

Anthemios Alumni Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

01/25/2025

Attendance:

Alumni: Taylor Lutz, Darius Greenleaf, Dareth Chow, Mollie Karasch, Zack Borell,
Chris Enck, J. Scott MacKay, Adam Dziaba

Students: Macy Sharp, Gerardo Alvidrez, Deonante Sutton, Grace Hunt, Adam
Lupatkin, Kendall Rusch, Mary Baker, Dennis Klementiev, Jaclyn Manning

Call to order - 1:08 PM

Approve previous minutes (January 2nd Meeting)

Vice President - Darius Greenleaf

- First year as official vice president
- Held many events in 2024
 - Homecoming
 - Summer barbecue
 - House tour
 - Graduation/mom's day
- Good turn out at all events
- Will continue to strive for more engagement with the collegiate chapter moving forward
- Planning to hold more events in the Chicagoland area to increase alumni engagement
- All events are open to alumni and collegiates
- Hoping to make the summer barbecue an annual event
- Nothing further for Darius

Treasurer - Mariah Alicea

- Not present
- President presented budget and expense reports
- The AA had an increase in dues payers for the year
- Our storage unit was sponsored for the entire year by alumni donations

- The AA took in more money than expenses for the year thanks to the increase in dues paying alumni
- For Mariah
 - Budget needs to be fixed to be fully accurate with all expenses from the past year
 - Fundraising totals weren't included in expense numbers
 - Future budget allocations need to be updated to reflect each year's actual expected

Secretary - Mollie Karasch

- Summary of 2024
 - Monthly notes
 - Posted as timely as possible
 - Drafts are now posted to the website and then approved at our next meeting
 - Final copy of the notes for that month then posted after approval
 - Newsletters
 - Sent out every quarter with important information from the AA and collegiate chapter
 - Emails are typically opened by over 50% of subscribers
 - Percentage dropped below 40% after June
 - Will be researching what changed with email delivery in order to increase opening again
 - Social media
 - Events, scholarships, and meetings posted to instagram and Facebook group
 - Website
 - Continuously being updated
 - Events are posted on the event page as they are scheduled
 - Dues payer list is updated as information is obtained
 - Scholarships are posted as they are opened for applications
 - Dues campaign
 - Designed mailers
 - Exec board spent a Saturday in June preparing envelopes to be sent out to alumni

- Many mailers were returned to sender
 - We need to get current addresses for a large portion of our alumni base
 - Unfortunately, we don't have record of the ones that were returned
- Overall was successful, dues payer numbers went up from the previous year
- Things to do in 2025
 - Anthem
 - Going to start drafting/organizing over the next few months
 - Will try to use some of the content prepared for the last unreleased Anthem (2022)
 - Facebook posts
 - Taking over the Facebook group posts from Danielle as she steps away from being historian
 - Anthemios accomplishments
 - Want to start doing shout-outs for alumni and active accomplishments on our social media and in our newsletter
 - Submit your shout-out to the Secretary to be posted
 - Organize alumni google drive
 - Organize archive photos by decade
 - Consolidating alumni info into one spreadsheet
- Nothing further for Mollie

President - Taylor Lutz

- AA is stable and moving in a positive direction
- Started helping ACC
 - Managing the parking lot
 - Security cameras were installed
 - Facilitated the signing of leases for parking spots
 - Updated parking lot contracts
 - Protects AA and ACC better
 - Began talks about house reoccupation

- Communication
 - Our goal has been restoring the AA's relationship with the collegiate chapter
 - Strongest relationship with the collegiate chapter in the past decade
 - Communication with ACC has become stronger and more regular
 - Growing the relationships between the three Anthemios organizations will make us stronger in our goal of reoccupying the house
- Donations
 - Received a generous donation from J. Scott MacKay
 - Donations from brothers for the Anthemios annex fundraiser
 - Storage unit sponsors
- Events (see vice president report)
 - Good attendance by students but not great attendance by alumni
 - Struggling to reach our alumni
 - Working towards reinvigorating engagement
 - Splitting our efforts between moving back into the house and trying to increase alumni engagement
 - Need help from alumni to make this happen
- Nothing further for Taylor

Director Reports

- Worthy Architect
 - Growing stronger
 - 59 brothers this semester
 - 75% architecture and many other majors represented
 - Starting spring recruitment on Monday
 - Building community, networking, and professionalism
 - For collegiate chapter
 - Convention
 - Encouraging everyone to attend
 - Pushing the convention grant
 - Alumni Association will be planning to drive out similar to last year

- Kohlen Award needs to be voted on ASAP
 - Brought to my attention by member of Grand Council that it has not been completed
- Collegiate Grounds Manager
 - Not Present
- Control Corp - Chris Enck
 - Recent projects completed on the house and annex
 - Roof replacement work at the annex
 - Updating to make the house more marketable
 - New water heater was installed at the house because it stopped working and leaking
 - Phi Mu will be ending their lease of the house at the end of this school year
 - Notice was given too late for the collegiate chapter to make plans to move in
 - Lots of upgrades were made since we were last living in the house
 - Air conditioning, etc
 - Unsure if Phi Mu will be leaving anything at the house
 - Exploring the possibility of buying furniture
 - Collegiate chapter will not be moving in to the house this upcoming school year
 - They had already made prior housing arrangements before Phi Mu had given notice about ending their lease
 - House will be unoccupied or under occupied for a year
 - Alternative methods to have people living in the house
 - Most organizations have already found places to live
 - School of architecture is interested in helping point students towards moving in
 - Originally thought we were interested in donating the house

- Annex does not currently have renters for next year
 - Any recommendations to make the property better for more students to want to move in?
 - Looking at the property for how to make it more profitable
- Do not want to leave both properties empty for a year
- Open to any suggestions for how to proceed
- For control corporation
 - When do we decide to sell the annex?
 - Need to discuss between ACC and AA
 - Additional income from this property used to be helpful for funding emergency projects on the house
 - Was typically fully occupied until recent years
 - Need to look at how to make the house more profitable and competitive with other properties around campus
 - We will probably not be able to keep both properties fully empty for two years
 - Had to take out a loan before Phi Mu moved in to cover expenses when occupancy was down
 - Do not want to have to do this again
 - Insurance and other expenses have gone up
 - Insurance premium for properties has doubled over the past few years
 - Very few insurance companies will insure Greek Organizations
 - We have a year and a half to get the collegiate chapter back into the Chapter house
 - By the 2026-2027 school year
 - Feedback from collegiates for how to make the annex more desirable to live in:
 - Marketing earlier in the school year
 - September, very beginning of fall semester
 - Start discussions in the spring
 - Corresponds with when we should talk about the house leases too

- Trends show that the chapter should be able to fully occupy the house and the annex for the 2026-2027 school year

Old business

- Chapter House
 - The Alumni Association prepared a proposal on behalf of the chapter
 - Document will be sent to Control Corp.
 - Suggestions for future lease conditions with other organizations
 - Lease term limits
 - Chapter is next to move in at the end of lease term
 - 100 year anniversary event
 - Anthemios is able to use the house for an entire week during this time
 - Suggestions for collegiate chapter's involvement with the house during the next year
 - Opportunities to rebuild a connection with the house
 - Summer house tour
 - Possibly using the space for chapter meetings every week
 - Renting the space
 - Hosting events
 - Faculty dinners, chapters, social events, ritual, etc
 - Possibly move all storage units back into the house
 - Remove those costs from each organization
 - We have 3 storage units between our entities
 - Parking
 - Lot behind the annex
 - APX has first option for renting spots
 - There are other parking options available close by
 - Annex
 - Trying to host more events there
- Last look at the revised ByLaws
 - Updated wording to remove gendered language
 - Updated operation related areas according to how we are currently operating

- Discussed at our monthly meetings
- Worthy Grand Architect will need to sign approval
 - Does not need additional approval because it is only a revision to the bylaws
- One section was slightly overlooked
 - Agreed to allow non-Anthemios alumni to join the alumni association
 - Do we allow alumni from other chapters to hold an executive board position?
 - There are mixed opinions
 - Decided to table until next meeting and will be discussed and finalized

New business

- Founder's Day 2025
 - End of the spring semester
 - April or May
 - Around mom's weekend or graduation
- Future of Annex items purchased by the Alumni Association
 - Will either go in the storage unit or the house depending on what our situation is at the end of this school year
- Motions for the 77th National Convention
 - Have not been released yet
 - Will be released before our March meeting
- 1108 S First Street 100 year anniversary event
 - Possible fundraising event
 - For various projects around the property
 - There is a grant that needs to be matched in order for us to receive the funds
 - Have guests stay at the house
 - Host dinner that is open to the public
 - Get help from the collegiate chapter social chairmanship
- Summer retreat
 - Possibly do this summer
 - Volleyball game

- Convention
 - Students should try to build the delegate's registration cost into their dues so that the convention grant isn't always given to the delegate
 - More students can have a chance to have their registration reimbursed
 - Merchandise stand
 - We will discuss at our next meeting
- Monthly meetings
 - Will remain on the first Thursday of the month at 8pm
 - Will add events to Facebook Group
- Scholarship for non-architecture majors
 - Utilize fund that is with the foundation
 - We have about \$16,000 in the fund
 - Application will be based on the John R. Ross national scholarship
- Dues campaign 2025
 - Joint effort between the treasurer and secretary
 - Begin in early spring
 - Sending out mailers again this year
 - Contacting the alum who coordinates national mailing
- Bring back the P.O. box from alumni association mail
 - A personal address will no longer be on all of our communications
- Alpha Rho Chi pins have still not been sent out for a few of the pledge classes
 - Many of which have already graduated
 - Requested for WGAA to contact WGE
- Convention grant revision
 - A report is no longer required if an AA delegate is present

Elections

- President (2 year term)
 - Advance nominations: Taylor Lutz
 - Brother Borell moves to elect brother Lutz by acclamation
 - Second by brother Greenleaf

- Treasurer (2 year term)
 - Advance nominations: Dareth Chow
 - Brother Borell moves to elect brother Chow by acclimation
 - Second by brother Greenleaf
- Convention Delegate
 - Advance nominations: Taylor Lutz
 - Brother Borell moves to elect brother Lutz by acclimation
 - Second by brother Chow

Suggestions for the betterment of the Alumni Association

- Simplify dues collection process with the national dues collection on GreekTrack

Public Announcements

- Annual reports
 - Send to secretary following meeting for meeting report to be compiled
- Mollie is running the Chicago Marathon in October and fundraising for the Morton Arboretum

Adjournment: 3:21 PM

- Alumni Association President T. Lutz - Motion to end the 2025 Annual Meeting
 - Unanimously approved

We hereby recognize that these minutes are true and accurate.



Taylor Lutz
President



Mollie Karasch
Secretary