

THE DELTA CHI FRATERNITY, INC.  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The video conference call meeting of the Board of Regents of The Delta Chi Fraternity, Inc. was called to order by Aaron Otto, “AA”, at 8:04 p.m. EDT on September 8, 2020.

The following members of the Board were present: Aaron Otto, “AA”; Tom Carroll, “CC”; Ronald Martin, “DD”; Miles Washburn, Retiring “AA”; Shaun Hollenbeck, Regent, Region I (joined the meeting at 8:09 p.m.); Josh Klein, Regent, Region II; Grant Herrin, Regent, Region III; Mark Sexton, Regent, Region IV (joined the meeting at 8:09 p.m.); Max Harper, Regent, Region V; Suraj Maraboyina, Regent, Region VI; Jack Rodican, Regent, Region VII; Gene Dorris, Region IX Regent.

Also present at the meeting: Jerod Breit, Executive Director; Cameron Barnett, Ritualist; David Gault, Legal Advisor; Donald La Plante, Parliamentarian.

Staff members present: Heather Lockwood, Senior Director of Field Operations; Davis Millard, Director of Member Safety; James Ratliff, Director of Finance.

Board member absent: Ben Dundas, Regent, Region VIII

Guests: Gregory Hauser, “AA” Emeritus; Camron Barnett, Ritualist, Michael Marino and Matthew Roland, members of the Ritual Committee.

1. MINUTES--It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Rodican and the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of August 1, 2020.
2. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD—It was moved by Washburn, seconded by Klein and the motion carried unanimously to present a Meritorious Service Award to Wayne Christ for his service to the Iowa State Chapter.
3. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD—It was moved by Washburn, seconded by Rodican and the motion carried with Dorris voting no to present a Meritorious Service Award to Dan Thompson for his service as Chairman of the International Service Committee.
4. JOIN THE MEETING—Regents Hollenbeck and Sexton joined the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
5. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD—It was moved by Washburn, seconded by Klein and the motion carried unanimously to present a Meritorious Service Award to Mark Schramka for his service to the Whitewater Chapter.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT—Jerod Breit, Executive Director and CEO, provided a report on the activities of the Fraternity in relation to the impacts on chapters and the fraternity of the COVID-19 virus including:
  - September 2 was the deadline for rosters and membership is down 7.29%.
  - There are 732 Associate Members on the rosters of which 167 have been approved for initiation and paperwork has not been submitted for 565.
  - There are currently 93 new Associate Members reported.

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- Expansion is being conducted virtually at Florida, High Point and Texas and is going well as this point.
  - Staff will be conducting a virtual Associate Member program from October 7 to October 28.
  - All Headquarters staff will be holding office hours for members to talk to them on a weekly or every other week basis.
  - There are a number of chapters with initiations pending where the University will not give permission for in-person events.
  - There are many investigations pending for a variety of violations including alcohol, social events and holding meetings not in accord with university regulations
7. RISK MANAGEMENT ROSTERS—It was moved by Klein, and the motion died for lack of a second, to remove the 20% limit on chapters being able to remove inactive members from their previously submitted membership list.
  8. LOCKWOOD LEAVES CALL—Ms. Lockwood left the call at 8:33 p.m.
  9. CLOSED SESSION—The Board went into closed session to discuss the ritual at 8:33 p.m.
  10. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION—The Board returned from closed session at 9:43 p.m.
  11. VIRTUAL OATH CEREMONY—It was moved by Klein, seconded by Klein and the motion carried with Martin voting no and Rodican absent to approve the virtual oath ceremony as proposed by the Ritual Committee.
  12. VIRUTUAL INITIATION CEREMONY—It was moved by Hollenbeck, seconded by Herrin and the motion failed with Harper, Herrin, Hollenbeck, Martin and Maraboyina voting yes; Dorris, Klein, Sexton and Washburn voting no; Carroll abstaining and Rodican absent to approve the use of the virtual initiation ceremony as proposed by the Ritual Committee.
  13. REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SURVEY—Brother Breit discussed the results from the survey on 2021 Regional Leadership Conferences noting that the response rate was very low.
  14. NEXT MEETING—The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be a video conference call on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 8 p.m. EDT.
  15. ADJOURNMENT—The “AA” adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Carroll, “CC”

Prepared by:  
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