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Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

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Fraternity of Engineers

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General Convention Report Alpha of Sigma Phi Delta Alumni Corporation

REPORT OF THE ALUMNI CHAPTERS:

MEMBERSHIP:

Active Membership:

How many alumni pay annual dues?

None. According to the Constitution and Statutory Code of the Fraternity alumni organizations are not allowed to assess alumni members. However, we did have 35 alumni give “Donations” amounting to about \$ 35 per person for fiscal year 2000. (\$1300)

What is the membership and geographical area from which the chapter draws members?

The active Alumni membership is comprised of about 10 individuals who have graduated in the last 10 years. The Alumni membership is derived from a geographic area of Southern California from the San Fernando Valley to the North, Orange County to the South, and the 15 Freeway to the East, and the Pacific Coast to the West.

What methods are used to attract and to retain active participation in the alumni chapter?

Telephone calls by the current core alumni members has been the best method for attracting other alumni to events of the fraternity. Additionally, the board of the alumni association publishes a 1 page, 3-fold newsletter, twice per year. The Alumni Board also sponsors a Sigma Phi Delta booth as part of the USC Homecoming and arranges the Sigma Phi Delta Founders’ Day.

What problems do you have in building membership?

Many alumni give the impression that the reason that they do not participate in the fraternity after their graduation is the time required, particularly the time associated with driving to and from the university. However, the Alumni Board believes that the chief reason for the lack of participation is due to the attitudes of many former active members.

What is the membership attitude towards the active chapter?

The alumni board has a positive attitude towards the active chapter, although the relationship was tense during Fall 2000, when the Active chapter membership was very low. There are a few non-participating alumni from over the last 2-3 years who have voiced displeasure with some members, particularly one individual. However, the board of the alumni corporation does not feel that the loss of participation of this handful of alumni is significant, given their lack of contribution during their term of undergraduate membership.

FINANCES:

Budget:

Include a copy of your last fiscal year budget.

Please see the attached MS Excel file for a copy of the budget for Summer 2001 and Fall 2001. There was no budget for Spring 2001 or Fall 2000.

Financial Statement:

Include a copy of your last annual financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2001, if possible, otherwise, at the last available date.

Please see the attached MS Excel file for the financial statement for the period ending 31 MARCH 2001.

Building Fund:

Is there a Building Fund?

The Alumni Corporation is planning to establish a Building Fund in September 2001.

Who controls it? For what may it be used? How are contributions obtained? Are the methods successful?

The Board of the Alumni Corporation will control the Building Fund. The Building Fund was established for the purpose of building a new Chapter House for the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta.

HOUSING:

Ownership:

Who owns the Chapter House? Wherein is the control of the house on rent, utilities, etc?

The Alumni Corporation Board owns the Alpha Chapter's House. Beginning in Fall 2001 through the present, the Alumni Corporation Board collects rent directly from each member of the Active Chapter. The Alumni Corporation Board pays one bill on behalf of the Active Chapter, namely the Department of Water and Power (DWP), typically \$950 per month.

Risk Reduction:

Is the Chapter active in supporting Risk Reduction in the Chapter House?

The Active Chapter is complying with the Risk Reduction policy to the best knowledge of the Alumni Board. The Alumni and Actives are planning to schedule a segment of the Risk Reduction Policy during each month of the upcoming fall and spring semesters.

Renovation:

What renovations have been made?

Fall 2000

Front House

None.

Middle House

2 bathrooms upstairs were professionally remodeled

1 bathroom downstairs was professionally remodeled

Attic – windows boarded up

Back House

Heater removed

Spring 2001

Front House

Room #1 – Loft removed

Room #2 - Closets moved

Middle House

Room #11 – Window replaced

Room #12 – Gutted in preparation for full remodeling

Room #14 - Library cleaned / organized

What renovations are in progress?

Summer

Front House

Upstairs hallway – painting - \$ 0 (individual active funded)

Room #2 – Windows finished \$200, painting \$ 50

Room #3 – Windows finished \$200, painting \$ 50

Room #4 – Windows finished \$200, painting \$ 50

Middle House

Room #5 – Paint \$ 0 (individual active funded)

Room #5 – Beam reinforcement \$ 2000

Room #12 – Complete remodeling \$ 0 (individual alumni funded)

Back Porch – Concrete base - \$ 350, porch \$ 0 (pledge class funded)

Back House

None.

GENERAL:

Alumni-Active Relationships:

Do you hold joint meetings with the undergraduate chapter?

Yes, the Alumni and the undergraduates hold joint meetings.

How often?

The joint meetings are held monthly on Saturdays.

Social?

The Alumni and Active Chapters share the following social activities, including Homecoming, Castle Day, and Red Rose in the fall and Founders' Day in the spring.

Business?

No business functions were held during the fall of 2000 or Spring 2001.

What is the response of both the actives and the alumni?

The response at the joint meetings is fair as is the participation at the Social events.

How could they be made better?

The Alumni and Active Chapters plan to discuss additional methods to improve the events held by the two groups, including methods of how to improve the attendance at such events.

Scholarships:

Does the alumni chapter have a program, which supports scholarship in the active chapter?

Yes. The Alumni Board obtains grade release forms from the USC Office of Residential and Greek Life each semester. Each active member is required to complete the form so that their grades can be released to the chapter.

Do you provide scholarship funds to the chapter?

Yes. The Alumni Corporation sponsors an annual Book Scholarship of \$300. This scholarship is available to male engineering students who apply each fall semester. The scholarship is open to all male engineering students, not just members of Sigma Phi Delta.

Bequests:

Has the Chapter considered a program of Bequests from interested alumni? If so, has it been successful?

No.

If not, is one contemplated?

Yes, a program for making Bequests to the fraternity is being considered.

What does the Alumni membership expect of the National Office?

The Alumni Corporation believes that the National Office can best assist the Active and Alumni chapters in the following three areas. First, the Alumni believe that their should be detailed Rush Tools made available for each undergraduate chapter. Next, the Alumni Chapter believe that the National Office can help to encourage better communication between the various active and alumni chapters. Finally, both the active and alumni chapters could use help with fundraising ideas.

When did you last amend you Chapter By-Laws?

The Chapter by-laws have not updated the Alumni Chapter By-Laws since 1995. Mr. C. Larkin and A. Lynch are planning to review and rewrite the Alumni Chapter By-Laws during Summer 2001, prior to the General Convention.

Did you send them to the Supreme Council?

The current Alumni Board believes that the Supreme Council has the most recent version of the Alumni Chapter's By-Laws. However, the most recent copy of the Alumni By-Laws is attached.