



2016 Grand Council Convention

February 5th & 6th, 2016

Utica, NY

Attendance

Vice Grand Exalted Master: Steve Wozniak, Alpha S'08

Grand Secretary/Treasurer: Joe Alamia, Nu F '02

Grand Alumni Secretary: Kevin Kavanagh, Gamma S'06

Grand Chaplin: Daniel Horton, Delta S '01

Grand Historian: Pat Carey, Delta F'91

Grand Advisor: Pat Boire, Alpha F'84

Grand Advisor: Mick Collins, Alpha F'87

Jason Fitzgerald, Gamma S'98

Richard Mason, Alpha F'94

Greg Gilbert, Gamma

Joe Bithorn, Gamma S'04

Elijah Bulriss, Alpha S'14

Joshua Resch, Alpha '10

Greg Hoefler, Alpha S'86

Ryerson Mausert, Gamma F'84

Mike Rocka, Gamma F'13

Jason Morrison, Gamma S'13

Evan Duffy, Gamma S'13

Dave Briggs, Gamma F'12

Michael Fingar, Gamma S'10

Robert Purdy, Gamma S'10

Ken Rush, Gamma S'10

Billy Siegfried, Gamma S'11

Devin Korrie, Gamma S'13

David Andrews, Nu S'13

Tom Schassler, Nu S'14

Matt Jacobson, Nu S'15

Darren Barcomb, Nu S'94

Roger Willingham, Alpha F'94

Joe Ruta, F'87

Brandon Cudiado, Delta S'14

Christopher Perlmutter, Delta S'14

Joseph Pascarella, Delta S'13

Day One: meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Horton leads in opening prayer

Wozniak announces a moment of silence to remember all the brothers that past in the last year

Alamia reads 2015 minutes

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES BY KAVANUGH, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

- Collins - suggestion to make hard copies. Saves time and brothers can review.

Officers Reports:

GEM

No report

VGEM

- Met with chapters, created SWAT analysis, and reviewed results. Overall, all chapters are in good shape.

GST

- Cash on Hand - \$839, Checking - \$6,353.40, Saving - \$827.48, Pay Pal - \$81.26. Money Market - not sure, around \$10,000.
- Money spent in between 2015 and 2016 convention: \$1250 on website, \$150 golf tourney, pins \$288, hotel \$1000.
- Thank you Bizzle for being first to pay lifetime dues.
- Need to focus on members who haven't paid in years.
- Collins - that money that was given last year was not to be touched. Disappointed that money was taken out that was in his name that was used.
- Wozniak - do you need assistance? Collins – no.
- Carey - we will pay it all back and set up a new account for a scholarship fund.
- Horton - need information along with invoice.

Chaplin

- Reviewed equipment "it's coming along"
- No active chapter contact about what is needed. Feel free to contact for anything.
- Collins - how are shadow boxes? Horton - in good shape, but haven't seen them working.
- Thinking about running a ritual during convention to make sure they are done correctly.

- Wozniak - active chaplains, talk to Wyo this weekend.
- Horton - hang up robes. They are expensive.
- Boire - tapestries need to be taken care of, they are also expensive.
- Alamia - rituals are the single most important thing during pledging. Need to be done correctly.
- Bithorn - Gamma used to hand out papers,
- Horton gives out phone numbers 607-435-9361, 607-746-8850 "googlize Wyo Plumbing and Electrical and you'll find me"

Historian

- Giving out ritual for funeral services and formal meeting
- Website will have all of our contact information.
- Collins - website active? Not sure we had one. ALL GC - Yes
- Alamia "it's like the death star, it's not fully operational"
- Carey - eliminate multiple calls to find out who runs what. Wants active historians to submit reports each semester to keep things updated.

Alumni Secretary

- Contacted chapters, school, to set up master database
- Set up Regents and documents to assist them. They communicate alumni in their area, asked to set up four events a year each.
- Set up veterans paddle project
- Compiled bad standing list. Active presidents and Corporate Boards have access.
- Added shingle number to database as an ID
- This year, reorganizing of west region, adding other regions
- Collins - how has it been getting information? Kavanaugh - easy, in constant contact
- Carey - How is this info going into the website? Kavanaugh - good question, no idea
- Bizzle - concern about multiple databases. Kavanaugh - there should only be one. Regents will complete and edit.
- Carey - asks again how info is going on website. Kavanaugh - will contact webmaster.
- Ken - it would be easy for people to update address. Carey - they will have to contact GST.
- Horton - do we have forms to get information? We need to use website to get info ASAP.

Editor

- No report. Bulletin is available to review.
- Kavanaugh gives an award to Barcomb for being top regent.

Active Chapter and Corporate Board Reports

Delta Active - given by Chris Perlmutter

- 10 actives, 4 bids

- Pledging starts in March
- Working on keeping house up to standards, awaiting budget
- Want to do more comm service
- Still wear letters on campus,
- Work well with community
- Alamia - issues rushing because you're unorganized? No.
- Mausart - Can we expedite the length of suspension? Yes. New person in charge

Delta Corporate Board – given by Daniel Horton

- Need to get brothers to live in the house. Not cost effective.
- Collins - renting rooms to GDI? Thinking about it, but don't want to do it.
- Bizzle - perks for Greek houses? No. College wants their money.
- Boire - implement a house usage fee? Yes. \$80 fee.

Gamma Active – given by Devin Korie

- Raised \$700 for relay for life
- 19 actives
- GPA 2.68, one of highest among frats on campus
- One empty room in house, was being fixed. Looking to fill soon.
- Scored well on campus evaluations
- Held haunted house to help cystic fibrosis
- Pledging starts tonight.
- Doing his best to keep house up.
- Bizzle - Praise for Devin, "he exceeded our expectations"
- Collins - any brothers on campus office? Yes.

Gamma Corporate Board – given by Joe Bithorn

- 11 member board, two actives, to faculty
- Successful year.
- Boiler has reduced gas bill by \$305 a month, great investment
- Girls bathroom on second floor is loved by all.
- Third floor bathroom boarded up, may become laundry room
- Big project is front porch patio, water leaking in. Needs to be resealed. Will cost 36,000. Will be finished by clambake
- Code enforcement guy is tough. But he is working with us.
- Have fire and liability insurance

- 16 in the house
- Three alumni may be sent to collections.
- \$1900 in alumni donations
- \$40,000 operating cost for house a year.
- CB meeting is 3/5.
- Clamback 4/7, meeting 4/8
- \$100 scholarship set up. Must live in the house.
- Working on improving living conditions. Supplying dumpsters and toilet paper.
- "we have a solid group of guys"
- Wozniak - whats one of gamma's success? Brothers that are there. Great group.
- Collins - What are the committees? Steering, house management, alumni, finance, oversight.
- Collins - laundry room is a bad idea. Wastes money
- Bizzle - we already do. Just want to move it.
- Mausart - we need to post best practice points.
- Alamia - great idea. It gives you a different perspective.

Lunch Break

Nu Active- given by Matt Jacobson

- 16 actives, 6 in house
- Six pledges last year
- Several events for different philanthropies
- 2.6 GPA
- Moving next year, new landlord basically forced them out. Moving to 18 Williams St
- Good standing on campus
- Andrews works in Greek office
- 15 hours per brother for community service
- Pledging starts "soon"
- 7-10 guys graduating.
- 9-12 rushes.

Nu Corporate Board – given by Roger Willingham

- Not much activity last six months
- Actively raising funds for the house. \$12,000
- I have no records for dues the last ten years
- \$12, 572 dues in back dues.
- Bizzle - Does Goldhammer help with taxes? Yes.

Alpha Actives- given by Elijah Bulriss

- 11 actives, 7 live in house
- Will know tonight how many bids will be given out
- June 4th-5th alumni weekend
- Some fixes made to the house
- Want to give out an alumni letter soon
- Thanks for all alumni who have helped
- 2.4 GPA. Good amount of hours for comm serv
- Collins - how was toilet broken? Fat kid just fell on it. Its loose from the floor.
- Barcomb - Thanks to Alpha for hosting Pi reunion.

Alpha Actives – given by Elijah Bulriss

- \$3,300 to live in house. \$350 for dues.
- New house father
- Collins - house father still required by college? Wozniak - as long as we have letter on house and we own it, yes.
- Bizzle - what does house father do? Just overseas.

Old Business

MOTION TO REOPEN OLD BUSINESS BY SIEGFRIED, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES.

Kavanaugh explains strategic Planning Committee update.

MOTION TO REOPEN DISCUSSION FOR 2017 GRAND COUNCIL CONVENTION BY ALAMIA, SECOND BY SIEGFRIED. MOTION PASSES.

- Boire – we have an alumni who runs Fort William Henry conference center.
- Alamia - Feb 10-12 makes sense.
- Tabled for later time

MOTION TO CLOSE OLD BUSINESS BY MANY, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO REOPEN OLD BUSINESS BY BITHORN, SECOND COLLINS, MOTION PASSED.

- Bizzle - did we seek a lawyer for the section of an amended constitution, was that reviewed?
- Wozniak - no, that was on Whipple's plate
- Alamia - no, it's the GC's fault.

Wozniak re-reads the blurb in question

MOTION TO RETABLE BECAUSE THIS HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWS BY ALAMIA, SECOND KAVANUGH. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION TO CLOSE OLD BUSINESS BY ALAMIA, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO OPEN NEW BUSINESS BY SIEGFRIED, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSED.

Carey reads duties of GEM, Chaplin, and Editor from Constitution

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GEM, BY MANY. SECOND MANY. PASSES

CAREY - ACCEPTS

KAVANUGH - ACCEPTS

WILLINGHAM - DECLINES

ALAMIA - ACCEPTS

WOZNIAK - DECLINES

GILBERT - DECLINES

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY ALAMIA, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPLIN BY ALAMIA, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

HORTON - ACCEPTS

SIEDFRIED - DECLINES

CAREY - DECLINES

BARCOMB - ACCEPTS

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY ALAMIA, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND EDITOR BY ALAMIA, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

WILLINGHAM - ACCEPTS

BITHRON - ACCEPTS

KAVANUGH - ACCEPTS

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY ALAMIA, SECOND BY SIEGFRIED. MOTION PASSES

Alamia reads two proposed amendments to the constitution.

ARTICLE VI -- GRAND COUNCIL

Section 4 -- Officers

Sub Section 3 -- Powers and Duties. Paragraph Two

The Grand Exalted Master or Vice Exalted Master shall visit each Chapter once a year and shall be reimbursed for fuel (receipt is required). The host Chapter is to entertain him while at their Chapter. The Grand Exalted Master and Vice Exalted Master may jointly appoint a representative in case neither can make such visits personally.

ARTICLE VI -- GRAND COUNCIL

Section 3 -- Membership

Sub. Section 1 -- Qualifications. Members of the Grand Council shall be elected by a majority vote of the active Chapter members in good standing. Each chapter shall be privileged to elect three (3) graduating members and three (3) alumni to the Council each year. The alumni in good standing should petition his Chapter in writing for nomination. (Each chapter secretary shall send an acceptance letter to the Grand Council executive board.)

A member in good standing of a chapter of Theta Gamma may become a member of the Grand Council upon graduation and/or has deemed himself worthy with outstanding service to the fraternity and has been approved by the Executive Board.

- COLLINS – Great idea. Good to know what doesn't work and make steps to fix it.
- SIEGFRIED –What if someone wants to join can petition? Alamia and Carey - constitution says you can petition

Barcomb - discussion about having two formal conventions a year. Why not?

- Collins - says in constitution that it has to be once a year. Carey - correct.
- Carey - there were many conflicts. Once golf tourney got started, it wiped out attendance.

MOTION TO CLOSE NEW BUSINESS BY MANY, SECONDED BY MANY. MOTION PASSED.

Executive board will set up ritual while Boire and Collins start a round table discussion.

MOTION TO ADJOUR MEETING BY ALAMIA, SECOND MANY, MOTION PASSES.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Day One: meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Collins and Boire reviewed feedback from roundtable discussion.

MOTION TO REOPEN OLD BUSINESS BY BITHORN, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

MOTION TO RE-OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GEM BY COLLINS, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES.

BIZZLE, DECLINES

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY COLLINS, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

MOTION TO REOPEN NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPLIN BY SIEGFRIED, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

No new nominations.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY MANY, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

MOTION TO RE-OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPLIN BY MANY, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

Kavanaugh withdraws

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY MANY, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

VOTING RESULTS:

GEM - Carey

Chaplin - Barcomb

Editor - Bithorn

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND HISTORIAN BY BOIRE, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

WILLINGHAM - ACCEPTS

MOTION TO WHITE BALLOT FOR GRAND HISTORIAN BY MANY, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES

WILLINGHAM ELECTED.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING BY MANY. SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.