

ALPHA CHI SIGMA FRATERNITY

Minutes of the Supreme Council Meeting

Las Vegas, Nevada

January 17 - 18, 2025

The Supreme Council convened from January 17 through January 18, 2024 on the UNLV campus in Las Vegas, Nevada. 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 1992*, GMC Hannah Bowman, *Beta Nu 2006*, GR John Stipp, OA, *Epsilon 1989*, AGR Jon Wenzel, OA, *Delta 1996*, GHSO Jason Ellis, *Delta 1997*, Director of Fraternity Operations Erin Goodwin, Membership and Database Coordinator Jennifer Showerman, OA, *Zeta 1992*, DeWayne Gerber, OA, *Beta Delta, 1978*, Helen M.M. Webster, OA, *Alpha Rho 1994*, DC Chair GLDC Anne Ellis, *Delta 2000*, CDC Patrick Gillespie, *Beta Rho 2014*, PDC Courtney Johnson-Ball, *Beta Rho 2017*, WDC Don Cole, *Iota 1997*, PR Chair Jen Schnippert, *Gamma Beta 2003*, PR David Harrington, *Alpha Kappa 1985*, William Chang, *Tau 2003*, Katherine Ellis, *Alpha Beta 2023*, Robert Leasure, *Alpha Kappa 1987*, Michael Quan, *Sigma 1993*, David Yarberry, *Alpha Sigma 1991*, Brad Hulse, *Morgan Stanley Inc.*

GMA Cole called the meeting to order in closed session at 8:00am (Pacific Standard Time).

1. The SC discussed the following items in closed session
 - a. Federal Hazing Law was passed last month. Will need to understand how this impacts Alpha Chi Sigma and our Health and Safety Policy
 - b. Evolve to defining a “Human Dignity” policy instead of bullying and hazing?
 - c. Staffing discussions and merit increases
 - d. Adding a stipend for the Grand Health and Safety Officer
 - e. Chapters of concern

A break was called for at 10:58am

2. The SC reconvened in open session at 11:04am
3. Brad Hulse from Morgan Stanley joined via Zoom and discussed the Fraternity’s investment portfolio performance, projections, and recommendations.
 - a. The Fraternity’s Morgan Stanley accounts showed a 7.2% increase in 2024 net of fees
 - b. The S&P 500 is expensive compared to other markets
 - c. Stocks are expensive compared to bonds
 - d. Treasury bonds are more attractive at this point
 - e. If the S&P 500 is unattractive due to overvaluation, then it is wise to allocate more funds to less risky investments.
 - f. Fed may only cut inflation rates two times this year. Inflation rate is not going to slow as quickly as originally expected.

GMA Cole welcomed everyone to the SC meeting and went over logistics for the meeting.

4. GMA Report

- a. The GMA is more of a supervisory role for the other SC members instead of being the person who has to manage everything
- b. Merryn is working on her goal to visit all of the Chapters and Groups
- c. Merryn expressed her gratitude for all of the people she has had the privilege working with since Conclave.

5. GHSO Report

- a. Staffing committees after Conclave
 - i. DEI Committee is up and running and working on training
 - ii. Safety Committee is up and running
- b. Jason wants to interact with chapters in a positive way as much as possible
- c. It is good to interact with and see Brothers from National for things that aren't due to some sort of policy violation, etc.
- d. Still working to define the role of the GHSO. Jason is taking what Merryn started with and adding on new things to help grow the role.
 - i. Training materials for DEI and safety
 - ii. Event planning needs some updates

6. GPA Report

- a. Great working with the Professional Representatives since Conclave
- b. Faith has assisted with the solicitation and Week of Giving
 - i. 2024 Contribution breakdown:
- c. Want to create things to do that the professionals want.
- d. Help collegiates understand transition to Professional Branch. What it means to be in the Professional Branch
- e. Double Bond Newsletter. Anna Carey is going to start helping out with editing of the Double Bond
- f. Communications
 - i. Setting up meetings with Professional Chapters, Professional Groups, and Collegiate Chapters
 - ii. Sending our Thank You letters to people who participate in activities
 - iii. Having a meeting next week to talk about outreach activities, and what we might be able to do to get some resources on the webpage.
 - iv. Looking to reach out to Collegiate Chapter Officers
 - v. New PR Chair is Jen Schnippert

A break was called at 11:47am for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 1:00pm

7. GMC Report

- a. Archaeus addendum is being sent out to chapters based on things that will be needed for chapters performing the ritual. This is needed as there was much institutional knowledge lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. 60% of chapters have been sent the document. (The chapters needed to provide a valid address before shipment)
- b. Soliciting volunteers for people that have played roles in the ceremony who can be reached out to in order to serve as a resources for the various roles.
- c. Starting up Ritual Committee and Ritual Monitoring Committee
- d. Social Media Committee is getting started.
- e. Scholar Award applications are due March 28, 2025.
- f. 125th Anniversary Celebration will be coming in 2027. Hannah is planning to send a survey to everyone later this Spring to understand what our members' expectations are for the event.
- g. Trademarks and merchandising. Hannah has approved half a dozen merchandise requests since Conclave. Chapters need to be aware that they need to get their merchandise approved ahead of time so that we are enforcing our Trademarks.
- h. Trademarks will need to be renewed in 2028.

8. GCA Report

- a. Chapter Improvement Plans (ChIP) (Conclave Motion 37) is being worked on.
 - i. Nothing is going to be required that necessitates Grand Chapter legislation.
 - ii. The term "Probation" is often viewed as negative, and many Universities are looking for a different term for that
 - iii. Four chapters did not attend Conclave. Those were placed on Chapter Improvement Plans.
 - iv. Would an SC Proposition be needed to have a chapter enrolled in a ChIP? Have not been doing so to date.
 - v. Starting to work with other chapters enrolling them in ChIPs where they need accountability, guidance, and support.
- b. Two Star Award (Conclave Motion 13)
 - i. A committee was formed and met several times to discuss this
 - ii. The Two Star and Three Star Awards are a "cafeteria style" award, where the chapter has to do a set number of things from a list of items to qualify for the award.
 - iii. How to define an active social media page so that there are some minimum standards for that.
- c. Attended the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, Professional Fraternity Association meeting
- d. Need to get more Districts holding District Conclaves so that there are more opportunities for interaction and knowledge transfer between chapters.

9. GR Report

- a. The GR Reported that Conflict of Interest forms have been received for the SC Members, GR, AGR, and GHSO.

- b. The GR discussed the Fraternity finances that were outlined in his written report and educated the meeting attendees on where the Grand Chapter holds funds, some of the business functions that the Fraternity does every year, and a high level overview of the financial impact and rationale of the 2025 webpage and CRM database upgrades.
- c. The Fraternity needs to have its books audited for 2024 to meet the requirements of several states' nonprofit registration requirements. Agresta, Storms, and O'Leary will be contracted to audit the Fraternity's books and compile the 990 form.
- d. North Dakota is requiring board resolutions with some recommended wording for nonprofit corporations having their State Registration filed for them by an outside firm.

10. AGR Report

- a. Conclave planning. For the last Conclave, Duquesne eliminated on campus housing at the beginning of 2024 and we had to find a new Conclave location quickly.
 - i. Over half of all rooms booked at Conclave in 2024 were single rooms. Our dorm did not have enough rooms, and the attendees had to be split between two dorms.
 - ii. We have found that Universities are more willing to work with the AGR for contracts, special accommodations, etc. than they have historically have been when working with our Collegiate members.
 - iii. Conclave planning needs to be started sooner
- b. Grand Chapter Motion 16 from the 57th Biennial Conclave - Standardizing e-mail accounts.
 - i. We already have a system for providing e-mail addresses in Gsuites firstname.lastname@alphachisigma.org
 - ii. We have offered chapter e-mail addresses for chapters. The Chapters have not used this when offered. This is a service that the chapters do not see value in. Eighteen chapters have had accounts, and simply do not get used.
 - iii. This is a solution for a problem that we do not have
- c. Grand Chapter Motion 18 from the 57th Biennial Conclave - Virtual Career Fair
 - i. Virtual Career Fair. Other organizations that are larger and better funded are doing this. ACS, AIChE are providing their services. Many of our members belong to these. The ACS and AIChE are well funded and are filling this need well.
 - ii. The Fraternity has a small membership pool to draw from compared to Universities, ACS, AIChE, etc.
 - iii. Better equipped services are available to our members including Indeed, Higher Ed Jobs, USA Jobs.

A break was called for at 2:14pm

11. Listening Sessions at Conclave

- a. Several groups were formed at Conclave to share their views with the SC on a variety of topics. Groups were assigned with Professionals and Collegiates in separate groups. Each group had a moderator and a note taker.
- b. Collegiates

- i. Disconnect between the Collegiate Chapters and the National level organization.
 - ii. Disconnect between Collegiates and Professionals. For example, at Conclave, the Collegiates felt that they were talked down to by the Professionals, and that they learned how to do things at Conclave after some legislation had been passed.
 - iii. Chapters didn't know how to contact other chapters that might be nearby.
 - iv. Education needs:
 - 1. Communicating the roles, responsibilities, and purpose of Grand Chapter Officers, District Counselors, Professional Representatives, etc.
 - 2. Need more positive interaction with Professionals
 - 3. Need education on probation, suspension, Chapter Improvement Plans
 - 4. Improved advertising
- c. Professionals
 - i. Age groups of Brothers. How we interact with people from different generations is different. People of different ages interact differently with the Fraternity.
 - ii. How to get and keep people involved
 - iii. How to connect with chapters
 - iv. What is the elevator pitch for what the Professional Branch does or can do? A lot of professionals don't see the value or reason to be involved (or active).
- d. This was a valuable exercise and would be beneficial to do in future Conclaves.
 - i. Doing this in smaller groups may increase the input / dialogue as the Fraternity has a lot of introverts, and a smaller group may increase participation.
- e. Some training may be beneficial for DC's, PR's etc. for people who are interacting with Collegiates in order to improve communication. We do not want the collegiates feeling like they are talked down to by Professionals. Young Professionals may feel like they are feeling talked down to as well.
- f. Additional training for Robert's Rules would be helpful for Conclave attendees

12. Conclave Modernization

- a. The current bidding process has not been updated in over thirty years (prior to the internet). Modernizing this process will be beneficial to the Fraternity.
- b. Proposal 1 – Bid, contract, amenities, funding (GR/AGR)
- c. Proposal 2 – Format and Programming (GMA, but could impact contract terms)
- d. Current bid/contract process puts a lot of burden on the local chapters. They have to try and work with their conference services to generate an RFP.
- e. Conference Services departments are much more willing to work with someone who has the ability to sign a contract / spend money.
- f. Members would like a Conclave scheduled further in advance.
- g. Low attendance means higher costs and less opportunity.
- h. AGR will provide the inflation adjusted cost of Conclave to the Fraternity over time to the SC Prior to the Summer 2025 Supreme Council meeting
- i. Proposed Resolution Bid/Contract

- i. The idea of a host chapter needs to change or go away
 - ii. All requests for proposal, bid and negotiation should be handled GR/AGR. SC continues to approve contact, location, dates
 - iii. Conclave location should not be restricted by chapter interest, most chapter members that express interest will be gone by conclave
 - iv. Conclave should be under contract two years in advance—the next conclave's date and location to be advertised at the current conclave.
 - v. Conclave needs to offer a better value proposition for non-delegate attendees. Increased attendance, with positive experiences will drive professional engagement.
 - vi. Hotel block with discount for non-delegate weekend attendance for vacations.
 - vii. We don't need to get into contract minutia or venue requirement as of right now—that is being handled
- j. Historic Host Chapter
 - i. Provides university point of contact
 - ii. Provides for honor initiation in entirety
 - iii. Provides manpower
 - iv. Provides local knowledge
 - v. Provides input on conclave memento
- k. What is really needed?
 - i. We can find a way to manage Conclaves without local boots on the ground
 - ii. Motivated volunteers can come from anywhere, and we can pick and choose
 - iii. Initiation – a minimum if held –
 - 1. If someone is initiated, a collegiate chapter must sponsor an initiate (C&B Requirement), but other Brothers can provide the manpower
 - 2. If initiation is just demonstrated all that is needed is regalia and Brothers from anywhere
 - 3. Idea—make an honor initiation something for the best chapter to perform as an acknowledgement
- l. Proposal 1 What is needed today?
 - i. Supreme Council to set potential (not final) conclave dates for 2026, 2028, and possibly 2030. How about the 3rd full week of July?
 - ii. AGR will start soliciting proposals from a set of conference services (screening criteria is in report).
 - iii. Provide wish list of locations to AGR by end of January 2025
 - iv. Funding model can be considered later
 - v. Outside of the box thinking, let the past be the guide, but not the constraint. Do not get stuck in the weeds of minutia
- m. The value-add proposition for non-delegate: Bridge between contract and programming proposals
 - i. People likely want various things from conclave. Use the three objects as a guide. Let's start with making conclave more about the 1st Object for these Brothers who do not attend. Work on the other objects later.

- ii. In essence, conclave is a reunion, think about what makes you excited about conclave
- iii. Conclave needs to be at an attractive, easy to get to location that offers family-oriented activities
- iv. Programming should be tailored to increase day registration for Monday or Friday, to make conclave attractive for people who are not delegates that want to vacation and have a brief reunion.
- n. AGR Personal Assessment of Conclave
 - i. Conclave holds great potential to engage the fraternity as a whole. It is not living up to its potential
 - ii. If conclave truly offered value to our members, the tontine list would be bigger
 - iii. If conclave was positively transformative to attendees, we would have considerably more active professionals
 - iv. Conclave has become too legislative session/closed session heavy. Conclave has lost its luster in terms of 1st object and friendship building activities
 - v. Conclave is to do the business of the fraternity, that business is not being conducted efficiently. Business doesn't necessarily equate to legislation (or quantity of legislation)
 - vi. Parts of conclave serve no purpose.
 - vii. Conclave currently is a very poor return on investment of general funds and is financially detrimental to the organization. It also costs us in the long term and contrary to what we stand for: people get turned off and we lose them, possibly for life.
- o. AGR Personal Assessment of Conclave Legislation
 - i. GMA, as parliamentary chair, chooses order that legislation is presented.
 - ii. We have too many legislative sessions for the quality of product produced.
 - iii. Legislative sessions are a bewildering spectacle that is boring and confusing, especially to newcomers. You should see people's facial expressions.
 - iv. Most legislation submitted could have been handled by email or conversation, or come from people that don't like being told "no."
 - v. Most constitution and bylaws amendments, for a good product, should be submitted and published prior to conclave to engage the stakeholders more broadly.
 - vi. It really feels like most non-congratulatory legislation submitted biennium after biennium comes from a small group. A lot of time is wasted on this legislation, both in cleaning it up and having it come to the floor. This is a major turn off for most attendees and a lost opportunity for more valuable programming. As a consequence, we are wasting a lot of fraternity money on this stuff.
 - vii. Conclave is not meant to be Boy's or Girl's State
- p. AGR Suggestions Regarding Legislative Sessions
 - i. Too many legislative sessions breeds inefficiency and takes away from conclave.
 - ii. Reduce legislative sessions, empower committees, and spend more conclave time on 1st object and other programming that increases attendance.

- iii. GMA to better use their prerogative selecting the order that motions come to floor
- iv. Populate Legislative Prep and C&B committee well before conclave and have them review incoming legislation ahead of conclave. Change rules so committees can reject legislation.
- v. Change fraternity legislative culture by
 - 1. Email and communicate not legislate—Goal: no nonsense legislation
 - 2. Legislation preparation before conclave and submit to GR
 - 3. Submit legislation ahead of conclave, especially C&B amendments, so they can be published and the chapters can thoughtfully consider (educate)
- vi. Reduce legislative sessions to the minimum, which is 3: 1) to submit C&B amendments, vote on pending legislation, floor submission of resolutions, 2) to have first reading of amendments and vote on resolutions, 3) Vote on amendments, resolutions, and Supreme Council candidates
- vii. Goal is a culture shift from quantity to quality.
- q. AGR Suggestions Regarding Programming
 - i. Have higher value sessions, make conclave fun, driving up day registrations increasing revenue
 - ii. Have more social events, especially Monday and Friday, that are more like reunions to increase weekend attendance by professionals that come for vacations with family
 - iii. Only optional events after dinner
 - iv. Make the initiation session a model initiation session. Break the mold of a locality filling all the parts, do something outside the box, like hold auditions for each part.
- r. Make the Conclave focus more on the attendees, not the tasks

A break was called at 3:52pm

The meeting resumed at 4:15pm

- 13. People were split into two groups to discuss the value of the Professional Branch to current and potential Professional Brothers.

The meeting ended at 5:00pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:10am on Saturday

14. Committee Reports

- a. Health and Safety Policy Review
 - i. High level goals
 - 1. Provide clarity and foster compliance
 - a. Chapters will have an easier time following rules if they are clear

- b. Want to limit Fraternity's legal liability
 - i. Chances that a claim will be made
 - ii. Would we have good defenses to the claim if there is one
 - iii. Monetary damages to Fraternity in the event of a claim
 - 2. Minimize risk of legal liability
 - 3. Promote affordable insurance
 - ii. Recommended Policy Additions
 - 1. Good Samaritan Clause
 - 2. Pledge Period Inquiry
 - a. Collegiate Chapters should check with their pledges to understand if any pledges have any vulnerabilities that the Chapter should be aware of to help ensure that we take care of our future Brothers and keep them safe. Someone would speak to the pledges, or a form. Information can be confidential if needed. If there is a need for specific accommodations for a specific person, that may not be possible.
 - iii. Recommended Revisions
 - 1. Scope of Policy
 - a. Would be difficult to defend that something is not a Fraternity event in a courtroom
 - b. Vagueness is problematic
 - c. If the definition is vague and you have a sympathetic jury, any case would be difficult to win
 - 2. Modifications to Alcohol Policy
 - a. No significant recommendations except for third party establishments
 - b. Chapters have no authority to enter into a contract for the Grand Chapter
 - c. Current process of pre-approval. If the Grand Chapter approves it, then they are liable. Tort risk.
 - 3. Streamlining hazing and bullying provisions
 - a. Recommend some adjustments. They are written as a floor, not a ceiling. What you cannot go beneath. We aspire to do better than that.
 - 4. School Rules
 - a. University rules vary amongst the 50 plus chapters we have
 - b. Are not incorporating those rules as they are not ours. May not want to impose one University's rules from one chapter to all of our other chapters.
 - c. University rules may not be very clear. This creates issues if we have to guess about what they are trying to allow / prohibit.
 - 5. Firearms Limitations

- a. In addition to following Federal firearms laws, the Committee recommends that Chapters can state that they do not want firearms at their events. Especially if it is some sort of an event with alcohol.
- iv. Any draft copies should not be sent out beyond the committee and the Supreme Council so that there are not multiple versions of the Health and Safety Policy, as this would confuse people. We want to make sure that there is no confusion as to what policy that chapters should be following today. Recommended changes to the Health and Safety Policy are not due until Conclave. The Supreme Council could make changes sooner than that, but the SC wants to make sure that they have adequate time to review and discuss.
- v. A separate document could be created to share with Holmes-Murphy if needed

15. Conclave Motions

- a. Motion 11 – Committee meeting next week
- b. Motion Online database on recruiting – Hannah’s recommendation is that this is not feasible due to the upgrades to the webpage and database this year.
- c. Motion 13 – Reported on yesterday. New award will go live for the 2025-2026 academic year
- d. Motion 16 – AGR Reported on that yesterday
- e. Motion 32 – Committee to investigate people opting in to a final report on conduct issues. Kip Nalley will report out on this at the Summer meeting. Committee has been formed and they have a plan.
- f. Motion 33 – Committee to form a committee to go over Health and Safety policy recommendations.
- g. Motion 34 – Socially Responsible Investing - GR has received information from Morgan Stanley and will review and provide recommendations to the Supreme Council at the Summer 2025
- h. Motion 37 – SC present a plan for Chapter Improvement plan. GCA Schnippert reported that this is already being implemented. Will share out at the next Conclave.
- i. Motion 38 – Holding a Virtual Career Fair. AGR reported out on this on Friday and is also in his 2024 Annual Report.
- j. Motion 60 – Professionals working to help fund insurance. We have a committee chair and nobody else has volunteered. Committee report is not due until Conclave.

16. Committee Reports

- a. DEI Committee
 - i. Committee is up and running. Have co-chairs Olivia Hathaway and Matthew Welmers. Committee is working on updating DEI training and working out with the Social Media Committee.
 - ii. DEI training needs to be completed by SC, DC’s, and PR’s within six months of taking office
- b. Nominating Committee
 - i. PR slate completed.

- ii. How can the committee do this job better? Timing? Vetting candidates?
 - iii. Manual of procedure would be helpful
 - c. Student Advisory
 - i. Committee has had three meetings. Talked about Conclave and Social Media. Discussing how they want to run the committee. Want to be an outlet for collegiate chapters if they need it. Committee wants to hear what things the committee could discuss.
 - ii. GMA Cole requested that the committee consider incorporating the National Office to help answer questions that the chapters may have.
 - d. Constitution and Bylaws
 - i. Nothing to report at this time.
 - ii. Have been tasked with two things. Updating chapter bylaws and how to get legislation in prior to Conclave.
 - e. Volunteer
 - i. Oliver requested that people e-mail him if they want to volunteer
 - ii. District Committees are not in a good place right now. Need to improve these.
 - iii. Two Ritual related committees are being formed
 - iv. Additional opportunities for volunteering are forthcoming
 - f. Ritual
 - i. Have committee chair and actively soliciting for members. Will have first meeting soon.
 - g. Expansion
 - i. One opportunity at present in New York.
 - ii. No Professional Group or Chapter inquiries
 - h. Social Media
 - i. Committee had been formed. Will have first meeting soon.
 - i. 125th Anniversary
 - i. Committee will be convened after the survey is completed.
 - j. PR Chair Schnippert
 - i. Nothing to add beyond GPA Report
 - k. DC Chair Ellis
 - i. Nothing to add beyond GCA Report
17. For the *Hexagon*, in the future, the National Office should explore the ability to change the printed *Hexagon* mailing
- a. Relatively younger members have to opt-in for printed copies
 - b. Relatively older members have to opt-out of printed copies
 - c. Will ascertain feasibility once we move to Bloomerang
18. Budget Discussion
- a. The budget was discussed.
 - i. Expenses in 2024 were more than income. The magnitude was similar to what was budgeted.

1. The difference was primarily due to Conclave income being \$30,000 less than planned. Conclave expenses were less than anticipated, but not sufficient to offset the \$30,000.
2. For 2025, the SC is budgeting for a SC, DC, PR meeting in Summer 2025. Costs for this are estimated at \$38,750 and will be captured under the SC Budget Line 547. The SC believes that there is tremendous value to this meeting, and that it is worth the expense.
- ii. The budget for 2025 will anticipate a loss to the Fraternity of \$38,315.

A break was called at 10:42am

The meeting resumed at 10:58am

19. Conclave Planning Discussions

- a. The AGR is going to start looking for Conclave venues for 2026
 - i. Date Range June 21 – July 25th (except week of July 4)
 - ii. Week long – July 14 – 17 (Travel days July 13 and July 18)
 - iii. Weekend – July 16 – 20 (Travel July 15 and July 21)
 - iv. Kuebler on the last day. Include SC installation at the banquet.
 - v. Model Initiation early in the week (first full day)
 1. Can use room all day to do a PIC in the same room
 - vi. Location criteria
 1. Need to be near an airport that hosts at least two major airline carriers
 2. AGR will explore multiple venues

The SC went into closed session at 11:47am.

The SC reconvened in open session at 1:14pm

20. Webpage and CRM Update

- a. The Fraternity will be moving to a new webpage and CRM database in 2025
- b. CRM will convert first. Followed by website
- c. Website will be a welcome update to the Fraternity
- d. Will rework the membership directory on the webpage. May be able to add an opt-in function on the webpage
- e. Chapters can request large numbers of membership from the National Office directory
- f. CRM has many tools to better interact with our donors in a more meaningful way.
- g. The Fraternity will also provide a webpage for the Educational Foundation. Angel Oak has offered to include a webpage for the Educational Foundation at no additional charge.

21. The group broke off into two breakout groups to discuss the value proposition of the Collegiate Branch.

22. The group provided ideas on paper for what we envision the Fraternity in five years, ten years, and fifty years from now.

23. How can we generate more content for the *Hexagon*? Can look at pulling things from Social Media; however, GE Coppola will want original (minimum 300dpi) images for any photos.
24. Alumni Secretaries. Many Chapters do not utilize their Alumni Secretaries. Can we better utilize the Alumni Secretaries to help bridge the gap between the Collegiate and Professional Branches.
25. The group was broken down into multiple groups to help define job descriptions for the officer positions.

GMA Cole thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting for the day at 4:26pm

Proposition 5066

1/17/2025

Made by: John Stipp , Grand Recorder

Agresta, Storms, and O’Leary, Certified Public Accountants, be appointed to provide an Audit of the financial records of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity for Fiscal Year 2024 and file the 990 and Indiana NP-20 forms. The cost of this work shall not exceed \$16,000.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5067

1/17/2025

Made by: John Stipp , Grand Recorder

The Supreme Council resolves that the Grand Recorder or Assistant Grand Recorder, or their designated official, Clearly Compliant LLC, have the authority to execute documents and on-line forms for registration, renewal, financial, reporting, licensing, and other mandatory state reporting requirements for charitable solicitation requirements. The Supreme Council further acknowledges that they will continue to monitor matters of policy and finances of the organization. This resolution will automatically renew on the anniversary date of this resolution.

Justification: North Dakota is requesting that nonprofit organizations have a board resolution on file of this nature, and share with them as terms of the 2025 North Dakota Nonprofit State Registration process.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5068

1/18/2025

Made by: John Stipp, Grand Recorder

The proposed budget for 2025 be adopted.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5069

1/18/2025

Made by: Merryn Cole, Grand Master Alchemist

The AGR is authorized to request proposals (RFP's) for various venues to host the 2026 Conclave.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5070

1/18/2025

Made by: John Stipp, Grand Recorder

The Grand Recorder is directed to sign the contract with Angel Oak to design a new webpage for the Fraternity.
The cost of that work is not to exceed \$31,000.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Faithfully submitted,

Yours in the Double Bond,

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

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

Procedural Note: Minutes approved by SC Proposition 5071 on February 4, 2025