



PI KAPPA PHI

ALPHA RHO  
ALUMNI CHAPTER

**Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
9/26/2018**

*Call specifics: 304-362-8484 and <http://www.uberconference.com/wvupikapp>*

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter, was held via conference call on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 (moved from original scheduled date of 9/19/19). The meeting convened at 6:05 PM EST with President and Chief Executive Officer, Tom Begley presiding. Recording of minutes was taken by John George, Secretary.

Members of the Board in attendance:

- Bob Laughner, AP 68 - Regional Leader for Pittsburgh, PA
- Jordan Feathers, AP 438 - Vice President - Chief Risk Officer
- John George, AP 385 - Secretary - Chief Communications Officer
- Patrick Folio, AP 147 - Treasurer - Chief Financial Officer
- Tom Begley, AP 284 - President & Chief Executive Officer

Others in attendance:

- Allyson Cannon, Chapter Advisor, Alpha Rho Council of Advisors

Not in attendance:

- Anthony Graley, AP 359 - Regional Leader for Charleston, WV
- Ken Berko, AP 367 - Regional Leader for the Carolinas
- Patrick Farley, AP 67 - Historian
- Craig Winkelmann, AP 69 - Vice President - Fundraising
- Jason Hyett, AP 466 - Vice President - Chief Information Officer
- Erik Baldwin, AP 412 VP- Chief Operating Officer & current Regional Leader for Washington, DC
- Matt Loffa, AP 628 - Executive Vice President

***Reading of Minutes from last meeting:***

Suspension of the reading of minutes from the last meeting was motioned by Brother Bob Laughner, 68 and seconded by Brother Jordan Feathers, AP 438 with no opposition.

***Introduction of Ally Cannon***

Ally indicated the Chapter got five new members in the first rush week. There are other events to continue rush. Additionally, she informed the group that another Fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi disassociated with the University this week. As for Pi Kappa Phi, things are going smooth and the Chapter is meeting weekly and has some philanthropy events coming up.

***Officer Reports:***

Regional Leaders - Bob Laughner, Anthony Graley, Ken Berko and Erik Baldwin

- Bob Laughner (Pittsburgh Region) – Bob mentioned that the Alpha Rho Chapter night at PNC Park on Saturday, August 18 for the Pirates vs. Cubs game went well. Bob mentioned the undergraduate students were great. Tom shared the dates of August 4 and 6 for Journey of Hope event in Pittsburgh. Alpha Rho will be working on lodging, meals and friendship visit. A point person from the Ability Experience will work with Bob to improve this past year’s JOH event.
- Ken Berko (Charlotte Region) – No report.
- Anthony Graley (Charleston, WV Region) - No report.
- Erik Baldwin (Baltimore/DC Metro Region) - No report.
- Tom asked the regional leaders to ask guys to RSVP via our events page to get a good tracking on those who are going to be at Homecoming

Historian - Patrick Farley

- Patrick - not present. Tom indicated we have a 40<sup>th</sup> logo that was approved by the national office. It will be release soon. The discounted room rate at the Holiday Inn ends on October 1, 2018.

VP- Chief Risk Officer- Jordan Feathers

- Jordan met with Stepping Stones last month and they are trying to change their miracle field. Though the Ability Experience and Rotary, Jordan has learned that some financial support will be provided to update and improve the location of the field. The timeline for renovation is likely in Spring of 2019.
- Additionally, Stepping Stones hasn’t seen any recent volunteer involvement from members of the student chapter. Ally mentioned that Seth our Philanthropy chair received a call from Stepping Stones indicating that they weren’t accepting additional volunteers. Jordan provided that while that is true for new volunteers, members that are already signed up as a volunteer are welcomed to assist with any of their events.

VP- Fundraising - Craig Winkelmann

- Not present. Tom mentioned we will concentrate on reaching \$10,000 in fundraising as we fell shortly this past year.

VP- Chief Information Officer - Jason Hyett

- Not present

Secretary - Chief Communications Officer - John George

- The next version of the newsletter will be released tonight or tomorrow.

Treasurer- Chief Financial Officer- Patrick Folio

- Patrick indicated that any outstanding receipts should be submitted. Tom requested that \$500 be incorporated into budget for the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation. Also, Patrick submitted a \$500 contribution on the APAC’s behalf to Parker Beagale’s brother who is battling leukemia.

Vice President- Chief Operating Officer- Erik Baldwin

- No Report. Tom will follow up with Erik about Strategic Planning Committee dates.

Executive Vice President- Matt Loffa

- Not Present

President- Chief Executive Officer- Tom Begley

- Tom added that based on the Five Areas of Focus we need to have a student scholarship. Tom is looking at a \$500 book scholarship for the undergraduate members. It will be merit based and voted upon by the APAC Board of Directors.
- Tom had a conversation with Denise Nelson at the national office about our constitution and bylaws. Mark Timmes has shared the requirement to not have any reference of alumni advising the undergraduate membership. The real reason is liability to alumni with today's culture. Tom has asked John George to review our Constitution and Bylaws and identify those advising type references to the student chapter.
- Tom also talked with Basil Lyberg and other staff with the Ability Experience regarding a day of service and camp. The previously mentioned beautification project of the Stepping Stones filed is a perfect match and we will help with applying for an Ability Experience grant. Tom encouraged our membership to review the Ability Experience Challenge Events that match up youth with our members for various races like 5K, 10K or others.
- Tom shared his knowledge of the current environment on campus regarding Greek life. The "Reaching the Summit" program has various goals and objectives to improve Greek culture regarding recruitment, grades, etc. It involves deferred recruitment for first semester freshmen that some fraternities on campus has indicated that this has hurt attempts to fill their houses. Therefore some groups have disassociated from the University's Greek system. Brother Eric Dyson, AP 355 has a close relationship with many of the fraternities on campus and inquired about our Alumni Chapter position. Tom maintained that we will not advocate disassociation as we have to be a recognized student organization by WVU or we could be a chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. Plus we have developed a great relationship the University in our re-establishment on campus and we want to partner to make the Greek system great again.
- Tom highlighted the Five Areas of Focus spreadsheet. He is working to turn our completion columns from No's to Yes's.
- Homecoming is shaping up to be a smaller hangout effort at Mario's on Friday then at Turner's on Saturday after the game.

***Old Business:***

**Future Undergraduate & Other Important Items (pinned and tabled for future consideration)**

- None

***New Business:***

- None

***Open Floor for Members In good Standing (I)*** - Open to all Members wishing to discuss any topic:

- Jordan relayed that the tailgating alumni event in Charlotte went great for the WVU vs. Tennessee game. He gave kudos to Ken Berko for doing a great job with the planning for a large amount alumni, student members and guests in attendance.

***Scheduling Next Conference Call***

- Wednesday, October 17th at 6:00 PM EST

***Adjournment:*** A motion to adjourn meeting was presented by Patrick Folio and seconded by Jordan Feather with no opposition. Meeting ended at 6:56pm.