

## Andronicus Alumni Association of Alpha Rho Chi

### Meeting Minutes: August 21, 2004

**Attendees:** Mike Ellars, President  
Anthony McLin  
Laura Schmidt  
Kurt Hanna  
John Sterni  
Carlos Godinez

**Guests:** Erin Williams, Active  
Josh Thompson, Regional Director

### Call to order at 2:30pm

See agenda.

### President's Report:

State of the AA:

It seems that fewer and fewer alumni are coming to meetings. Three years ago, there were 40 or so alumni at the meeting. Now there are only 7.

Where are we? Where are we going?

Need to work on recruitment and retention. Not only recent alumni, but also older alumni. There is a lot that the older alumni can add and bring to this organization. Retention: the people who are currently involved have been dropping. Trying to figure out how to mitigate the pressures on the board members.

Biggest project is the Restoration project (ARCH). Whether it be a stand-alone org. or in association with the Foundation. Unfortunately, the two most involved people are overburdened by all this work. Need someone who has experience with setting up nonprofit org. to help us out, at the very least as a consultant.

The House is both a strength and a weakness. It was already a great and important house before the fraternity came into existence. It can be a great draw, both for alumni, and for new members. But, don't want the house renovation to be the sole purpose and task of the alumni association. The stated goals (in const. And bylaws) specify organizing alumni and professionals. Alternating social gatherings and business meetings seems to be a possibly winning strategy.

We have great goals in mind, but we need more people and information on how to reach those goals.

### Treasurer's Report:

Financial statement ready to peruse. Bunch of numbers, not really much text.

We're in the black. Have more money than last year, even after some major renovations (bathrooms, fence, stairs, etc.) We pretty much broke even for renters due to lack thereof. Have sixteen people for the new year, so looking forward to much better income.

Opened a savings account to separate operating costs from savings (plus the possibility of interest payments).

Signed up for electronic banking for better tracking of finances with bank (there were some mix ups with statements and checks, but those have been fixed/dealt with or will be soon).

April's moving out makes the last tenant who went through the transitional period of the chapter running the house vs. the AA running the house. The split of actives and non-member tenants is once again split, but that's improving.

Dues: a good way to separate those who are really interested in participating and those who just want free food and parking. We need to differentiate to focus our efforts for recruitment. Need to get more people to pay dues.

### Weathervane Committee Report:

Colin Smith has volunteered to help with Weathervane. csmith@iqmail.com

Newspaper design article?

Karen Marker (Archi Editor) Constructive criticism.

Ellars: articles on ARE exams. PESTER INCESSANTLY about writing them, preparation, hints and tips, where to look for study material. Study Groups, whatever.

Promote forums in next issue.

### Preservation Committee Report:

Have greatly explored the possibility of having the Foundation help on this, and it's pretty much clear that it would be a bad idea. They are not equipped to handle a project of this size. Too many questions, too many previous complications with other chapters. Should set up a separate non-profit, charitable organization to handle this.

Talked to Scott McKay, talked to Ed Pearson (willing to help, but needs to know more). Should talk to Eric Heinsohn (DAED AA) about help and what obstacles to avoid.

Erin: I've been working on this since January. This is where I started on this, but we saw the Foundation opportunity open up, and was good that we pursued it, but now we're back where we started. Need a non-profit entity by December 31, 2004, or this project will peter out. Set up a meeting for September 18 for committee meeting. Time TBA.

**National News:**

New colony at CA College of the Arts in San Francisco. That makes six colonies. Alumni database going online. Will be ready by December 1. The Rise will be published again. It will be a force for good (discussing the Ritual) rather than its previous purpose. Will be published August 30 and performed at Leadership Conference and Convention. Experiment: Retreats for alumni leaders, arranged regionally. Start: AA Retreat for Region 8.

**New Business:**

ARCH Project on the website: it's been updated semi-regularly.  
Constitution and Bylaws amendments.

Mike: Would like to codify the job descriptions and duties of the various offices and such. Similarly, would like a series of position manuals, not necessarily "how to do this job" but more a series of checklists that should be done by each officer. If someone left office, someone else could come in "cold" and fill the position without needing to always confer with the previous person (especially if they are not available).

**Recruitment and Retention:**

Alumni Information Packet – welcoming new alumni into the fold, explaining how they can help.  
Retention (see above).

**Recess at 4:45pm, reconvened at 5:45pm  
New Business Continued:**

Want to move the fridge into the kitchen, may rip out shelves to do so. Will replace sink in back. Want to find a better place for the trash can. May put in additional washer/dryer once the fridge is in.

Move in/Move Out Day... need a little time between people moving out and new tenants moving in. Allow a little time to check the room, determine the reasoning behind returning/withholding security deposit. People have the right to be present for the walk-thru. Suggestion: paint the walls whatever you want, but don't touch the trim/moulding.

**Nominations for executive board officers:**

President:	Mike Ellars
Vice President:	Laura Schmidt Kurt Hanna
Treasurer:	John Sterni
Secretary:	Kurt Hanna Camile Ganir (declined) Anthony McLin
Member at Large:	Carlos Godinez Kurt Hanna Laura Schmidt

**Election Results:**

President:	Mike Ellars
Vice President:	Kurt Hanna
Treasurer:	John Sterni
Secretary:	Anthony McLin
Member at Large:	Carlos Godinez
Second Member at Large:	Laura Schmidt

**Committee Elections:**

Weatherwane Editor:	Kurt Hanna (unopposed)
Preservation committee:	Laura Schmidt (unopposed)

**Next Meeting:**

September Meeting to coincide with a football game?  
ARCH meeting on September 18.  
AA Meeting is a Tailgate party on September 18.  
Next business meeting Sunday, October 17, 2:00PM.

**Quotes of the meeting:**

"Can we make Josh our 'Director of Margaritas'?" (Erin Williams)  
"Well screw that, you're no longer my Snack-Whore!" (Anthony McLin)  
"That's 'Beer Bitch At Andronicus Alumni Dot Org'." (Carlos Godinez)

**Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Tailgate on September 18, 6:00 pm**

**Business Meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2:00 pm**