



2019 Summer Homecoming

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Notes from the Meeting of the Phi Kappa Building Association



The Chapter House Summer Homecoming on June 8th was attended by 21 Brothers. At the Open Board of Directors Meeting, a number of topics were discussed, including . . .

House Leased for 2019-20

The Chapter House at 311 E Armory has been leased for another year to members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. A final inspection in May confirmed that the House had been well maintained and that only minor cleaning was necessary and that expense was covered by the cleaning deposit. After expenses, the PKBA realized net income of over \$50,000.

The upcoming year's lease of \$113,850 specifies a minimum occupancy of 23.

Chicago Area Meeting Planned

Plans are underway to hold this year's PKBA Annual Meeting in the Chicago area. The time and place will be announced soon.

Chapter Recolonization Strategy Discussed. Webinar Scheduled

Brothers Kevin Anetsbuger '84 and Brian Schmidt '10 made a PowerPoint presentation detailing the results of their research and discussions with National on how to begin the process of recolonizing a Phi Kappa Chapter on the Illinois campus. After a robust discussion, it was the consensus that recolonization efforts would be best accomplished through a separate Phi Kappa Rechartering Team. **More on their efforts and their upcoming Webinar on Page 4.**

Volunteer Directors Needed For the PKBA Board to Continue Functioning Effectively

Today, the PKBA Board has only 5 of its required 8 Directors and the terms of 2 of these Directors will expire at this year's Annual Meeting. Without at least 5 Directors the Board will not be able muster a quorum and will be unable to function. **The PKBA Board particularly needs Brothers with experience in real estate; engineering; architecture; construction; accounting and finance; law; and insurance.**

Will it be easy? Nope.

Worth it? Absolutely.

Why Should You Consider Serving As A Director of the Building Association?

Service Expands Your Network As a Board member your responsibilities include raising awareness of the PKBA mission and seeking comments and suggestions from the Brotherhood. As a result, you'll have the opportunity to connect with numerous Brothers with multifaceted talents working in a wide range of professions.

It Broadens Your Professional Skills and Perspectives By serving as a Director (or in any other role) you'll not only expand your network but you'll master new skills, be exposed to new ideas, and opportunities useful in your career, community service or church activities.

It Strengthens Project And Team Management Skills As a new Board member, you'll join a committee or be assigned tasks which means you'll quickly have to manage projects and teams in order to help move the Association forward. Because the PKBA does the bulk of its work remotely, it often requires individual preparation and research, greater attention to detail, focusing on team strategies

and goals, as well as timely and concise communication. Honing these skills will be reflected in your professional growth.

You'll Become A Better Coach You'll enjoy the impact and satisfaction that comes when you contribute to the PKBA's success by helping other directors and the Brotherhood reach our goals. Refining your coaching skills as you work with and through the PKBA team is sure to advance your career. And better coaching skills can never hurt with friends and family.

OK, What Exactly Does The Phi Kappa Building Association Do?

The Phi Kappa Building Association plays a vital role in the continued existence and success of a Resident Chapter at Illinois. It is chartered as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, tax exempt under Section 501(c)(7) of the IRS Code, that:

- ◆ Owns and manages the Chapter House real estate
- ◆ Leases the Chapter House to the Resident Chapter or other suitable tenant
- ◆ Is responsible for the physical plant
- ◆ Assures compliance with all state and local building and occupancy codes
- ◆ Maintains its equipment and furnishings
- ◆ Secures and maintains adequate liability and property insurance
- ◆ Maintains and communicates accurate financial information to its Members
- ◆ Assures that tax returns are filed properly; taxes are paid; and all required reports are filed in a timely manner
- ◆ Obtains loans when necessary
- ◆ Enters into contracts when applicable
- ◆ Hires and supervises contractors when necessary
- ◆ Solicits donations and conducts fundraising campaigns
- ◆ Anticipates future housing needs by analyzing the needs and expectations of tomorrow's students and their parents. It explores heating, cooling, plumbing and electrical system upgrades to reduce utility expenses through improved energy efficiency as well as other projects to improve House safety, comfort and reliability.

How Does The PKBA Work?

The Phi Kappa Building Association is governed by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors elected from among the Graduate Brothers in good standing of the Phi Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho. As a corporation, it operates in a business-like manner with regular Board meetings, annual elections, and the keeping of minutes and financial records.

Crow Up!

What Does A Director Have to Do?

First off, share your passion, vision and expertise with your fellow Board members for the benefit of the PKBA.

You would be expected to routinely participate in phone or video conference meetings, electronic chats or votes about 2-4 hours monthly. While some in-person meetings may be necessary, thanks to today's technology, most Board business and meetings can be carried out electronically allowing active director participation from almost anywhere. You'll also be expected to provide written and/or oral input on information and analysis distributed between meetings of the Board of Directors.

Of course, PKBA officers have specific administrative duties consistent with their office.

***Volunteering is not a choice,
it's a responsibility.***

Is This A Paid Position?

Nope. All PKBA directors, committee members and individual directors serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for approved expenses including travel.

What's My Liability? Both Federal and Illinois not-for-profit corporation statutes provide substantial protections for volunteers. In layman's terms, no uncompensated volunteer shall be liable, and no cause of action may be brought, for damages resulting from the exercise of judgment or discretion in connection with the duties or responsibilities of such director, officer or other volunteer unless the act or omission involved is willful or wanton conduct.

I Like To Help, But I Still Have A Few Questions. Who Do I Contact?

To explore Board service and other volunteer opportunities, contact the Nominating Committee :

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Front Row: Russ Proch '74, Rich Murray '63, Brad LaPayne '76, Neal Shoger '71, Joey Urban '09, Tim Bextel '05, Gary Schmitz '85

Second Row: Carter Black '72, Brian Sheehan '93, Sean Rohan '09, Rich Schultz '63, Jim Dickson '52, Carl Amrhein '76, Tim Duez '76, Ron Skupien '74, Richard Sturm '75, Jason Luksis '09

Back Row: Mike Robinson '78, Brian Schmidt '10, Kevin Anetsberger '83 **Not Pictured:** Dusty Frye '20, Larry Johnson '64

Help Locate Our Lost Brothers

We need your help in re-engaging our fellow Brothers in Alpha Chi Rho and the Phi Kappa Chapter.

We do our best to stay in touch with all our Phi Kappa Brothers, but unfortunately we have lost touch with some over the years. Can you help us to find these lost Brothers? We consider a Brother "lost" if we don't have a current email or postal mailing address.

Please send updates (or even clues as to our missing Brother's whereabouts or status) to illinicrows@gmail.com Thanks!

'52 Laurence Stockton Higgins
'55 Wendell Walter Kemp
'58 Francis Marion Morris
'58 William Joseph Sullivan
'69 Fred Vermeillet Kemp
'70 John Michael Welsch
'74 Thomas H. Brown
'80 Brian D. Fisher
'82 Michael John Hughes
'83 John Francis Haley
'84 Robert Joseph Cook
'95 Matthew Bartly Butler
'04 Aaron Ian Feldman
'05 Mert Dikman

An Introduction to the Plan and Structure of Phi Kappa's Return to UIUC . . .

Phi Kappa *Rechartering 2021*

By Brothers Brian Schmidt ('09) and Kevin Anetsberger ('84), Team Leaders

Hello Brothers! We hope you have an enjoyable summer planned and we're excited to share the news that the Phi Kappa Rechartering effort has received the backing and support required to begin the effort to recharter Phi Kappa. Below are a few relevant questions and answers about the Phi Kappa Rechartering Team.

What Is The Current Status Of The Phi Kappa Rechartering Team?

Our rechartering initiative is founded upon a focused effort that will require a dedicated team of Brothers. After discussion at the recent Building Association meeting, the Brothers in attendance confirmed our recommendation to form the Phi Kappa Rechartering Team. This team will operate independently of both the Building Association and National Office, and partner with the Building Association to identify and address the needs of Phi Kappa's future Undergraduate Brothers.

What Steps Has The Phi Kappa Rechartering Team Taken So Far?

The two of us spent the past year collecting historical colonization data from the National Headquarters, Greek-life consulting company Phired Up, and fellow UIUC fraternities. With this homework completed, we have developed a rechartering initiative that has received support from the Phi Kappa Building Association and the National Headquarters.

After completing the historical colonization research, we expect this initiative will require approximately \$70,000. These fees will cover the salary and living expenses of a live-in consultant to complete the "boots on the ground" oversight of the colony's founding, the advertising and marketing supplies needed to attract the right young men to our Brotherhood, educational programming and undergraduate travel to National Headquarters' training events, and the purchase of updated ritual equipment.

What Comes Next For The Phi Kappa Rechartering Team?

The Phi Kappa Rechartering Team will work over the next two years to:

- ◆ Recruit Graduate Brothers to join the team and solicit UIUC's approval to return to campus as a registered student organization (*Summer 2019*)
- ◆ Identify and interview potential re-founding fathers (*Summer to Fall 2019*)
- ◆ Work alongside the National Headquarters' live-in Consultant to oversee the founding and growth of our colony (*Spring 2020 to Fall 2020*)
- ◆ Guide the colony as it transitions into a chartered Chapter. (*Spring 2021*)

Our goal is to build on the momentum of our rechartering effort to evolve into a fully functioning Graduate Chapter that will support the long-term networking, interaction, mentoring, and support of Phi Kappa's Graduate and Resident Brothers for years to come.

In future newsletters, please look for our periodic reports and updates, as well as outreach from us regarding how to support our Team.

Here's How You Can Help The Phi Kappa Rechartering Team Be Successful.

Join the Team if you're interested in the following activities: recruiting and motivating volunteers; engaging university staff; developing policy, procedure and By-Laws for the future Resident Chapter Brothers; mentoring undergraduate students; and other organizational development responsibilities.

If you can donate funds to our cause or are interested in joining the Team please contact us at **630-536-6000** or at **PhiKappaofAXP@gmail.com**.

To Learn More, Join Our Webinar

This will be your opportunity to learn more about our efforts, ask questions about our plans, and volunteer to support our cause! Please come join us. We hope to see you there.

Thursday, July 10th

7:00 PM, Central DST

Dial-in number: (712) 775-7031

Access Code: 732-787-870

To Join the online meeting, go to

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/732-787-870>

Online Meeting ID: 732-787-870