

ALPHA CHI SIGMA FRATERNITY

Minutes of the Supreme Council Meeting Minneapolis, Minnesota July 16, 2026

The Supreme Council convened in the Floor Lounge (Room 424) of Pioneer Hall at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus on July 16 2026. 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*, GV Sean Pawlowski, OA, *Gamma Upsilon 2006*, NDC Bill Lewis, *Iota 1995*, PR Chair Jen Schnippert, *Gamma Beta 2003*, William Chang, *Tau 2003*, Tristan Cole, *Beta Rho 2020*, Colin Cunningham, *Beta Phi 2025*, Bryce Koprucki, *Beta 2009*, Oliver Penrose, *Gamma Theta 2003*, Sandy Sansing, *Beta Delta 2002*, Scott Wilson, *Alpha Zeta 1978*, Brad Hulse, *Morgan Stanley Inc.*, Caleb Quick, *Morgan Stanley Inc.*

GMA Cole called the meeting to order at 8:59am (Central Standard Time).

1. Brad Hulse and Caleb Quick from Morgan Stanley joined the meeting at 9:00am and discussed the Fraternity's investment portfolio performance, projections, and recommendations.
2. GMA Report
 - a. Conclave should have a lot of choices for the attendees.
 - b. For the next biennium it may be helpful to focus on what the value of Alpha Chi Sigma is and communicate that better. This can help us greatly in the future.
3. GPA Report
 - a. Communications with inactive members is going well.
 - b. Moving to communicate more with active members. A lot of messages have been sent out to check in on them and encourage them to meet up with other people.
 - c. Many Professional Groups were incommunicado and have had their contact information removed over the past biennium.
 - d. Solicitation went well this time. Promoting the monthly automatic donations.
 - e. Had a full year of Professional development opportunities. Hope that this continues. Want PRs to come up with an activity each month and report on those.
4. GHSO Report
 - a. Not a lot of updates since January.
 - b. Some chapters have had some conduct proceedings since January. Some of those went well. Others needed some help with the process. This Fall we will have some Zoom meetings on those to help educate people on the process.
 - c. Had Health and Safety training for Conclave attendees before Conclave

- d. Not expecting any major changes needed to the Health and Safety Policy
5. GCA Report
- a. Have updated the Manuals of Procedure. Many Collegiates may not have known these were there.
 - b. Done a lot of work with Expansion. Evansville and Clemson have a couple of enthusiastic people that we hope can make things happen at those locations this Fall.
6. GMC Report
- a. Addendum to the Archaeus was sent out in 2024 around the proper wearing of the regalia
 - b. Started a new committee. Ritual Mentoring Committee. Identified some people for that to help
 - c. Had about 50 to 60 people responded to the planning survey for a 125th anniversary celebration.
 - d. Small college called Colby College has a lumberjack tournament. They are making items that violating our trademarks. Hannah is working through a diplomatically worded letter to send those students.
 - e. There are lots of confusion around what is and is not Trademarked.
 - i. The Words Alpha Chi Sigma
 - ii. The Letters Alpha Chi Sigma
 - iii. Member Badge
 - iv. Coat of Arms
 - f. Need to start trademark renewals in July 2027. (Expire in 2028. Cannot start before July) Also, our contact information is out of date. (Still calling out 2141 N Franklin Road location)
7. GR Report
- a. Financial Update.
 - i. 2026 is going to be terrible from an income / expense standpoint.
 - ii. Future Supreme Councils need to make some difficult decisions relating to in person Conclaves as they are becoming prohibitively expensive.
 - iii. Collegiate members are continuing to shoulder the financial burden of the Fraternity.
 - iv. The Fraternity needs to find a way to increase donations from the Professional Branch or to find other mechanisms of support.
 - 1. Future Supreme Councils may want to explore Professional Fundraisers
 - 2. Efforts to obtain corporate sponsors for Conclave in past three biennia have not been successful.
 - v. 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 \$70 and the Lifetime Membership Fee to be set at \$225. (Current amounts are \$65 and \$200)
 - vi. Need to update Insurance Surcharge as the current proposition is expiring.

1. Recommend \$25 for the pledge surcharge and \$95 for the Lifetime Membership Fee Surcharge based on insurance cost and the number of pledges and initiates that we are predicting for 2026.
- b. AGR Report
 - i. Spent a lot of time working to make Conclave planning a bit more streamlined. Should be a good path forward to drive higher participation and attendance.
 - ii. Most of work outside of Conclave planning are things happening behind the scenes. As long as that work is going well, people are not even aware it is going on.

GMA Cole thanked everyone for their service and their efforts and participation at the Supreme Council meeting. She also thanked the Supreme Council Members, Grand Chapter Officers, and National Office Staff for all of their service during the biennium. She then adjourned the meeting at 10:27am (Central Standard Time).

Proposition 5131

7/16/2026

Made by: John Stipp, Grand Recorder

For the 59th Biennium, the Pledge Fee is set at \$70.00 and the Lifetime Membership Fee is set at \$225.00.

For: 4 Against: 0 Result: Passed Unanimously

Proposition 5132

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That a \$25 Health and Safety Surcharge be applied to the Pledge Fee and an \$95 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 insurance for the Fraternity. This surcharge will expire on July 31, 2027, 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

Faithfully submitted,

Yours in the Double Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Stipp'.

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

Procedural Note: Minutes approved by SC Proposition 5145 on August 13, 2026