



## **2017 Grand Council Convention**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> , 2017**

**Lake George, NY**

### **Attendance:**

Grand Exalted Master: Pat Carey, Delta, F'91

Vice Grand Exalted Master: Joe Pascarella, Delta S'13

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

Grand Chaplin: Daniel Horton, Delta S '01

Grand Historian: Roger Willingham, Alpha F'94

Grand Editor: Joe Bithorn, Gamma, S'04

Grand Advisor: Pat Boire, Alpha F'84

Grand Advisor: Mick Collins, Alpha F'87

Jerrod Odgen, Nu S'97

Brad Lastrup, Nu S'13

Farhan Kabir, Nu S'10

Dan Grffin, Gamma S'90

Greg Gilbert, Gamma S'71

Jason Fitzgerald, Gamma S'98

Richard Mason, Gamma F'94

Steven DeGroff, Delta F'16

Chris Perlmutter, Delta S'14

Joe Plant, Alpja F'14  
Kristian Unti, Nu F'16  
Matthew Easo, Nu F'16  
John Guercio, Nu S'15  
Ryan Doherty, Nu S'15  
Sid Mehta, Nu S'16  
Sherif Elsaid, Nu S'16  
Dave Synder, Nu  
Luke Wilkenson, Nu S'04  
Andrew Scialabba, Gamma  
Brandon Remy, Gamma  
Rafeal Ramirez, Gamma  
Francis Tabosola, Gamma  
Angely Ortega, Gamma  
Thomas Maniscasle, Gamma

**\*Day One: Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.\***

Horton leads in opening prayer

Alamia reads 2016 Grand Council Convention minutes

**MOTION TO TABLE MINUTES FOR ALL TO REVIEW AND FIX ONE ERROR BY COLLINS, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES.**

**Officer Reports:**

GEM

- 2016 was a rough year.
- Town Hall have been great, but we need more participation from all
- We need organization
- Petty nonsense has held us back
- Let's work towards not having these issues again
  - Collins – McCormick needs credit. Carey – If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have gotten anything done.
  - Alamia - "Rough year is an understatement. We need to stop with the BS and move on"

- Odgen - "Having documents on the website is huge"

### VGEM

- All chapter visits were completed with help from Alamia. All chapters seem to be in good condition.
- Will review all chapter visits during tomorrow's meeting session.

### GST

- Checking - \$7,056.22
- Savings - \$828.32
- PayPal - \$23.97
- Money Market Account – I have a check for around \$8,000 that we have to reinvest.
- We have \$11,880 in outstanding dues from 198 councilmen who are delinquent on dues
- Out of 46 new councilmen since 2014, 22 have not paid any dues so far. It's just a waist
  - Horton – "Glad someone pointed this out. I knew it was bad, but not this bad."

### Chaplin

- Happy to take the position, happy to help out
- Historian
- Thanks for coming, wasn't sure who was show up
- Tasked with a lot this year. Not a 1/3 of the way there.
- Crest, shield and Theta Gamma Fraternity trademark update - \$75 fee to process, then 250 every five years. Every chapter has to has to agree to use this. No permission could result in arrest.
  - Alamia – Have questions on this
  - Carey – Let's move to discussion until tomorrow

Need assistance in creating a World War I and World War II paddle. Looking for volunteers. Boire offers his assistance.

Boire reviewed weekend's itinerary

### Committee reports

Willingham's update already mentioned

Boire – convention committee did a great job.

Alamia – secretary committee, no report

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING BY MANY, SECOND BY MANY. PASSES

**\*Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.\***

**\*Day Two: Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.\***

Horton leads in prayer

Bithorn handed out Theta Gamma 2016-2017 bulletin

Boire and Collins handed out discussion forums

Convention broke into two discussion groups about constitution and ethics

New Grand Councilmen are initiated

**\*Meeting called back to order at 11:22 a.m.\***

#### Grand Editor Report

- One typo in bulletin. Will correct digital copy
- Bulletin is my report. Goal is to bring back tradition
- "this is the state of the union"
- Lot of work done on the website. Thanks to McCormick. Looking forward to what this year can bring.
  - Ortega – who is web administration "is it ,like, you?" Bizzle – yes.
  - Collins – it's nice to read things for the 30's and 40's we are still talking about today.

Bizzle reads a digital communication report with stats prepared by Mike McCormick. This info is sent to GC each month.

- Carey – numbers show quite a bit of growth. This is working. If you haven't signed up already, please do so.

**MOTION TO APPROVE 2016 GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES AS AMENDED BY OGDEN, SECONDED BY HORTON. MOTION PASSES.**

Pascarella and Alamia review their chapter visits along with SWOT analysis.

Carey – thanks to Joey for stepping up and getting this done in a short time frame

#### Alpha Corporate Board Report - given by Mick Collins

- Alpha CB not happy with the way actives have presented themselves. CB is strong, not much turnover. New president Brett Costello.

- House looks great. Alpha house in the same situation as delta.
- Willingham – if actives not pulling their weight, they will be de-pledged. Discussion of a reset, but decided that was not the best course of action.
- Overall summary – they have some issues but they are moving in the right direction. Please help if you can

#### Gamma Active Report – given by Andrew Scialabba

- 17 actives, 2 dogs, 1 cat
- Active Minds is new their philanthropy. Has to deal with suicide prevention.
- New floor
- \$14,00 raise for relay for life. \$800 for haunted house.
- Constitutional changes to make positions rearranged to more importance
- Great relations with the school. College president gave a speech praising TG/Pi Nu for alumni relations
- New advisor is Marc Mastella
- 2.8 GPA
- 241 comm service hours
- "Joey did a great job with visit"

#### Gamma Corporate Board Report – by Andrew Scialabba

- Read a report prepared by Gamma CB president
- Please contact Gilbert for brick fundraiser.
- CB president "can't be more proud of the actives"
- Snyder – share rush ideas with other chapters.
- Collins – 241 hours of comm service is great. Getting their names out that way. Get recognized. GDI's are not our friend when it comes to drinking. They are our biggest liability.

\*Lunch break at 11:58 a.m.\*

\*Meeting called back to order at 1:00 p.m.\*

Continuation of VGEM/SWOT chapter visits

#### Delta Chapter Active Report – given by Chris Perlmutter

- Seven actives. Eight crossed last semester
- Successful pig roast
- No one living at house is a disadvantage.
- Working towards raising funds for house. Set up a Go Fund Me page
- Campus is strict when it comes to freshman living off campus
- Done well with image form a town perspective

- A lot of philanthropy events. Showing face on campus more.
- Although unrecognized, they still do a lot of campus events with other Greeks.
- Stilling rushing, looking for a decent class this semester

#### Delta Corporate Board Report – given by Daniel Horton

- Things have been great
- Major issue is upkeep of house. \$17,000 a year
- If we don't get members in the spring, we need to formulate a new strategy on how to maintain the house going forward
  - Carey – there is expectations on the actives when it comes to the house. You have to proven you're worthy.

#### Nu Chapter active report – given by Ryan Doughty

- Seven accepted bids, one declined
- Philanthropy – dorm story for Cystic Fibrosis
- Community Service – help parked cars
- Banquet May 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> , we will update
- \$3,300 in general. Trying to keep up with dues. Payment plans in place.
- Insurance is due \$2,000, plus \$200 school fee
  - Alamia – what's the \$200 fee? Doughty – no idea. Alamia – find out. You should know what you're paying for.

#### Nu Corporate Board Report – given by Farhan Kabir

- Still actively pursuing a house.
- Two major fundraising. \$14,000 run by Dan Barcomb. \$22,000 total.
- Lotta drama on Facebook about different views. We are now on the same page
- Thanks to McCormick for town hall meetings. Issues have been squared away
- Have a financial outlook for the house. Details where we want to be.
  - Carey – there was a communication gap with PayPal links on the website. Decided not to put that up. Snowballed into a huge issue. It has been rectified.
  - Ortega – what amount you looking for? . Kabir – around \$45,000

#### Old Business

#### **MOTION TO OPEN UP OLD BUSINESS BY ALAMIA, MANY. PASSES**

#### **MOTION ADOPT CHANGES TO ARTICLE VI: SECTION 4, SUBSECTION 3, BY ALAMIA, SECONDED BY ODGEN. PASSES**

- Horton – four different types of reimbursement. Not for profit says 14 cents per mile. People may want money or ware and tear.
- Alamia - I'm fine with any changes, there just needs to be a change.
- Carey – will to pay out of pocket for wear and tear.

- Snyder – what's the budget for there. Alamia –there is not one.
- Odgen – like Pat's idea.

**AMEND MOTION TO INCLUDE A \$50 PER EACH CHAPTER ON TOP OF FUEL BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

**CALL TO QUESTION BY GILBERT, COLLINS. PASSES**

**MOTION TO MAKE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COLLINS, MANY. PASSES.**

**MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION OF ARTICLE VI: SECTION 3, SUBSECTION 1. BY ALAMIA, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES**

New Business

**MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS BY ALAMIA, SECONDED BY BITHORN. PASSES.**

**MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR VGEM BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY BITHORN. PASSES**

PASCELLA – DECLINES

ALAMIA – ACCEPTS

BITHORN – ACCEPTS

**MOTION TO TABLE NOMINATIONS BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY ODGEN. PASSES**

**MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS GST BY BITORN, SECONDED BY COLLINS. PASES**

MASON – ACCEPTS

KABIR – DECLINES

ALAMIA – DECLINES

ORTEGA – ACCEPTS

**MOTION TO TABLE NOMINATIONS BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY COLLINS. PASSES**

**MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GAS, BY BITHORN, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES**

BITHORN – DECLINES

FRANCIS – DECLINES

FITZGERALD – ACCEPTS

PASCELLA – DECLINES

**MOTION TO TABLE NOMINATIONS BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES**

**MOTION TO REIMBURSE BITHORN FOR PURCHASES FOR BULLETIN TOTALING \$132.42 BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. MOTION PASSES,**

Boire opens up discussion from round table discussion on ethics

Collins opens up discussion from round table discussion on the GC constitution

**MOTION TO CREATE AN ETHICS COMMITTEE BY GILBERT. SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

Alamia will head committee and will appoint members.

Boire – we need to create a master list of brothers in bad standing.

**MOTION TO CREATE A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN AMENDING THE GC CONSTITUTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES**

Collins will head committee and will appoint members.

Discussion about Gamma receiving new robes. Multiple back and forth about how robes need to be protected. They are expensive. Activities prior were the ones who damaged. GC agreed that they will work with activities to replace them

**MOTION TO PURCHASE GAMMA THREE BLACK ROBES TO BE COMPLETED ASAP BY COLLINS,SECONDED BY BOIRE. PASSES**

**MOTION TO PURCHASE NU TWO WHITE ROBES TO BE COMPLETED ASAP BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY ALAMIA AND BOIRE. PASSES.**

Snyder – can we get funds via a 50/50 raffle? All GC – research and go for it.

**MOTION TO REOPEN NOMINATIONS FOR VGEM BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

BITHORN – WITHDRAWS

**MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY WILLINGHAM, SECONDED BY BITHORN. PASSES**

**MOTION TO CAST WHITE BALLOT VOTE FOR ALAMIA AS NEW VGEM BY COLLINS. SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

Alamia is new VGEM

Alamia - "Im gonna build a wall around Mexico and make Pi Nu pay for it"

**MOTION TO RE OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GST BY BITORN, SECONDED BY COLLINS. PASSES.**



No new nominations.

**MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY BITHORN. PASSES.**

Mason is new GST

**MOTION TO REOPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GAS BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES**

BIZZLE – DECLINES

ORTEGA – ACCEPTS

**MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY HORTON, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

Ortega is new GAS

Discussion on 2018 Grand Council Convention date and location

**MOTION TO GIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD PERMISSION TO FIND A LOCATION FOR THE 2018 CONVENTION. DATES TBD BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

New councilmen introduced

New GC officers sworn in

#### Announcements

Carey – our sincere thanks to Mike McCormick for his work on the website. Thanks to PB for setting up this weekend.

Willingham – thanks everybody for coming.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING BY BITHORN, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

\*Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.\*

