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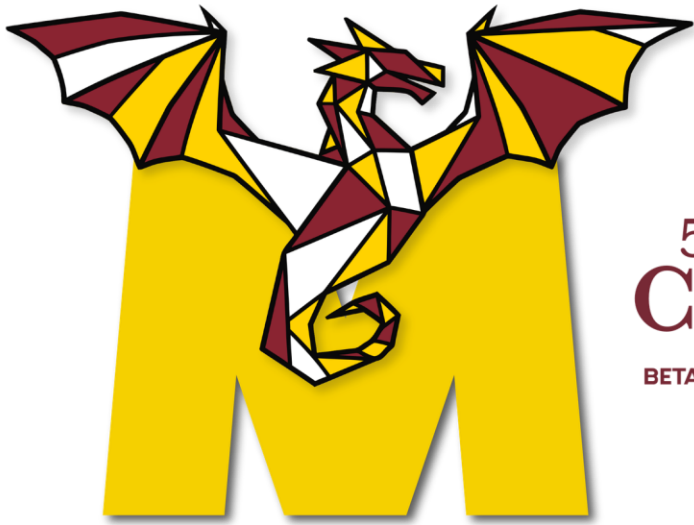
From the Grand Professional Alchemist

There will be multiple opportunities this summer and fall to get together as Brothers. The first is Conclave from July 16th - 21st in Minneapolis, MN. Check social media and the Alpha Chi Sigma [website](#) for more details. A draft schedule will be out soon.

The second opportunity will be at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education July 26th - 30th held at University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. The third opportunity will be at the Fall ACS Meeting in Chicago, IL from August 23rd - 27th. The last opportunity will be at the AiChE Conference in Minneapolis, MN from November 8th - 12th. Look in the May Double Bond for more details on how we can connect as Brothers.

Yours in the Double Bond,

GPA Faith Yarberry, Alpha Sigma, 1992



58th BIENNIAL CONCLAVE

BETA CHAPTER • UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

July 16 - 21, 2026

The 58th Biennial Conclave

Expect a lot of information about Conclave over the next couple of months in the Double Bond, on Social Media, and on the Alpha Chi Sigma [website](#). The dates for the 2026 Conclave are July 16, 2026 through July 21, 2026. Conclave will be held at the University of Minnesota, Beta Chapter, in Minneapolis, MN.

You can register for Conclave at <https://alphachisigma.org/biennial-conclave-58th-2026>



Back to Basics - Conclave Legislation

A major part of conclave each biennium is the drafting, discussion, and voting on various pieces of legislation. It is important for chapters and their delegates to conclave to be aware of what legislation is being considered, and what can be considered. At this time, legislation can only be introduced at conclave according to time limits found in the Constitution and Bylaws. Meet with your Professional Chapters to determine if there is legislation your delegate should submit. Members of Professional Groups and members-at-large, please work with the Professional Representatives if you have legislation that you would like to submit.

Conclave legislation falls into two primary categories: routine legislation and new legislation. Routine legislation includes: the setting of fees for pledging and lifetime membership; setting the number of Professional Representatives; and thanking and recognizing various entities for their service to the Fraternity. New legislation includes: Constitution and Bylaws amendments; creation of committees (ad hoc or standing); and requests to the Supreme Council to investigate new ideas for the organization (these can be new committees, new trainings, new initiatives—anything that the Grand Chapter feels is important to the future of the Fraternity).

Records from previous Conclaves can be found on our website, check out the page for our [most recent Conclave in 2024](#). If you and/or your chapter have ideas for new legislation to propose at Conclave but need guidance on how to submit, reach out to your Professional Representatives.

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From the
PROFESSIONAL
Branch

Professional Development Opportunities

The Professional Representatives will be offering two more Professional Development Opportunities in the Spring of 2026.



ALPHA CHI SIGMA
Professional in the Chemical Sciences

Professional Development Opportunities

What to expect at Conclave *A High Level View*

Offered by PRs Sandy Lukaszewski-Rose and Eric Puhlmann

April 16th | 7:00-8:00 pm CENTRAL

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4rZ8IEh>





Professional Development Opportunities

Pro Chapters & Pro Groups
Offered by PRs Oliver Penrose & Lauren Abbott

April 26th | 7:00-8:00 pm CENTRAL

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3PRs23g>

Oliver and Lauren would request your assistance. Oliver recently sent an email asking for 1 slide's worth of information from the Professional Chapter Presidents and the Professional Group Representatives. This would include the best way to contact you, your next meeting time (in May or later), how often you meet, and what some of the annual activities are (or recent activities if you don't have many annual ones). They are willing to build the slide for you if you can provide the information. Given that the presentation will be on April 26th, they are asking that you provide this information by April 19th?

What topics would you like us to provide? Email GPA@alphachisigma.org with your ideas.



From the Grand Historian

Fraternal Memories from GH Mitch Levings:

April, being income tax month, gets people thinking about tax deductible charitable donations. Alpha Chi Sigma's philanthropic corporation, the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation is a vehicle where tax deductible contributions are used to underwrite Second Object activities. The driving force in establishing the Educational Foundation, Robert M. McManigal is the focus of this month's profile of the Fraternity's Founders and Builders. Robert Moore "Bob" McManigal was the oldest active member of the State Bar of California at the time of his death at age 102 in 2023. While earning an undergraduate chemistry degree at UC Berkeley, he was initiated by Sigma Chapter in 1922. He continued his studies at Berkeley, this time earning a law degree. In 1929, He and wife of under one year, Evelyn, moved to the Los Angeles area where he set up a law practice specializing in Intellectual Property, Small Business Corporate Law, and Estate Planning. He became very active with the Los Angeles Professional Chapter, holding several offices. After the Tax Code was revised in 1954, tightening up the rules on charitable contribution deductibility, McManigal spearheaded a 1958 initiative of the Los Angeles Professional Chapter to create a non-profit corporation to fund the fraternity's awards program and accept tax deductible contributions. Other key members of the Los Angeles Professional Chapter who worked on forming Educational Foundation were: Carl F. Prutton; L.W. Van Doren; and T. H. Harms. Bob was selected to receive the John R. Kuebler Award in 2002. Poor health prevented him from attending the Conclave. The Educational Foundation has become a vital part of the fraternity's awards program in and it owes it success to the efforts of Robert M. McManigal.



PROFESSIONAL BROTHER SPOTLIGHT



Meet Your Professional Representatives

I'm PR Randi Ress! I was initiated at Gamma Nu (Ohio University) in 2008, and graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 2011. I am currently working as a Process Safety Engineer at IFF in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Prior to that I worked mostly in process engineering at IFF/DuPont in various locations.

In my free time I like to hang out with my 3 black cats (Sam, Frodo, and Pippin) and my Fiancé Aaron (who is not a brother). I like the color pink, Taylor Swift, cats, lego, video games, musicals, reading and watching things with good vibes, and traveling.

I attended my first conclave in 2010 when our chapter hosted the 50th biennial conclave in Athens, Ohio. I was not a delegate but it was a crazy, extremely fun, slightly stressful experience helping host a conclave and I would absolutely recommend it. I have not

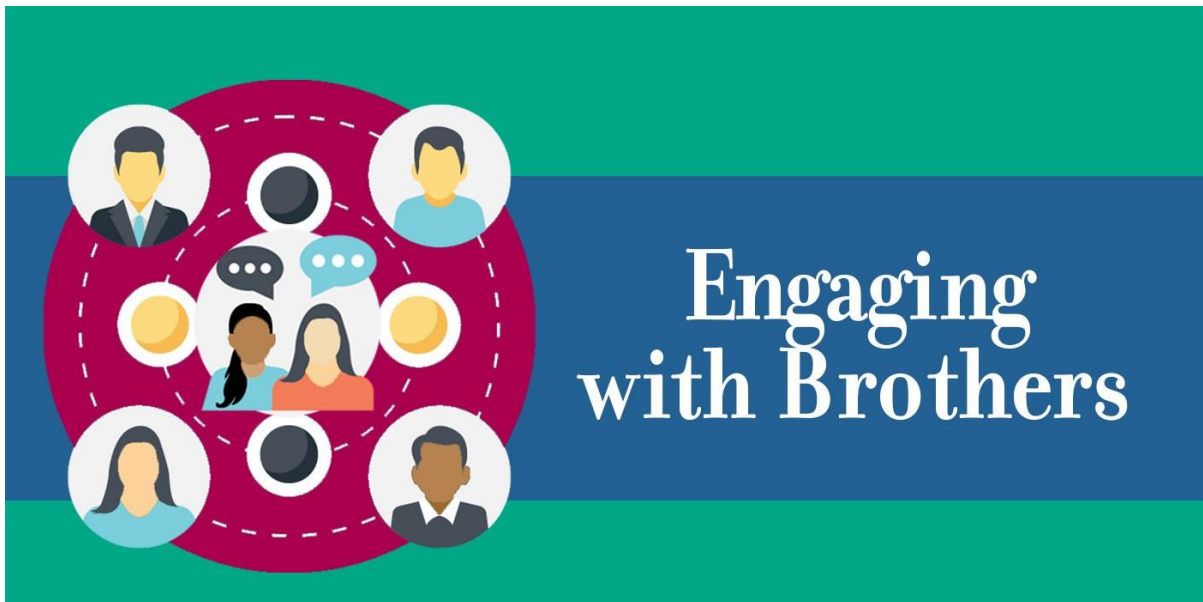
attended every conclave since then but I have been back to several, falling in to easy conversation with brothers I haven't seen in years and collecting a few more. Every time, I am reminded how wonderful our group is and find myself wanting to be more connected and involved which I why I ran for PR following the 2024 conclave.

I look forward to meeting many of you this summer, and reconnecting with everyone else, I am excited to represent the fraternity in an elected capacity and can't wait to see what unfolds in this next biennium!



Chemists Celebrate Earth Week

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week 2026 is April 19-25, 2026. The topic is: "Trees and Forests", with the theme being "Into the Woods with Chemistry." En Español it is: "Dentro del Bosque con la Química." The Celebrating Chemistry is in the ACS Store and will cost \$15/box of 250 magazines. Celebrating Chemistry is designed for kids in 4th-6th grade, but is widely used for all ages. Some possible activities include leaf chromatography, crystal growth/crystal forests, and fizzing trees which is an acid/base demonstration.



Ways to Engage with Brothers

The sixth Online Professional Group meeting (Social Hour) is scheduled for May 20, 2026, at 7:00 Central Time. You can register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dcRnslg1QlubKimLBllbEw>. We will be playing cards and socializing. I hope to see you there.

Dates & Events



Important Dates

The National Website now has an embedded Google Calendar! You can see when chapters are having initiation, when the Supreme Council is meeting, and more! See the calendar [here](#), and to add items to the calendar, [email the National Office](#). We would love for Professional Groups and Chapters to let us know when you are meeting so that we can help you advertise.



We Want to Hear from You!

What information would you like to see made available in the Double Bond. Let the GPA know at gpa@alphachisigma.org.



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