

ALPHA CHI SIGMA FRATERNITY

Minutes of the Supreme Council Meeting Urbana, Illinois July 15, 2024

The Supreme Council convened in Room 210 of the University of Illinois Union Building in Urbana, Illinois on July 15 2024. Present for all or part of the meeting were GMA Sean Pawlowski, *Gamma Upsilon 2006*, GCA Sarah Pickett, *Gamma Theta 2000*, GMC Matt Schnippert, *Gamma Beta 2003*, GPA Kerri Federico, *Mu 2008*, GHSO Merryn Cole, *Alpha Theta 2003*, GR John Stipp, OA, *Epsilon 1989*, Director of Fraternity Operations Erin Goodwin, Membership and Database Coordinator Jennifer Showerman, OA, *Zeta 1992*, GV Kip Nalley, OA, *Alpha Sigma 1990*, NEDC Samantha McKenna, *Tau 2010*, Jen Schnippert, *Gamma Beta 2003*, David Harrington, *Alpha Kappa 1985*, Olivia Hathaway, *Alpha Kappa 2021*, Oliver Penrose, *Gamma Theta 2003*, Emma Langworthy, *Gamma Zeta 2023*, Jeff Moore, *Alpha Omega 1996*, Cassandra Moore, *Delta Iota 2022*, Michael Clager, *Gamma Iota 1989*, Stephanie Bates, *Alpha Rho 1995* Ash Quad, *Beta Sigma 2017*, Brad Hulse, *Morgan Stanley Inc.*, Gracie Goodwin

GMA Pawlowski called the meeting to order at 8:58am (Eastern Standard Time).

1. Brad Hulse from Morgan Stanley joined the meeting at 9:00am and discussed the Fraternity's investment portfolio performance, projections, and recommendations.
2. GMA Report
 - a. Extraordinary session will be in Ballroom B and C this evening instead of Ballroom A.
 - b. Listening session Wednesday. Three Collegiate Groups, Three Professional Groups. Open to all attendees. Requested forum. One moderator, one notetaker per group. What do people want to see in next two, four, six years of the Fraternity. What can the Professional branch do better? Engaging Alumni Secretaries in educating members on opportunities to serve the Fraternity in the Professional Branch. Opportunity to voice your opinions for the next leaders of the Fraternity. Notes will be available on Google shared drive.
 - c. Slides need to be ready for tomorrow for those presenting work of their office or committee. Please verify responsibilities with 57th biennium SC Responsibility chart.
 - d. DEI Committee worked well with the National Office in planning workload for the DEI pin program. That is greatly appreciated.
3. GCA Report
 - a. Sarah is reaching out to chapters who do not have a District Counselor at Conclave at the moment.
 - b. SC DC PR meeting later today
4. GMC Report

- a. Matt is looking for volunteers to help out with Model Initiation. People who don't have to be at session.
 - b. PIC will be held in the dorm (Second floor Townsend). Jason Ellis is managing that. Faith Yarberry has created QR codes at registration to sign up for that (links to google form).
- 5. GPA Report
 - a. No updates
- 6. GR Report
 - a. Financial Update.
 - i. Fraternity Account balances as of June 18:
 - 1. NBOI: \$218,971
 - 2. MS Reserve Fund: \$780,663
 - 3. MS Short Term Savings / CAPEX: \$30,293
 - ii. Pledge and Initiate numbers for the Spring Semester are mostly on track with budget predictions with 532 pledged and 593 initiated. (Budget was 1175 pledges and 1100 initiates for the year)
 - iii. Need to update Insurance Surcharge as the current proposition is expiring.
 - 1. Recommend \$20 for the pledge surcharge and \$90 (no change) for the Lifetime Membership Fee Surcharge based on insurance cost and the number of pledges and initiates that we are predicting for 2024.
 - iv. Need to recommend Pledge and Lifetime Fee amounts for next biennium. Based on the impact of inflation, the recommendation from the Grand Recorder is for the Pledge Fee to be set at \$65 and the Lifetime Membership Fee to be set at \$200. (Current amounts are \$60 and \$190)
 - b. Used Regalia Update
 - i. RTP Professional is requesting a set of regalia for use in PIC ceremonies.
- 7. GHSO Report
 - a. The Health and Safety Policy is in effect for Conclave. Merryn will be discussing more about this at the opening session this evening.

GMA Pawlowski thanked everyone for their service and their efforts and participation at the Supreme Council meeting. He also thanked the Supreme Council Members, Grand Chapter Officers, and National Office Staff for all of their service during the biennium. He then adjourned the meeting at 10:17am (Eastern Standard Time).

Proposition 5020

7/15/2024

Made by: John Stipp, Grand Recorder

That a \$20 Health and Safety Surcharge be applied to the Pledge Fee and an \$90 Health and Safety Surcharge be applied to the Lifetime Membership Fee for all individuals pledging the Fraternity. This surcharge is needed in

order to pay the cost of General Liability insurance for the Fraternity. This surcharge will expire on July 31, 2025, or until replaced by another Supreme Council Proposition. At that time a new surcharge may be instituted with the specific amounts based upon the cost of coverage and the number of pledges and initiates.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5021

7/15/2024

Made by: Sean Pawlowski, Grand Master Alchemist

For the 58th Biennium, the Pledge Fee is set at \$65.00 and the Lifetime Membership Fee is set at \$200.00.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5022

7/15/2024

Made by: Matt Schnippert, Grand Master of Ceremonies

The Research Triangle Professional Chapter be provided a set of regalia for performing Professional Induction Ceremonies. This regalia will be considered Grand Chapter property.

Justification: This will aid the Research Triangle Professional Chapter in performing Professional Induction Ceremonies and will help enhance the transition from the Collegiate to the Professional Branch for many Brothers in the region.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Faithfully submitted,

Yours in the Double Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Stipp', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John N. Stipp, OA, *Epsilon 1989*
Grand Recorder

Procedural Note: Minutes approved by SC Proposition 5042 on August 8, 2024