

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



## Annual Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**Meeting Time:** 11:30 AM

**Meeting Location:** Conference Call

**Call to Order:** Brother Rebecca Elder motions to call the meeting to order at 11:52 AM. Seconded by Brother Tori Coners.

**Roll Call:** (Those present at the meeting)

- **President**
  - Brother Rebecca Elder
- **Vice President**
  - N/A
- **Secretary**
  - Brother Cassie Yochum (via web)
- **Director at Large**
  - Justina Zifchock
- **Treasurer**
  - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia
- **Other**
  - Brother Tori Coners
  - Brother Kelsey Imhoff
  - Brother Andrea Sacco
  - Brother Margaret Scaglione
  - Brother Will Van Deusen
  - Brother Ryan Vigiolto
  - Brother Eric Zeffiro
  - Brother Kyle Vliet (via web)

## Officer Reports:

- **President**
  - Starting this year, we will try to utilize Member Planet more.
    - Event notices and polls will be done through Member Planet going forward.

- Brother Rebecca Elder suggests that the new Eboard should choose a webmaster.
    - Brother Margaret has national access and can update member emails for all our brothers, but needs permission from said members in order to do so.
  - The motion was proposed to increase Alumni Association fees. If passed, the Senenmut Alumni Association fees will be increased from \$100 to \$300.
    - This increase is because of National's insurance policy which protects us, our Member Planet subscription, and taxes.
    - Taxes will now be filed by Nationals going forward as some associations were not filing correctly.
    - All members of Eboard will have to pay both local and national dues.
  - Brother Rebecca Elder suggests that we should start applying for the different grants made available by the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation.
  - Nationals will host an alumni summit.
- **Vice President**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Secretary**
  - Brother Kelsey Imhoff and the Scholarship Committee selected collegiate Brother Benjamin Ezquarra as the winner of the 2019 Senenmut Scholarship.
    - Active dues have increased to \$160 – we may want to consider upping the Scholarship's current award to match this increase.
    - With the combination of more consistent advertisements and a survey to gather feedback, we received many applicants and had three fantastic final candidates.
- **Director at Large**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer**
  - 29 brothers have paid dues out of 50, which is our normal ratio.
    - \$747.70 in dues have been paid and once all our checks and PayPal payments clear we should expect a balance of \$1,402.64.
  - Projected expenses:
    - National Dues: \$100
    - Ritual Lunch: \$200
    - Convention Delegate: \$100
    - Scholarship: \$150
  - Emily never cashed her check for the scholarship last year. A notice will be sent to her and a new check.

- We could add a tier to our membership dues in order to meet the \$2,500 minimum for the foundation. In addition, reminder emails for dues and alumni weekend can also include a “donate to the foundation” message.
- Nationals said they would file our taxes, but neglected to do so. This means we may have a disciplinary fee. Nationals was contacted about this, but has not responded.

**Old Business:**

- AA forms 1 & 2s must be filed by the President.

**New Business:**

- Any member interested in being a convention delegate will have to pay all dues by March 21<sup>st</sup>. Brother Tori Coners and Brother Will Van Deusen have both shown interest, the Eboard will discuss at a later time.
- There seems to be a large influx of interest in the association from brothers who are located outside WNY. Perhaps doing some days in NYC or other locations (Syracuse, Albany, etc.) could be something that the social chairs could look at.
- Voting:
  - Brother Will Van Deusen and Brother Tori Coners for President
    - Brother Will Van Deusen is elected.
  - Brother Tori Coners (declined) and Brother Cassie Yochum for Secretary.
    - Brother Cassie Yochum is elected.

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

- A google drive with study materials and resource sharing may be helpful for brothers!
- The Communication chair should share any Facebook folders with the Secretary.
- Congratulations to Ed on the new baby!

**Adjournment:** Brother Rebecca Elder motions to close the closed meeting at 1:17PM. Seconded by Brother Will Van Deusen.