

THE ALPHA OMEGA GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 20, 2012

AOGA & PHI GAMMA
DELTA MEMBERS
PRESENT:

David Slater '67, Chris Moehring '74, Rick Van Cure '74, Tom Lammers '74
Tiger Thiel '85, Ted Versteeg '75, Bob Burns '76, Chad Miller '01, Louis
Grasso '77, John Clark '79, Peter Puttmann '81, Jason Phillips '95, Ron
Sages '73, Rob Valloric '88, John Ziza '78, Michael Keaton '76, Steve
Shannon '69, Tom Wild '85, Matt Dixon, (Section Chief) Ohio Wesleyan
'99

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by AOGA president John Ziza at
approximately 5:10 PM, EST in the Galbraith Room of the Ohio
University Inn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Copies of the minutes from the 2011 annual membership meeting,
created by previous AOGA Secretary Tim Adams, were circulated among
the attendees. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brother
Michael Keaton and seconded by Brother Tom Lammers. The motion
was unanimously approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Brother Jason Phillips distributed a detailed Financial Statement as of
March 31, 2012 (see attached.) He then briefly summarized our
situation by revealing that we are on budget in regard to income,
under budget for expenses and house mortgage would be paid off
in July of 2013.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Brother John Ziza began his report by expressing his thanks to Brothers
Ron Sages and Dave Slater for their guidance during his first year of
his AOGA presidency. Among the highlights of his first year in office
was the creation of three new association positions: President Emeritus,
Comptroller, and Curator of the Archives. These positions were filled by
Dave Slater, Ron Sages, and Tim Adams, respectively. Brother Ziza then
stated listed the association's three priorities for the remainder of 2012:
1) Establishment of a Board of Chapter Advisors 2) Building a stronger
relationship with the University 3) Fundraising. In addition, he pledged
to have AOGA board representation at this summer's Ekklesia and the
2013 Fiji Academy.

MEMBERSHIP:

Brother Ziza, revealed two plans to track down missing brothers, one
through the use of a "family tree" system of reuniting big and little
brothers and also trying to recreate entire original pledge classes with
active graduates reaching out to pledge brothers currently out of touch
with the fraternity. The use of decade reps, he said, has achieved mixed
results and a recent campaign using post card mailings to gather contact
information from missing brothers generated six responses.

BCA/PL FORMATION:

Standing in for Brother Cole Platt, Brother John Ziza mentioned that in addition to Greg Kapel, Tim Binegar from the Ohio University College of Communication has been identified as a strong Board of Chapter Advisors candidate. John will be interviewing with yet another candidate this coming Sunday, April 22. The hope is to have 6-8 BCA members firmly committed by Christmas 2012 and to have all attend Fiji Academy in January 2013.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Brother John Ziza, this time standing in for Brother Charlie Weckman, stated that the engineering reports commissioned last year have allowed the graduate association to be proactive in making needed repairs to the house as evidenced by the recent passing of a fire inspection. Still, we are likely to encounter additional house expenses and face needed capital improvements prior to the Phi Gamma Delta reoccupancy. A city inspection cited the need to have carbon monoxide detectors within 15 feet of house residential rooms. This, and several other projects, such as repairing two small tears in the roof caused by tree branches, tree trimming, gutter cleaning and an arrester for the chimney, will be undertaken during the summer or 2012. Boiler problems in the house have reportedly been exacerbated by the occupants repeatedly calling in unauthorized steam heating vendors to make repairs and then having the vendors bill their work to the house (association.) At this point, Brother Chad Miller introduced a suggestion to have the association employ the university's steam heating engineers as consultants rather than depending on various local vendors. Brother Ziza brought the boiler issues to close by citing the need to coincide our turning off circulated heat in the house to correspond with the university's steam heat shut off in order to avoid yet another boiler pump burnout.

In other house matters, it was revealed to considerable astonishment that the Phi Psi had spent approximately \$1,000 on repairs to the house ice maker and that it is currently in good working order. Phi Psi representatives have registered complaints regarding the house physical structure, specifically citing problems with windows and closets. Brother Ziza discovered that there are as many as 300 unidentified keys being held at the house, with no specific plans to try to match them with locks. The idea of purchasing bed bug insurance, the cost of which estimated at between \$1,000-2,000 per year, was discussed without a any decision being reached.

HOUSE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Brother Chad Miller presented a comprehensive assessment of future needs facing the 20 S. College Street property. Brother Miller's presentation addressed a four specific areas: Safety Upgrades (sprinkler system, hard-wired fire and carbon monoxide alarms and keycard/fob entry at all doors), Structural Upgrades (window replacement, Category 6 cable, electrical and plumbing), Room Configuration (optimal occupancy, singles with private baths to encourage upperclassmen continued living in

the house, overhaul of lofts, closets, and desk space), and Common Areas (chapter room refurbishment, adding a work station lab, upgrades to formal and Rec/TV rooms, adding wireless internet access.) Lastly, Chad suggested a hybrid financing model of a new mortgage combined with a fund-raising campaign to cover the significant estimated costs associated with the various projects.

PRESIDENT EMERITUS:

Brother David Slater observed the efforts of the current generation of Alpha Omega leaders to be “extraordinarily gratifying.”

COMPROLLER:

Brother Ron Sages explained that this new position would be to assist the Treasurer whenever challenges emerge and to review the financial books prior to reporting periods.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pig Dinner/Fundraising:

Brother Tim Davis announced that nearly 40 brothers would be attending this year’s dinner, a good turnout for a non-anniversary year. The Symposiarch and speaker will be John Petrone and Chris Blackburn, respectively. The fundraising goal of \$13,000 established at the 2011 dinner has been met with only \$750 not yet collected though Tim was certain that the last of the pledges would be in hand by April 23.

Website:

Brother Rob Valloric performed an instructional demonstration of the new website that highlighted new graphics, the all-important donation button and the “About Us” section that featured a number of entertaining photographs of fraternity activities from the previous several decades. Brother Valloric pointed out that the “cloud” feature of the website is a protected space only for members.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business introduced.

NEW BUSINESS

Operating Budget:

A motion to accept the 2012-13 operating budget was offered by Brother Pete Puttmann and seconded by Brother Tom Lammers. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Scholarships:

A discussion of Delta Colony scholarships, the current Alpha Omega scholarship fund condition and its ties to the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation produced illuminating, passionate commentary. It was decided that Brothers John Ziza, Ron Sages and David Slater would work together to create a proposal for short and long term scholarship needs.

Elections:

Brother Jason Phillips was re-elected as association Treasurer. Brothers Chad Miller and Charlie Weckman were re-elected to another term as Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was offered by the chair, seconded by Brother Michael Keaton and approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting then adjourned at 7:48 PM, EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Keaton
Secretary
The Alpha Omega Graduate Association