

ALPHA CHI SIGMA FRATERNITY

Minutes of the Supreme Council Meeting Urbana, Illinois July 19, 2024

The Supreme Council convened in the lower level lounge of the Illinois Street Residence Building in Urbana, Illinois on July 19, 2024. Present for all or part of the meeting were GMA Merryn Cole, *Alpha Theta 2003*, GCA Matt Schnippert, *Gamma Beta 2003*, GPA Faith Yarberry, *Alpha Sigma*, GMC Hannah Bowman, *Beta Nu 2006*, GR John Stipp, OA, *Epsilon 1989*, AGR Jon Wenzel, OA, *Delta 1996*, GHSO Jason Ellis, *Delta 1997*, Membership and Database Coordinator Jennifer Showerman, OA, *Zeta 1992*, GV Sean Pawlowski, OA, *Gamma Upsilon 2006*, ACDC Francesca Pellegrino, *Gamma Omicron 2008*, CDC Patrick Gillespie, *Beta Rho 2014*, EDC Bob Martin, *Iota 2005*, NDC Bill Lewis, *Iota 1995*, PDC Courtney Johnson-Ball, *Beta Rho*, SDC Sydnee Webb, *Alpha Gamma 2015*, SEDC Kate Cavanaugh, *Alpha Theta 2003*, WDC Don Cole, *Iota 1997*, PR Mic Le, *Gamma Iota 2009*, PR Tiffany Matyja, *Delta Xi 2017*, PR Lib Morgan, *Delta 2002*, PR Spencer Norman, *Beta Delta 2011*, PR Eric Puhlmann, *Delta Delta 2017*, PR Jen Schnippert, *Gamma Beta 2003*, Ken Busch, OA, *Epsilon 1984*, John Becker, *Iota 1986*, Chuck Carroll, *Zeta 1990*, William Chang, *Tau 2003*, Michael Clager, *Gamma Iota 1989*, Tristan Cole, *Beta Rho 2020*, Kerri Federico, *Mu 2008*, Christy Gesell, *Epsilon 1994*, Geoff Giarmo, *Alpha Beta 2003*, Lauren Giarmo, *Beta Nu 2002*, Grace Hall, *Beta Rho 2023*, Adyson Harm, *Beta Rho 2023*, Cindy Koffman, *Alpha 1979*, Sandy Lukaszewski-Rose, *Alpha Theta 1995*, Charles McAnany, *Iota 2008*, Cassandra Moore, *Delta Iota 2023*, Oliver Penrose, *Gamma Theta 2003*, Ash Quadd, *Beta Sigma 2017*, Michael Quan, *Sigma 1993*, Margaret Smallbrock, *Beta Phi 2003*, Megan Taylor, *Delta 2019*, Allison Uhl, *Alpha Theta 2005*, Melissa Ward, *Alpha Theta 1998*, Fred Watson, *Beta Phi 1976*, Emily Wedeman, *Beta Rho 2014*, Daniel Znidersic, *Alpha Epsilon 2003*

Meeting was called to order at 8:30pm. GMA Cole welcomed everyone to the SC meeting.

1. Conflict of Interest forms were provided by the new SC members and the GHSO.
2. Several Propositions were passed by the Supreme Council for the start of the biennium.
3. SC members should e-mail GMA Cole and let her know what days and times are good for meetings throughout the year.
4. The SC will be looking at a 125th Anniversary celebration in 2027. A committee will be formed for that. Will be discussed at the next SC meeting.
5. GMA Cole would like for us to set individual and group goals. Could include the office as well.
6. GR Report
 - a. Need to send out a missive to the Grand Chapter members in terms of Conclave travel reimbursements
 - b. SC Members who desire a Fraternity Credit Card should contact the Grand Recorder
 - c. Draft minutes of the pre-Conclave SC meeting, a draft Conclave record, and minutes from this meeting will be sent out soon for review and voting.

- d. The GR intends to prepare a letter similar to last biennium to the delegates highlighting important legislation / actions of the Grand Chapter to help them communicate these to their chapters in the fall.

The SC Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

SC Propositions from Supreme Council Meeting

Proposition 5024

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

John N Stipp, OA, Epsilon 1989 be appointed Grand Recorder, Jonathan E. Wenzel, OA, Delta 1996 be appointed Assistant Grand Recorder, and Jason Ellis, Delta 1997 be appointed Grand Health and Safety Officer for the 58th, 2024-2026, biennium.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5025

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

The following officers of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity:

President (Grand Master Alchemist): Merryn Cole
1st Vice-President (Grand Collegiate Alchemist): Matt Schnippert
2nd Vice-President (Grand Master of Ceremonies): Hannah Bowman
3rd Vice-President (Grand Professional Alchemist): Faith Yarberry
Secretary-Treasurer (Grand Recorder): John Stipp
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer (Assistant Grand Recorder): Jonathan Wenzel

And staff member of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity:
Director of Fraternity Operations: Erin Goodwin

acting as herein after provided, are authorized to make deposits to, and to withdraw from, in the name of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity, from any checking account, all in accordance with the regulations and requirements of each of the respective institutions.

The ability to withdraw funds from any investment account in the name of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity is restricted to the officers of the fraternity and requires the consent of two of these officers.

The ability to open or close any financial account in the name of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity is limited to the Grand Master Alchemist, Grand Recorder, and Assistant Grand Recorder of Alpha Chi Sigma, and requires the consent of two of these officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all checks, drafts and orders on the above mentioned accounts exceeding \$1,000 must be signed by at least two of the above mentioned officers or staff members, one of which must be the Grand Master Alchemist, the Grand Recorder, or the Assistant Grand Recorder.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5026

7/19/2024

Made by: Merry Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

The Grand Recorder shall cast an affirmative vote on any Supreme Council Proposition for any member of the Supreme Council unless specific instructions to the contrary are received from that member of the Supreme Council within ten (10) business days of the transmission of the proposition. The GR shall notify the SC and the NO as to the results of the vote.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5027

7/19/2024

Made by: Matt Schnippert, Grand Collegiate Alchemist

The Fraternity's Districts are reorganized as follows:

- *Northeastern: The States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.
- *Atlantic Central: The States of Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey, the eastern half of Pennsylvania, northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia.
- *Central Coast: Middle and southern Virginia
- *Southeastern: The States of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida
- *Great Lakes: The State of Michigan.
- *Gateway: Southeastern Missouri and the southern portion of Illinois.
- *North Central: The States of Indiana and the central and northern portion of Illinois.
- *Northern: The States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.
- *Steel: Northern Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania.
- *Empire: The State of New York.
- *Piedmont: The States of North Carolina and South Carolina.
- *Central: The States of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Colorado and Missouri except the Southeastern part.
- *Western: The States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Arizona, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, and Nevada."
- *Ohio Valley: The states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia, and Southern Ohio."

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5028

7/19/2024

Made by: Matt Schnippert, Grand Collegiate Alchemist

The following Brothers are appointed as District Counselors for the 58th Biennium:

- *Northeastern (Delta Epsilon, Delta Alpha, Mu) Samantha McKenna, Tau 2010
- *Atlantic Central (Alpha Rho, Alpha Pi, Gamma Omega, Gamma Kappa, Delta Iota) Francesca Pelligrino, Gamma Omicron 2008
- *Central Coast (Alpha Kappa, Beta Chi, Gamma Iota, Gamma Chi, Delta Kappa, Delta Zeta) Erin Lewis, Gamma Iota 2009
- *Southeastern (Alpha Omega, Beta Iota, Gamma Beta, Delta Beta) Kate Cavanaugh, Alpha Theta 2003
- *Great Lakes (Alpha Beta, Alpha Upsilon, Delta Mu) Anne Ellis, Delta 2000
- *Gateway (Beta Psi, Delta Delta) Natalee von Keyserling, Beta Psi 2019
- *North Central (Epsilon, Iota, Zeta, Beta Nu) TBD
- *Northern (Alpha, Beta, Alpha Theta, Beta Phi) Bill Lewis, Iota 1995
- *Steel (Gamma, Gamma Tau, Gamma Upsilon) Sydnee Webb, Alpha Gamma 2015
- *Empire (Pi, Tau, Beta Sigma) Robert Martin, Iota 2005
- *Piedmont (Rho, Gamma Delta, Gamma Xi, Delta Sigma) Courtney Johnson-Ball, Beta Rho 2017
- *Central (Delta, Beta Rho, Beta Delta, Gamma Theta) Patrick Gillespie, Beta Rho 2014
- *Western (Sigma, Beta Gamma, Beta Mu, Beta Pi, Gamma Zeta, Delta Lambda) Don Cole, Iota 1997"
- *Ohio Valley (Alpha Gamma, Gamma Nu, Gamma Eta) Sarah Lynch, Delta Zeta 2016

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5029

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

That the following brothers be appointed to fill the vacant Professional Representative positions:
For the Professional Representative term ending December 2024: Tiffany Matyja, Delta Xi 2017
For the Professional Representative term ending December 2025: Spencer Norman, Beta Delta 2011.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5030

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

The following brothers are appointed as the Nominating Committee for the 58th Biennium:
GV Sean Pawlowski, Gamma Upsilon 2006
John Becker, Iota 1986
Kerri Federico, Mu 2008
Courtney Johnson-Ball, Beta Rho 2017

Melissa Ward, Alpha Theta 1998
Emily Wedeman Beta Rho 2014

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5031

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

Kathryn Cavanaugh, Alpha Theta, 2003 is appointed as Ritual Committee Chair for the 58th Biennium.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5032

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

Oliver Penrose, Gamma Theta, 2003 is appointed as Volunteer Coordinator for the 58th Biennium.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5033

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

Tiffany Matyja, Delta Xi 2017, is appointed as Collegiate Expansion Chair for the 58th Biennium.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5034

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

Tim Deschaines, Mu 2002, is appointed as Professional Expansion Chair for the 58th Biennium.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5035

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

Michael Clager, Gamma Iota 1989 is appointed as Scholar Award Committee Chair for the 58th Biennium.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5036

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

Be it resolved that a Constitution & Bylaws committee be formed to support the Grand Chapter throughout the 58th Biennium; the committee will be chaired by Don Cole, Iota 1997 and Jennifer Schnippert, Gamma Beta 2003, and will last until the beginning of the 58th Biennial Conclave.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5037

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

Margaret Smallbrock, Beta Phi 2003 and Justin Pratt Delta Delta 2012 are appointed as Safety Committee Chairs for the 58th Biennium.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5038

7/19/2024

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

The Supreme Council shall meet at Grand Chapter expense in a location to be determined in January 2025 to conduct Fraternity business. The AGR is instructed to examine costs and locations.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Faithfully submitted,

Yours in the Double Bond,

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

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

Procedural Note: Minutes approved by SC Proposition 5043 on August 8, 2024