

# Senenmut Alumni Association Of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes



## Annual Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** February 27<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Meeting Time:** 12:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** Virtual

**Call to Order:** Brother Van Deusen motions to start the meeting at 12:10PM, seconded by Brother Vliet.

### Roll Call:

- **President**
  - Brother William Van Deusen
- **Vice President**
  - Brother Kelsey Imhoff
- **Treasurer**
  - Brother Kyle Vliet
- **Secretary**
  - Brother Cassie Yochum
- **Director at Large**
  - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia
- **Other**
  - Brother Garrett Brown
  - Brother Tori Coners
  - Brother Chris Guterrez
  - Brother Stephen Jeffrey
  - Brother Danielle Kwong
  - Brother Julia Ramierez
  - Brother Margaret Scaglione
  - Brother Anthony Tornambene

### Officer Reports:

#### **President**

- Year has been unpredictable with COVID, plenty of events were cancelled, our budget and attention were shifted, we helped our collegiate chapter
- Nationals Update – 2020 elections were still held without Convention
  - Brian Perez, WGAA – he directly oversees alumni operations
- 2021 Convention will be virtual
- Demtrios at Ohio State has been installed, Skopos Conoly at Syracuse University was approved but due to the ritual hiatus, this installation has been stalled.
  - Nationals has plans to install before the end of May 2021.

- **Vice President**

- We fundraised \$450 for the chapter after our collegiate brothers had reached out for help. We posted a fundraiser to help cover the fall 2020 dues, some of the pledges were still asked to pay dues but did not cross.
  - We could try to do this again if they need assistance
  - This helped cover the National dues, no local dues were assisted with.
- Brother Brianna Booth is running scholarship
- Virtual Ritual – not much details available at this time.
- New WA is Roxy Aguilar, Worthy Scribe is Jessica Rote
- Virtual meetings were held every Sunday last semester

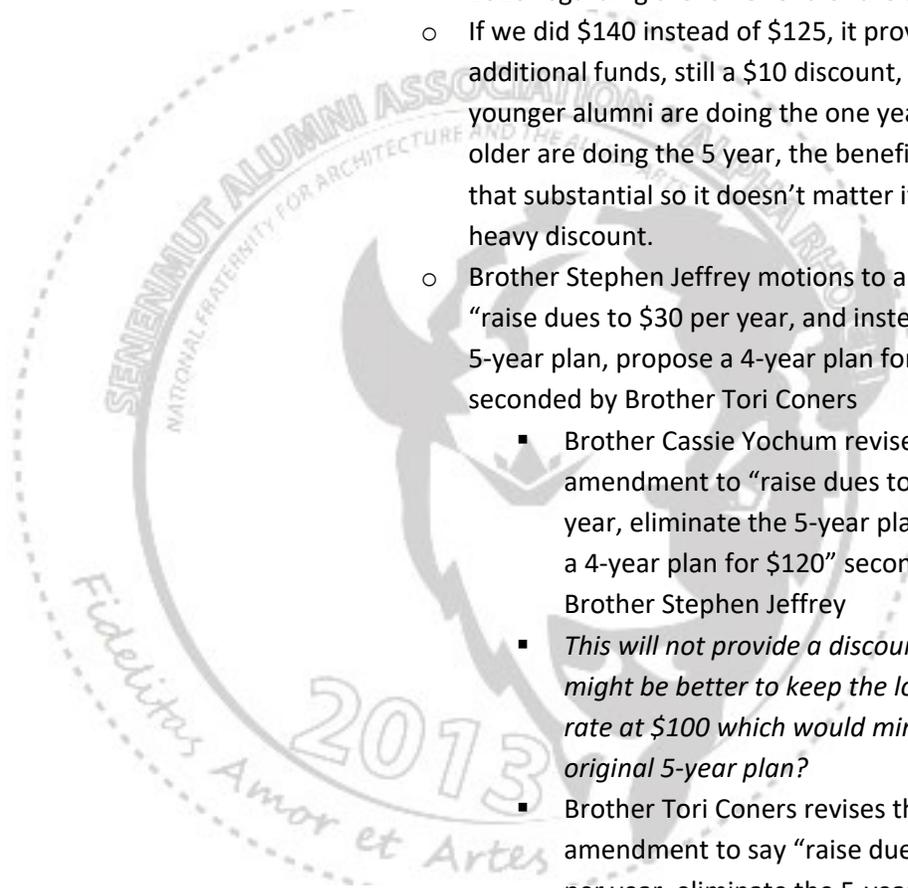
- **Treasurer**

- Due to a request from Nationals, we shifted our fiscal year from February 26, to July 1. This has caused a temporary extension our current fiscal year by about 4-months, making the 2020 fiscal year a total of about 18 months.
  - This added extra expenses based on the timing of our annual events/activities. We budgeted for the following as a result:
    - Two Convention Delegate Costs
    - Two National Dues
    - Ritual Lunches (which wound up being paid for by a donation from Brother Ed Wilyznski)
  - Dues that were paid for February 2019, were pushed to be honored for February 2020
- Fiscal Year 2020 Discussion:
  - We received about \$550 in dues for this fiscal year
  - 2020 expenses have been split into expected and current on the chart provided by Brother Vliet. The following are placed under current:
    - Convention Delegate Stipend – we have it as a placeholder, but we are unsure if we will have to give money to a delegate due to the virtual convention
    - Scholarship – on hold due to the pandemic
    - Alumni Brunch – due to the meeting being held virtually we will not be using this fund.
  - Currently, we have around \$2000 in our Bank Account
    - *Are we on a negative projection?* Assuming we do not have the Convention Delegate Stipend, we will end in the positive. Otherwise, we will try to solve this negative projection with our proposal for dues.
    - Revenue usually involves more than just dues and interest – usually we have Table Talks, however Table Talks for 2020 was within the 2019 year and we only saw a couple hundred dollars

of profit (less than 300); all of the surplus went to the managed fund.

- We had discussed allocating the \$700 dollar profit from 2020's Table Talks to the Managed Fund; this was later negotiated down to \$600. However, we are missing money from the firms and this should be looked into.
- Brother Scaglione will provide a list of firms who attended Table Talks
- Fiscal Year 2021 Discussion:
  - Dues predictions are estimated around \$700, this can go up or down depending on payments
    - We will be depositing a check this week for dues
- Dues Proposal:
  - This discussion is occurring because there was miscalculation of dues which resulted in an over assumption of the budget. Brother Van Deusen and Brother Vliet would like to remove the 5-year option and going forward everyone would pay \$25 a year.
    - \$25 is the minimum we can charge based on our projected expenses; we could possibly raise this to \$30.
  - Suggestion to set up Three Tiers of Dues as follows: 5-year Plan, \$25/year, 5-year Plan + Managed Fund Donation
    - The 5-year plan provides a huge benefit, but it doesn't have to be a discount. A lot of people appreciate the convenience of the 5-year plan, not really a decision of paying less, newer alumni appreciate the discount.
    - *What's the difference in the brother paying dues and the foundation proposal?* Donations to the fund has to be used for professional purposes, the foundation will produce more money because of the interest gains.
      - The alumni will tend to look at the managed fund, they may find more benefit.
      - If we establish this fund, and it's managed by a third party, we have to establish those funds
      - *Do we have to outline what the terms are to take funds away?* The fund was started by Brother Bayerbach and Brother Scaglione 9 years ago – the rules of engagement are established with there has to be a professional intent. The delegate stipend, scholarship, and Table Talks could all fall under this rule.
  - Brother Van Deusen motions to “raise dues to \$30 per year, and raise the 5-year plan to \$125 per year” seconded by Brother Scaglione.

- Discussion:
  - For now, raising the dues at a minimum is important with the possibility to raise.
  - *With the new proposal – how does this affect those that have paid the 5-year plan?* Those currently in the middle of the plan will not be affected.
  - By increasing yearly dues, this will offset the cost a little. We will see the affects through 2026 regarding the lower end of the section
  - If we did \$140 instead of \$125, it provides additional funds, still a \$10 discount, if the younger alumni are doing the one year and older are doing the 5 year, the benefit is not that substantial so it doesn't matter if it's not a heavy discount.
  - Brother Stephen Jeffrey motions to amend to "raise dues to \$30 per year, and instead of the 5-year plan, propose a 4-year plan for \$110" seconded by Brother Tori Coners
    - Brother Cassie Yochum revises the amendment to "raise dues to \$30 per year, eliminate the 5-year plan, propose a 4-year plan for \$120" seconded by Brother Stephen Jeffrey
    - *This will not provide a discount, so it might be better to keep the lower yearly rate at \$100 which would mimic the original 5-year plan?*
    - Brother Tori Coners revises the amendment to say "raise dues to \$30 per year, eliminate the 5-year plan, propose a 4-year plan for \$100" seconded by Brother Margaret Scaglione
    - We'd rather keep it at the lower rate with the shorter years. This was a compromise to meet the original discussion around 3 years.
    - The benefit of the 4 years doesn't change the amount of money, but we'll



be able to see the long-term results a bit sooner.

- Call to Question by Brother Stephen Jeffrey, Seconded by Brother Will Van Deusen

- YAY – Unanimous, amended motion passes

- The motion now reads – “raise dues to \$30 per year, eliminate 5-year plan, propose a 4-year plan for \$100”

- YES – 8, NO – 1, ABS – 2, **Motion Passes**

- Brother Van Deusen motions to approve the 2021 budget, seconded by Brother Coners  
-YES – 10, NO – 0, ABS – 1, **Motion Passes**

- **Secretary**

- *Are there any plans for continuing Newsletter?* Brother Scaglione is interested in doing a newsletter for 2020 to see what projects members have worked on during quarantine.
  - Brother Yochum will set up an email with Brother Ramirez , Brother Scaglione, Brother Van Deusen, and Brother Imhoff.

- **Director at Large**

- Brother D’Ambrosia is undertaking historian efforts; adding pictures and documents to our drive
  - Brother Kwong will send additional photos from White Rose
- Special thank you to those who joined PechaKecha

**Old Business:**

- Managed Fund Review for Fiscal Year 2020:
  - There were no new contributions for 2020 – we approved donating the Table Talks from last year, but this was not donated due to the logistics of not receiving the funds from some of the firms.
  - It’s recommended that we use a \$115 distribution from the Managed Fund.
  - Donations to the managed funds are important due to how it can positively affect us in the future.

**New Business:**

- Elections – Secretary and President Positions
  - Brother Van Deusen is the sole nomination for President.

- Brother Imhoff motions to elect by acclamation for President, seconded by Brother Scaglione
  - Brother Van Deusen is elected as President
- Brother Booth is the only nomination for Secretary
  - Brother Van Deusen motions to elect by acclamation for Secretary, seconded by Brother Yochum
    - Brother Booth is elected as Secretary
- Date for Next Year's Meeting:
  - Two dates are proposed: February 26, 2022 and June 11, 2022
  - Our bylaws state that meetings must be held within the Fiscal Year, and must not be within 6-18 months from the last meeting.
  - Typically, the meeting is held in February so that the Alumni Meeting can be tied into the Chapter's White Rose event, however it may make sense to tie our Alumni Meeting to the end/beginning of the Fiscal Year in July.
    - Having the meeting held in the summer means easier travel for Alumni brothers due to less impact from the weather, but some brothers may be busier in the summer.
    - Having the meeting held in the summer means that the Chapter will less likely do a cross over event if they are on summer vacation.
    - Logistically, in terms of determining the location of the meeting, can we ensure a virtual component is part of the meeting.
  - Vote:
    - **February 26, 2022 – 7**
    - June 11, 2022 – 2
    - Abstain - 1
- Convention Delegate:
  - Convention is being held virtually on March 28<sup>th</sup> – registration is free, you just have to pay your alumni national dues.
    - National Dues are \$100, you must have the dues paid in order for the AA to be in good standings and seated. The stipend has a potential to be used for this.
  - There is no travel requirement, anyone who is interested should email Brother Van Deusen
  - You'd be tasked with representing the Alumni Association at Convention and voting on the Association's behalf.

**Suggestions for betterment of the fraternity/informal discussion:**

- None.

**Adjournment:** Brother Van Deusen motions to close the meeting at 2:45PM. Seconded by Brother Coners,

