

Senenmut Alumni Association Of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Inc. Fourth Quarter Meeting Minutes



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Meeting Date: January 28th 2020

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Call to Order: Brother William Van Deusen motions to call the meeting to order at 7:08PM. Seconded by Brother Cassie Yochum.

Roll Call: (Those present at the meeting)

- **President**
 - Brother William Van Deusen
- **Vice President**
 - N/A
- **Secretary**
 - Brother Cassie Yochum
- **Director at Large**
 - Justina Zifchock
- **Treasurer**
 - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia

Officer Reports:

- **President**
 - The last conference call with Nationals was held on November 12th. Discussions included the review of the alumni summit and quick checklist of convention requirements.
 - The next conference call with Nationals will be held on February 11th. Agenda to include general updates regarding the WGAA, convention motions, WGAA elections.
 - All convention motions are due by February 11th.
- **Vice President**
 - Nothing to Report
- **Secretary**
 - Any amendments to the bylaws must be submitted 30 days before the annual business meeting. This year's deadline was January 30th, 2020.

- A formal announcement regarding the amendments will be sent out on February 15th, 14 days prior to the annual business meeting.
- No further nominations have been received, but there is no language in the bylaws that suggests that we cannot nominate additional persons at the annual business meeting.
- **Director at Large**
 - The location for the annual meeting will be held at Watts.
 - Breakfast for the Alumni meeting will be provided by Eboard.
- **Treasurer**
 - Our current balance is \$2,000.28. Some budget line items have not been accounted for yet, including Ritual Lunch and Table Talks.
 - We were not asked to provide ritual lunches this year by the Chapter.
 - Brother Margaret Scaglione will deposit Table Talks money into the Alumni Association account.
 - Brother Chris D'ambrosia will provide a list of items that we have paid for.

Old Business:

- Alumni Weekend
 - Alumni Meeting will be held Saturday, February 29th at Watts. A full schedule will be sent out by Brother Will Van Deusen.
 - Brother Justina Zifchock to the Seneca One Tower tour time with Lauren on Saturday, February 7th.
 - Alumni Liaison, Amaris Lighty, and graduating seniors are invited to attend the meeting.
 - White Rose will be held Saturday, February 29th from 8PM – 12AM at Hotel Lafayette. An official invite was sent out on Wednesday, February 5th.
 - An informal social event will be held on Friday, February 28th
 - Details to be announced.
 - Notification of Alumni Weekend will be sent out on via MemberPlanet, email, Facebook, and Instagram
- Nominations
 - Brother Will Van Deusen has sent out notification emails to the current nominees
- Amendments
 - Three amendments have been proposed due to National request regarding our fiscal year and dissolution.
 - **Amendment #1 Notes & Discussion:**

- Our Fiscal year will be moving to a July – June year in order to help Nationals with tax filing. We currently do not have a set standard in our bylaws regarding when the fiscal year must be, but it does affect the scheduling of our Annual Business Meeting.
- The proposed amendment will secure more flexibility in this scheduling while ensuring that an Annual Business Meeting will be held once during a calendar year while leaving dues unaffected by the change. Elections to occur at the Annual Business Meeting, position changes to occur upon election.
- A February 2020 – July 2020 interim budget is required during this transitional period.
- **AMENDMENT #1:** Brother Will Van Deusen moves that Article VI, Section 01 be amended so the section shall read: “The Annual Business meeting must occur once during a calendar year, no less than 6 months following or 18 months preceding the previous meeting.”
- **Amendment #2 Notes & Discussion:**
 - Any money in our Alumni Association account(s) must be accounted for should the association be disbanded or removed. National’s suggestion is for all finances to be placed under the Senenmut Managed Fund, otherwise it will be subject to taxation.
 - This would allow the Senenmut Chapter to access the remaining funds.
 - **AMENDMENT #2:** Brother Will Van Deusen moves to amend Article I of the By-Laws to add: “Section 03: Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution; Should the chapter be dissolved for any reason, all financial accounts the chapter possesses shall be closed, all debts shall be paid and the remaining balance of all accounts combined and given to the Senenmut Alumni Association Fund.”
- **Amendment #3 Notes & Discussion:**
 - All bylaws will require the signatures of the WGAA and AA President from Nationals.
 - **AMENDMENT #3:** Brother Will Van Deusen moves that the By-Laws be amended to include:
“X _____

William Van Deusen
President of the Senenmut Alumni Association

X _____

Phil Buckburg
Worthy Grand Architect of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity”

- An editable copy of the bylaws will be created by the secretary and uploaded to the Senenmut webpage and member planet.

New Business:

- Chapter Updates:
 - Collegiate Brother Amaris Lighty has been re-elected as scribe. The scribe fulfills all alumni liaison duties.
 - Collegiate Brother Jordan Drezelo has been elected as chapter president.
 - Senenmut Alumni Association will request an updated family tree from Alumni Liaison, Amaris Lighty.
- Convention Updates:
 - Convention information was posted on January 27th, 2020. Registration is now open.
 - Volunteers for the Senenmut Alumni Association's Convention Delegate are asked to step forward.
- Fundraising for the Management Fund:
 - The Senenmut Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help fundraise in order to increase our management fund so we can dip into it for professional development events and programs (i.e. scholarship and Table Talks)

Suggestions for betterment of the fraternity/informal discussion:

- We should make sure that we know who our December graduates are so that no potential alumni members slip through the cracks. This could be something that our Vice President could investigate.

Adjournment: Brother Will Van Deusen motions to close the closed meeting at 8:19PM. Seconded by Brother Justina Zifchock