for Session 4, which was a closed extraordinary session on Ritual with the members at Conclave. 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: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA

Seconded: Helen Webster, GPA

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter adopt the Standing Rules for the 54th Biennial Conclave as distributed.

First Reading: 7/24/2018 Consideration: 7/24/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 2

Made by: Jason Ellis, GMC

Seconded: Kip Nalley, GCA

Resolved, That, Erin Goodwin, Stacy Neill, and Marc Mores be invited into the first Grand Chapter Session for the officer report portion of the session.

First Reading: 7/24/2018 Consideration: 7/24/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 3

Made by: Kip Nalley, GCA Seconded: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA

Resolved, That the right to vote with full delegate privileges be granted to the representatives of the Colonies present.

First Reading: 7/24/2018 Consideration: 7/24/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 4

Made by: Jason Ellis, GMC Seconded: Kip Nalley, GCA

Resolved, That children three years old and younger be allowed into Grand Chapter Sessions during the 54th Biennial Conclave if they are accompanied by a member parent.

First Reading: 7/24/2018 Consideration: 7/24/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 5

Made by: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA Seconded: Helen Webster, GPA

Resolved,

Bylaw I,A,10: Insert following “lifetime membership fee” in both places the phrase “and any applicable surcharge”

Bylaw I,C,2: Insert following “Lifetime Membership fee” the phrase “and applicable surcharge”

Bylaw VII,B: Retitle this section to read “Section B – Pledge and Lifetime Membership Fees and Surcharges”

Bylaw VII,B,1: Insert following the second sentence the following: “From time to time, the Supreme Council also may assess a mandatory surcharge on the pledge fee for a period not exceeding two years.”

Bylaw VII,B,2,a: Insert following “lifetime membership fee” the phrase “and applicable surcharge”.

Bylaw VII,B,2,b: Insert at the end of this subsection the following: “From time to time, the Supreme Council also may assess a mandatory surcharge on the lifetime membership fee for a period not exceeding two years.”

Bylaw VII,B,2,c: In the first sentence, insert following “lifetime membership fee” the phrase “and applicable surcharge”. In the third sentence, strike “installment lifetime membership fee” and insert at that point “sum of the installment lifetime membership fee and applicable surcharge”. In the fourth sentence, insert following “installment lifetime membership” the phrase “and applicable surcharge”.

Bylaw VII, B,4: Insert following “pledge and lifetime membership fees” the phrase “and applicable surcharges”

First Reading: 7/24/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Standing Count – Passed by 2/3 Majority. For: 93, Against 5, Abstain 0.

Motion 6

Made by: Mike Raffay, PR Seconded: Matt Schnippert, SEDC

Resolved,

Effective immediately, neither the Fraternity, nor any subordinate Chapter or group thereof, shall sponsor, co-sponsor, plan, or perform in events involving chemical demonstrations under the auspices of the Fraternity, aside from those activities that may be specifically prescribed in the ritual, until such time as the Supreme Council, by unanimous vote, revokes this prohibition. At that time, the Supreme Council shall inform the Grand Chapter of any activities that remain prohibited.

First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice – Passed

Motion 7

Made by: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA Seconded: Oliver Penrose, GPDC

Insert following Bylaw I,A,9,c “d. Have paid all applicable fees due the Grand Chapter.”

Delete Bylaw I,A,10.

Delete Bylaw VII,B,2,c and renumber the following subsection.

In Bylaw VII,B,2,d, delete the second sentence.

In Bylaw VII,B,3, strike “and specify extended payment schedules”.

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Standing Count – Failed. For: 54, Against 42, Abstain 0

Motion 8

Made by: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA Seconded: Oliver Penrose, GPDC

Insert in the second sentence of Bylaw VII,B,2,a, following the phrase “Treasurer of the chapter”, the words “or paid directly to the Grand Chapter”.

In the first sentence of Bylaw VII,B,2,d, strike “collected fees” and insert at that point “fees collected on behalf of the Grand Chapter”.

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice – Passed Unanimously

Motion 9

Made by: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA Seconded: Oliver Penrose, GPDC

In Bylaw VII,B,1, delete the first sentence and insert at that point “Immediately following the Pledge Ceremony, a pledge fee for each candidate shall be paid directly to the Grand Chapter or, alternatively, shall be collected by the Collegiate Chapter and forwarded promptly to the Grand Recorder.”

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice – Passed Unanimously

Motion 10

Made by: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA

Seconded: Oliver Penrose, GPDC

Replace Bylaw III.D.2 with “The Grand Recorder shall be appointed by the Supreme Council within ten days of the close of conclave or of a vacancy occurring in office and shall be installed as directed by the Supreme Council.

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice – Passed Unanimously

Motion 11

Made by: Kelly Allen, Boston Professional

Seconded: Helen Webster, GPA

Amend Bylaw I,A,8 by inserting following

e. No individual desiring membership who has qualified under the provisions of this Section shall be denied timely initiation into membership except by the a foregoing procedure.

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice – Passed Unanimously

Motion 12

Made by: Kelly Allen, Boston Professional

Seconded: Helen Webster, GPA

Replace Bylaw 1,A,8,c with:

A one-third vote of the chapter’s active members by ballot shall be necessary for the withdrawal of an invitation to membership

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice – Passed

Motion 13

Made by: Helen Webster, GPA

Seconded: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA

Resolved, to set the number of Professional Representatives to eight for the 55th Biennium

First Reading: 7/24/2018 Consideration: 7/24/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 14

Made by: Jason Ellis, GMC

Seconded: Sean Pawlowski, BSDC

Resolved, The Grand Chapter accepts the revision to the official ritual as recommended by the Ritual Committee.

First Reading: 7/24/2018 Consideration: 7/24/2018

Action: Voice - Passed

Motion 15

Made by: Lauren Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Kathryn Cavanaugh, PR

Bylaw 1, section C, pg 20, 24-45

Add as Bylaw I Section C.3.h: Notwithstanding the above provisions, a collegiate member convicted by a court of law of a felony may be expelled from the fraternity by a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council without consideration of the case by the collegiate chapter.

First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice - Passed

Motion 16

Made by: N. Fernando Nieto, KC Professional Seconded: Josh Lanz, Beta Delta

It is resolved that the Grand Chapter offer its sincerest thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Jennifer Wenzel, wife of Grand Master Alchemist, Dr. Jonathan Wenzel, and their family.

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 17

Made by: N. Fernando Nieto, KC Professional Seconded: Josh Lanz, Beta Delta

It is resolved that 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 54th Biennial Conclave.

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 18

Made by: Haley Blair, Alpha Kappa Seconded: Tiffany Matyja, Delta Xi

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter offer its gratitude to the Director of Residence Life, Sharon G. Oelschlager and St. Ann Hall Staff Alana Marshall and Alydia Thomas for making sure that our stay on the Duquesne University campus was comfortable and enjoyable.

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 19

Made by: Haley Blair, Alpha Kappa Seconded: Tiffany Matyja, Delta Xi

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extend its thanks to Dr. Charles McAnany for his services as the official Conclave Photographer.

First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 20

Made by: Jonathan Wenzel, GMA Seconded: Helen Webster, GPA
Resolved that the Grand Chapter concur with Supreme Council Proposition 4719 setting the Pledge Fee at \$50.00 and the Lifetime Membership Fee at \$170.00 for the 55th biennium
First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018
Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 21

Made by: Matthew Welmers, Chicago Professional Seconded: Sarah Pickett, CDC
Bylaw I Section C.4
Add as Bylaw I Section C.4.f: Notwithstanding the above provisions, a professional member convicted by a court of law of a felony may be expelled from the fraternity by a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council without consideration of the case by the Grand Professional Alchemist.
First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018
Action: Voice - Passed

Motion 22

Made by: Sarah Crisenbery, Delta Theta Seconded: Elizabeth Wright, Gamma Beta
Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter thank the staff of the dining hall for their continuous sunny disposition and gracious hospitality.
First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018
Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 23

Made by: Joshua Lanz, Beta Delta Seconded: N. Fernando Nietl, Kansas City Professional
It is resolved that the Grand Chapter would take a moment of silence to allow for self-reflection and remembrance of our beloved brothers who joined the Chapter Eternal since the 53rd Biennial Conclave, and give thanks to their efforts for all they have done for Alpha Chi Sigma throughout their mortal lives.
First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018
Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 24

Made by: Tiffany Matyja, Delta Xi Seconded: Hanna Henderson, Gamma Upsilon
Let it be it resolved that the Grand Chapter would like to give a special thanks to the faculty and staff of Duquesne University and President Kenneth Gormley. We appreciate such a welcoming environment and all the hard work you've done to help make this a successful Conclave for us.
First Reading: 7/25/2018 Consideration: 7/25/2018
Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 25

Made by: Sara Crisenbery, Delta Theta

Seconded: Elizabeth Wright, Gamma Beta

Be it resolved that The Grand Chapter gives its most appreciative thanks to our sponsor GEICO, without whose generous charity we, The Grand Chapter, would have had no reprieve or refreshment from our honorable duties as delegates at the 54th Biennial Conclave.

First Reading: 7/25/2018

Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 26

Made by: Tiffany Matyja, Delta Xi

Seconded: Hanna Henderson, Gamma Upsilon

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter would like to extend its congratulations to the Alpha Chi Sigma Scholars: 2017 Anthony Tabet, Beta 2013, and 2018 Justin Pratt, Delta Delta 2012.

First Reading: 7/25/2018

Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 27

Made by: Elizabeth Wright, Gamma Beta

Seconded: Sara Crisenbery, Delta Theta

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its sincerest gratitude to the generous host chapter, Gamma Upsilon, for their outstanding accomplishment in hosting the 54th Biennial Conclave of Alpha Chi Sigma.

First Reading: 7/25/2018

Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 28

Made by: Bryce Caplan, Pi

Seconded: Howard McLean, NEDC

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its thanks to the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation for sponsoring the forum entitled "Insurance and Risk Management Policy".

First Reading: 7/25/2018

Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 29

Made by: Bryce Caplan, Pi

Seconded: Howard McLean, NEDC

Let it be enthusiastically resolved that the Grand Chapter extends its sincerest gratitude and congratulations to the 2018 Kuebler Award recipient: Dr. John Adams, Beta Delta 1971, Order of Altotus.

First Reading: 7/25/2018

Consideration: 7/25/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 30

Made by: Jordan Ferguson, Beta Iota

Seconded: Tiffany Matyja, Delta Xi

First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: Not Brought to Floor due to Motion 33 Passing, thus making Motion 34 Out of Order
Action: Out of Order due to Motion 33 passing

Motion 35

Made by: Oliver Penrose, GPDC Seconded: Helen Webster, GPA

Bylaw VII.B.2.c, Bylaw VII.B.2.d

Replace this portion of the Bylaws with the following. "Payment of the lifetime membership fee on an installment plan shall be permitted. This installment plan shall be determined by vote of the Supreme Council."

First Reading: Not Brought to Floor

Action: None. Legislation Died in Committee

Motion 36

Made by: Hanna Henderson, Gamma Upsilon Seconded: Bryce Caplan, Pi

Let it be it resolved that the Grand Chapter would like to extend its comfort and condolences to Grand Master of Ceremonies, Jason Ellis, and his family for their loss.

First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 37

Made by: Lauren Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Haley Blair, Alpha Kappa

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter extends their thanks to the Standing Ritual Committee to their hard work and dedication on Ritual revision.

Jason Ellis, GMC

Stephanie Bates, PR

Kathryn Cavanaugh, PR

Hannah Bowman, PR

Oliver Penrose, GPDC

Sean Pawlowski, BSDC

Mitch Levings, OA

DeWayne Gerber, OA

Randi Ress

First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 38

Made by: Lauren Giarmo, NDC Seconded: Elizabeth Wright, Gamma Beta

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter offer its thanks to the following Brothers for supporting the Honor Initiation as stage hands at the 54th Biennial Conclave: Sidney D'Souza, Hanna Henderson, Bryan Kelleher, and McKenna Then.

First Reading: 7/27/2018 Consideration: 7/27/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 39

Made by: Hanna Henderson, Gamma Upsilon Seconded: Elizabeth Wright, Gamma Beta

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter acknowledge and thank Mayor Bill Peduto and the City of Pittsburgh for its hospitality and providing a beautiful background for a successful Conclave.

First Reading: 7/27/2018 Consideration: 7/27/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 40

Made by: Hanna Henderson, Gamma Upsilon Seconded: Elizabeth Wright, Gamma Beta

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter extends congratulations to our Conclave Initiate, Dr. Pamela Marshall.

First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 41

Made by: Hanna Henderson, Gamma Upsilon Seconded: Lauren Giarmo, NDC

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter offer its thanks and congratulations to the following Brothers for outstanding performances as cast members for the Honor initiation at the 54th Biennial Conclave: Emma-Rae Ranger, Stephanie Martin, Bria Christian, Anna Iacovino, Brynn Roman, Elisabeth Latawiec, Jared Miller, John Roth, Josalynn Rightnour, Taylor Keck, and Nisha Mallya.

First Reading: 7/27/2018 Consideration: 7/27/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 42

Made by: Hanna Henderson, Gamma Upsilon Seconded: Lauren Giarmo, NDC

Let it be resolved that the Grand Chapter extends congratulations to our Honor Initiate, Dr. Ellen Gawalt.

First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018

Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 43

Made by: Hanna Henderson, Gamma Upsilon Seconded: Jordan Ferguson, Beta Iota

Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter extend its thanks to Charles J. Dougherty Ballroom for a delicious and exemplary Kuebler Banquet.

First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018
Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 44

Made by: Haley Blair, Alpha Kappa Seconded: Tiffany Matyja, Delta Xi
Let the Grand Chapter express its profound gratitude to Helen Webster, Kip Nalley, Jason Ellis, Don Cole, Sean Pawlowski, and Howard Mayne for their willingness to run for our Supreme Council. Their dedication to Alpha Chi Sigma serves as a model for all Brothers.
First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018
Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 45

Made by: Elizabeth Wright, Gamma Beta Seconded: Sara Crisenbery, Delta Theta
Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter offers its gratitude to Marc Mores from James R. Favor & Company LLC, for an inspiring and informative expert speech and proactive presentation on risk management and insurance.
First Reading: 7/26/2018 Consideration: 7/26/2018
Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion 46

Made by: Jordan Ferguson, Beta Iota Seconded: Howard McLean, NEDC
Let it be resolved, that the Grand Chapter congratulates Dr. M Frederick Hawthorne and the late Dr. William Frank Libby for their induction into the Alpha Chi Sigma Hall of Fame based on their exemplary dedication to our Second Object.
First Reading: 7/27/2018 Consideration: 7/27/2018
Action: Voice - Passed Unanimously

Motion to Close SC Nominations was made on July 26 by Sean Pawlowski BSDC and Seconded by Sandy Sansing PR
The Motion Passed Unanimously

The election of the Supreme Council for the 55th Biennium was held on July 27.

GMA Helen Webster was elected unanimously by acclamation

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:
Don Cole 46 Votes

Sean Pawlowski 49 Votes

Brother Cole declined running for Grand Collegiate Alchemist.

Howard Mayne, candidate for Grand Collegiate Alchemist was allowed to speak. As Brother Ellis had to leave Conclave early, Helen Webster spoke on Brother Ellis' behalf. Brother Mayne then answered questions from the floor. Brother Mayne then left the room and the members took turns speaking for each of the candidates.

The election for Grand Collegiate Alchemist was then held:

Jason Ellis 43

Howard Mayne 53

Brother Cole declined running for Grand Collegiate Alchemist.

Brother Ellis then desired to run for Grand Professional Alchemist

As Brother Ellis had to leave Conclave early, Jon Wenzel spoke on Brother Ellis' behalf. Kip Nalley, candidate for Grand Professional Alchemist was allowed to speak. Brother Nalley then answered questions from the floor. Brother Nalley then left the room and members took turns speaking for each of the candidates.

The election for Grand Professional Alchemist was then held:

Jason Ellis 34

Kip Nalley 62

The Supreme Council for the 55th Biennium (in order of seniority) is:

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

Howard Mayne, *Mu 2001* – Grand Collegiate Alchemist