

**Alumni Organization, EHZ of LXA
Board of Directors Meeting, 2/10/07**

- 1) Call to order (11:10 A.M.)
- 2) Attendance
 - Doug Hancher -- President
 - John Faricelli – Vice President
 - Peter Reale -- Treasurer
 - Mike Morganti – Secretary
 - Joe Cotroneo – House Operations Manager
 - Chris Holt – Member at Large
 - Arlen Plotkin – High Alpha
 - Nick Richardson – High Tau
 - Jim Turk – High Rho
 - Dave Wallack – House Manager
- 3) The minutes from the 12/2/06 meeting were approved as presented 7-0-0.
- 4) Report on Administration.
 - Since our last meeting little progress has been made by the AIGC working groups about the DOSO proposals concerning the alcohol policy, live-in housing advisors, and the timing of the rush period. RPI basically rejected out of hand the alcohol proposal that was presented. The AIGC proposal concerning live-in advisors has not been presented to RPI yet, but Roger feels that it should be acceptable to them. Almost no progress has been made concerning the timing of the rush period by that particular working group. The entire BOD stressed to the actives that progress must be made soon on these issues or we risk having RPI unilaterally imposing its policies on the entire IFC again. Doug summarized what our current understanding of the situation is in an article for the Lamplighter.
- 5) Report on Alumni Affairs.
 - Alumni Dinner is all set for 3/24 at the Century House in Latham. We have not been able to secure ice time for the hockey game as of yet, but we are still trying to find some. The invitation was sent out electronically on 2/9 and the printed version will go out very soon as an insert to the Lamplighter.
 - The Lamplighter is at the printers and should go out very soon. John will send an electronic copy to the chapter to be posted on the chapter web site.
 - We have received almost \$1500 in voluntary alumni dues so far this fiscal year.
- 6) Report on House Operations.
 - The House Operations task list was discussed
 - The restricted parking sign has not been installed yet. *Dave will install it as soon as the ground thaws.*
 - *Nick will get the information on the address sign to John Szczesniak, who will make the numbers for us. Nick will see that they are installed.*
 - Joe contacted Retallick about the broken fireplace hearth tiles and the steel exit door in the north stairwell, but they have not come by to look at them yet.
 - Dave was able to repair the wood door by the mailboxes by planing it and by realigning and tightening the hinges.
 - The short/intermediate term maintenance checklist was formulated by Joe and edited at the meeting.
 - Dave is still deciding what material to use for the privacy cover for the patio door windows, but will purchase the materials and install them soon.
 - Dave was unable to repair the lock on the window behind the TV in the chapter room. Joe will ask Retallick to look at that as well when they come.

- The Reserve Fund budget was revised to include an item for couch cushions. Since this is such a small increase the yearly addition to the Reserve fund was kept the same as previously.
- The following items were added to the House Operations task list
 - The sanitizer on the dishwasher is not working properly. Dave will contact an appliance repair firm and have them look at it.
 - The small range/griddle/oven in the kitchen does not work. When the appliance repair firm is here we will have them look at that too.
 - We need to replace the residential water sprayer near the dishwasher with a commercial one.
 - We are having more problems with the epoxy covering on the shower walls. *Joe will look into alternative companies and/or solution, Doug will discuss the problem with builders he knows, and they will report back at the next meeting.*
 - We are having a few more minor plumbing problems, including one of the faucets in the downstairs bathroom. *Dave will contact Quest Plumbing to have these repaired.*
 - We are in need of a few minor electrical repairs, including re-labeling of the circuit breaker box. *Dave will re-label the circuit breakers and will contact the electrician we have used in the past for the other repairs.*
- A new laser printer was purchased for the chapter computer at a cost of \$1220.
- We have not received the feasibility study report for the library renovation project from Synthesis yet, but should receive it soon.
- Fire & building safety report

The chapter house safety inspection was done by RPI. The only necessary repair was to replace the light in one exit sign. No fire drill has been held yet this semester.

7) Report on Undergraduate Assistance.

- The application process for the '07 scholarship award was discussed.
- *Chris and Pete will look into what we need to do to set up our own 501 (c) 3 Scholarship Fund and report back at the next meeting. Chris will look into the legal ramifications and Pete will discuss the matter with our corporate accountant.*
- All that is left to do to have John Minasian appointed as the new High Pi is for John to sign the form and write a letter asking to be appointed. When this is done the application can be sent to LXA International for their approval.

8) Report on Finances

- The '06-'07 YTD corporate financial report was handed out.
- 2 people went on co-op this semester, leaving the house short to live in members. One of the people on co-op is willing to pay, but the other is not. The board feels that even though he has no legal obligation to pay, as the RPI housing contract allows itself to be voided in the event a student goes on co-op, the members have a moral obligation to obey the spirit of the contract and pay what they said they would. Otherwise, the remaining members (either those who live in or all the brothers) will be forced to make up the rent shortfall. The board is very concerned that RPI no longer allows us to move people from other RPI dorms into the chapter house during the year if a vacancy in the chapter house occurs. We feel that RPI is much more able to withstand the loss of one student's rent for a semester than we are. *Pete will discuss this problem with RPI when he has a meeting with them to discuss chapter/corporate financial matters.*
- All of the overdue chapter accounts for alumni have been turned over to the Parsons Bishop Collection Agency.
- The chapter financial report was handed out. It included a preliminary budget for the Fall '07 semester.
- We were recently contacted by Fidelity Investments about an old mutual fund account worth \$81K. Apparently the yearly statements were only being sent to past corporate treasurer Jim Gartland and since he moved 3 years ago they returned to Fidelity. Under NYS law after 3

years of inactivity the assets of an account must be turned over to the State of New York. We were in danger of having this account turned over. Doug talked to Jim Gartland during the meeting and found out that this account was the remnants of the old New House Fund account that were not use in the design and construction of the present chapter house. Apparently the value of the fund has risen quite a bit over the last 12 years. *Nick and Pete will look into what we need to do to have this asset turned over to us, including sending Fidelity our tax ID #.*

- 9) Report on Undergraduate Affairs.
- Chapter activities report: The chapter was reported to public safety by an irate Phi Kappa Theta brother who was denied admission but this matter was dealt with internally by Phi Kappa Theta, the chapter sent 20 members to the recent impact leadership seminar at WPI, we will be hosting levels 1 – 3 ourselves on 4/14, we have a new chapter webmaster/systems administrator, we gave out 3 bids this semester and have received 4 back and hope to receive a 5th which will make 15 for the year, the chapter QPA for the fall semester was 7th overall among fraternities, we are 3rd in Barker Points.
 - Report on elections: the new High Alpha is Arlen Plotkin, Nick was re-elected as High Tau, the new High Rho is Jim Turk, and the new House Manager is Dave Wallack.
- 10) New Business
- The '07-'08 corporate budget was approved 9-0-0.
 - Nominations for the upcoming non-academic directors' elections were: President – Doug Hancher, Treasurer – Pete Reale, and Member at Large –Jim Gartland.
- 11) Next Meeting – 4/21/07 @ 11 A.M.
- 12) Adjournment – 2:20 P.M.

ACTION ITEMS

Parking sign. Dave. ASAP.

Address sign. Nick. ASAP.

Shower walls. Joe, Doug. Next meeting.

Plumbing repairs. Dave. ASAP.

Electrical repairs. Dave. ASAP.

New Scholarship Fund . Chris, Pete. Next Meeting.

Discuss chapter house occupancy with RPI. Pete. Next Meeting.

Info to Fidelity. Nick, Pete. ASAP.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Michael Morganti, Secretary