

General Meeting Minutes

Alpha Phi Omega-Mu Zeta Chapter

Date: Monday, April 14, 2009

I. Call To Order at: (7:27 PM)

II. Roll Call:

President – Kingsley Yee (Present)
Service Vice Presidents – Dianne Nino (Present) & Shella Liman (Absent)
Membership Vice Presidents – Nikko Cartano (Present) & Justin Yu (Present)
Pledge Masters – Jason Chang (Present) & Cicily Chan (Present)
Fellowship Vice President – Karina Jong (Present) & Kristina Hew (Present)
Finance Vice President – Andrew Chi (Present) & Kevin Li (Present)
Administrative Vice President – Maxine Choi (Present) & Karen Wong (Present)
Sergeant-At-Arms – Shervey Kong (Present) & Dennis Kuet (Present)
Advisory Chair – Melissa Dagdagan (Present) & Jordan Ondoy (Absent)

Guests: (AEN) Kelly, Roland, Stephanie, Lauren, Aron, Erin; (MZ) Karen; (Gamma Gamma) Nick, Tiffany, Christine, Jane, Jovie,

Deputies: Shane & LiL Richard Hom

Three sharp taps of the gavel signifies the three fold purpose of this meeting

- I. First to foster good Fellowship,
- II. Second to promote Leadership to worthwhile activities,
- III. Third to develop plans for Service to our fellow man;

So therefore let us dedicate this meeting to Leadership, Friendship, and Service

III. Approval of Minutes: Approved

IV. Officer and Committee Reports:

President's Report

- Welcome IC guest!
- 13th annual MAAD Weds
- Fall 09 Excomm final nomination accept/declinations, tonight.
- President for a Day Monday, 4/20/09

Historian – Darshika Patel

- Pictures-collection tonight
- Historian scavenger hunt due 4/15 09 11:59pm
- Hssc: if you have collected pictures and videos come see me tonight if not start collecting them.

Leadership Chair- Katrina Salangsang and Teri Mai

- Need 7-8 people for Leadership WORKSHOP
- On Communication, time management, conflict management SKITS

Public Relations Officer – Cindy Yeh & Frances Valbuena

- Tues 4/14 AEN General Mtg, 730pm Meet at McDs 630pm
- Weds 4/15 Gamma Beta Activation ceremony 8:30pm Meet at McD 730pm
- Sat 4/18 LAUNCH workshop at Stanford 8-12PM
- Sun 4/19 Gamma Beta Meeting 630PM

Service Report – Dianne Nino & Shella Liman

- Tues 4/14 Flyering for MAAD @ 2PM. Chapter hour. Meet at Malcolm X
- Fri 4/17 Ronald McDonald Meet at 515PM 6-8PM Community.
- Sun 4/19 Kindness Kitchen 11-3PM Meet at 1030AM Community
- Mon 4/20 Hep B 10-2PM Campus. At least 2 hours. Meet at Student Health Cent.
- Tues 4/21 Hep B 10-2PM Will not count for requirements.
- Events will be cancelled if there are not a min of 3 people signed up

MAAD Report – VJ Artilano & Kirstelyn Manuel

- THEME: Be the Example, Spread the Hope
- MAAD is only Two days!
- We need help with decorations
- Prep Night tmr 7-9PM

Membership Report - Nikko Cartano & Justin Yu

- Pay It Forward: Continue to be helpful to each other
- Don't feel like you need to buy something; act of kindness; good deed
- Chapter sweaters. 2 members that haven't paid PAY BY TODAY
- Cash/Check APO Mu Zeta Nikko or Justin
- Brownie Jr goes to NO ONE 2nd time Pledges. Get it in on time for next time.
- Brownie goes to Samson for being a go getter
- Brownie from Finance VPs got stolen by Jason Chang from 2weeks ago Finance stole it from Membership. Andrew and Kevin and Justin and Nikko does pop, lock and drop it (dance move)
- Updates on requirements by email, they are due 4/20 at 5:00pm
- Chairs please send in the events lists
- Family Point Update: Rock-209 Paper = 201pts; Scissors = 150pts
- Family events:
 - o Tue 4/14 12-6PM Menchu Hall. Paper Study Event Must stay 2 hours
 - o Thu 4/16 12-4PM Menchu Hall. Rock Study Event
 - o Sat 4/18 Pre Jeoparday Pump up Potluck Session 830am-1130am place TBA
- Celebrate APRIL Babies. Linelle, Sherman, Kevin Li, Michelle B. Michelle P. Gerry, Shella
- Important Announcement:
 - o Iota Phi Scavenger Hunt IC Event is not going to be counted as an IC event for those who attended
 - o Risk Management violations that Mu Zeta does not tolerate and goes against our teachings

Pledge masters Report – Cicily Chan & Jason Chang

- Fri 4/17 GRo Pledge Fundraiser 5-9PM
- Sat 4/18 Jeoparday 1-5PM
- Sat 4/18 Launch @ Zeta 8-12PM
- Pledge Spotlight

Fellowship Report – Kristina Hew & Karina Jong

- Thank you for those who attended Easter Egg Hunt/Fellowship on Sunday
- PJ Theme contest

- Next week's Theme: Represent Your Pledge Class (unified)
- Thu 4/16 = Murder Mystery Dinner @ VJ's House
 - o 5-8PM. Meet at McDs @ 430PM
- Sat 4/18 Bingo Night after Jeoparday 6-9PM Meet at 430PM at McDs
- Banquet tickets \$28 for 5 days until Fri @ 5PM
- Tickets sold after meeting; you can reserve and pay Monday
- Attire: Black, White & Gold
- Pop Polls categories will be sent out soon
- Meal is some sort of meat & vegetarian
- MZ members get priority and then any other guests

Finance Report – Kevin Li & Andrew Chi

- LAST Centerplate Giants Fundraiser Dates
- Fri 4/17 230-1030PM; Sun 4/19 830AM-5PM
- Meet at McDonalds

Administrative Report – Maxine Choi & Karen Wong

- No report

Publication Directors – Jessica Lee & Jennifer Chang

- LAST NEWSLETTER due Weds April 15 @ 1159PM
- Send in picture along with article

Sergeant Report – Shervey Kong & Dennis Kuet

- Continue the Constitution Committee Bylaw changes and if time permits, will go to ratifying phase of bylaws

Advisory Report - Melissa Dagdagan & Jordan Ondoy

- History of Paul Chang and Aleah Zapata

V. Old Business

- Nominations for Fall 2009 Excomm
- Advisors: Nikko nominates Mark Corpuz and Jordan Ondoy. Seconded by Jason (D)
Nikko nominates Jordan Ondoy. Seconded by Shane (D)
- Finance VP: Nikko nominates Andrew and Justin. Seconded by Jason(D)
- Fellowship VP: Richard > Michelle Paz & Rochelle F Seconded by Michelle Blanco (A)
- Pledgemaster: Nikko and Kingsley seconded by Jason (A)
- MVP: Kevin Li nominates Darshika and Shervey. Seconded by Venus (A)
- President: Michelle nominates Shane. Seconded by Jason (A)
Venus nominates Katrina Harvey. Seconded by Jason (D)

VI. New Business

- CHANGES TO BYLAWS

Mel: I like to announce that the constitutional committee is going to make changes to the Bylaws. Just changes that we have made for the past 5-6 years but has never gotten around to putting it into the Bylaws. There are about 13 pages of revision.

Shervey: First of, I move to change Article 1 Section 2 Subsection 4 to add at least one pledge class fundraiser and fellowship event to the pledge requirements.

Seconded by Nikko

Discussion: None

Voting: 23, 0, 0 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 1, Section 1 Subsection 6 – Requirements for the Activation of Individual pledges of the Bylaws

Kingsley: There is a motion to add “has completed the set requirements as prescribed by the pledge committee and approved by the chapter.” Striking out the rest.

Second by Nikko

Discussion: Gerry: Is the highlighted part of it?

Mel: I messed up. Just to make it more clear that because the PM wanted to add then they could. This way we do not have to change the bylaws every semester.

Darrel: If there is changes that needs to be made in the middle of the semester, would it be voted on by the chapter. Would the chapter be voting on it or Excomm. If there was something to happen, like a change in requirement for the class

Kingsley: If it is a change for the class then it would be voted by Chapter

Voting: Favor 23 Oppose 0 Abstain 1 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 1 Section 2 Subsection 7

Seconded by Jason

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 1 Section 2 Subsection 7 from the activation from “two to one” full semester shall be dismissed from pledgship in MZ

Discussion: None

Voting: Favor 17, O 1 Ab 6 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 2 Section 1 Subsection 2 for appointed chapter officers

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 2 Section 1 Subsection 2 for appointed chapter officers. Adding the position leadership chair, banquet chair, webmaster and email chair and crossing out fundraising coordinator.

Discussion: None

Voting: Favor 24, O 0, A 0 - Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 2 Section 1 Subsection 3 – special events of officers bylaws

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 2 Section 1 Subsection 3, adding “the following shall be the special events officers of MZ, the MAAD, Sectionals chair, Regional chair and Nationals chair as deemed necessary

Seconded by Jason

Discussion: None

Voting: F 19, O 0, A 1 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change Article 2 Section 1 Subsection 10 – Seniority of Elected chapter officers

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 2 Section 1 Subsection 10 to add seniority of elected chapter officers to reverse Membership Vice President and Service Vice President

Second by Katrina Harvey

Discussion: Why?

Mel: We discussed in terms of responsibility, we discussed that MVP responsibility aligned better with the chapters VP, it includes all members not just one program like service so we decided to move its order up so that it would be second in the change of committee

Susannah: A lot of other chapters have it that way too

Voting: 14, 0, 12 - Motion does not pass

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 2, Section 1 Subsection 11 qualifications of holding the four highest seniority positions

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 2, Section 1 Subsection 11 to add the language "the elected chapter offices of the highest seniority are P, MVP, SVP, PM to qualify for this office, a brother must have completed one active semester in good standing"

Seconded by Jason

Discussion: Jason: It would mean brothers have to have experience because these positions require a lot of experience.

Mel: it says that you have to qualify for this, at least you have a semester of being active

[Gerry: I move to amend the wording of MVP to SVP

Kingsley: There is a motion move to amend the wording and reverse the order of MVP and SVP

Discussion: None

Voting 19,0,0 Motion to amend passes]

Shane: What about associate standing?

Mel: It only includes active standing

Voting: 23, 0, 1 Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 2, Section 2, Subsection 1 – Pledge class office
Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 2, Section 2, Subsection 1 to strike out "and the pledge secretary/treasurer" to "the pledge treasurer, the pledge secretary and the pledge historian"

Seconded by Jason

Mel: We have separated the duties because we had the secretary and treasurer do the same job and we have long changed that and we have added Historian

Voting: 25, 0, 0 Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 2, Section 4, Subsection 1, 2, 3 – Honorary office

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 2, Section 4, Subsection 1, 2, 3. It appears to strike out entire honorary office

Seconded by Nikko

Discussion: Mel: we are striking out because we asked Irvin Chui why there was this position and he said that they wanted to honor but it has never been used

Voting: 22, 1, 2 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 3, Section 4, Subsection 4, 7

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 3, Section 4, Subsection 4, 7 adding Subsection 4 (Collector of membership fees) "MVP shall be responsible for collecting membership fees by the end of the 4th week of instruction of the current semester" and subsection 7 (Custodian of the chapter mascot) "MVP shall be the custodian of Mu Zeta's chapter mascot"

Discussion: Mel: To add in to the MVP's requirement and since President is custodian of the gravel so it seemed fitting to add mascot to MVP

Voting: 23, 0, 0 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 3, Section 6, Subsection 6

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 3, Section 6, Subsection 6 to strike sub 6 (Appointer of chapter officers) and replacing it with "Supervisor of Fundraising" which says "With the assistance of the finance committee, the FVP shall be responsible for the planning and

execution of MZ fundraising program, the review of potential fundraising events and the evaluation of past fundraising events”

Seconded by Kerry

Discussion: Mel: We added this because it fell under the past category which we no longer have for the Fundraising coordinator

Voting: 24, 0, 0 – motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 3, Section 7, Subsection 6 (Appointer of chapter officers)

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 3, Section 7, Subsection 6 to strike out “the recorder and the correspondence secretary” and replace with “email chair and the webmaster”

Seconded by Kerry

Discussion: None

Voting: 24, 0, 0 - Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 3, Section 10, Subsection 3 (Custodian of Chapter Property)

Kingsley: is a motion to change Article 3, Section 10, Subsection 3, striking out Custodian of Chapter Property Category

Seconded by Jason

Discussion: Mel: We are removing this because those same duties fall under SAA which is also under the bylaws

Voting: 23, 0, 0, - Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 3, Subsection 23

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 3, Subsection 23 striking out entire section of Honorary officers

Seconded by Dianne

Discussion: None

Voting: 26, 0, 1 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 4, Section 5 Subsection 2 (issuance of ballots)

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 4, Section 5 Subsection 2 Issuance of Ballots striking out word “mail or otherwise”

Seconded by Cicily

Discussion: None

Voting: 26, 0, 0 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 4, Section 5 Subsection 3 (Absentee ballots)

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 4, Section 5 Subsection 3 to insert “absentee ballots shall be distributed to brothers, as needed by the President with a minimum notification of at least one week prior to scheduled voting

Seconded by Nikko

Discussion: None

Voting: 27, 0, 0 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 4, Section 7, Subsection 2 (Collection of the ballots)

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 4, Section 7, Subsection 2 to add “However, if the Chairman of the Advisory Committee is listed on the ballot, the chairman can designate another alumni to fulfill these said duties on his/her behalf”

Seconded by Cicily

Discussion: Mel: Because last semester I was on the ballot yet collecting it so this is to prevent sabotage and conflict

Voting: 27, 0, 0 – Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 5, Section 2

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 5, Section 2 Chapter Election Schedule, Subsection 1-5

1. striking out 15 weeks with 16
2. first to second pledge meeting
3. second to third pledge meeting
4. second to third
5. second to third
6. second to third
7. second to third pledge meeting and at the discretion of the PM during the GM immediately following the 3rd pledge meeting

Discussion:

Mel: 1 because of the school semester which is no longer 15 weeks but 16 so we also changed the time of the other pledge meetings

Seconded by Nikko

Voting: 24, 0, 0 Motion passes

Shervey: I move to change the Bylaws of Article 8, Section 5, Subsection 1, 2, 3

Kingsley: There is a motion to change Article 8, Section 5 Time and Place to insert word “minimum” in subsection 1, and striking out April, two, for the following semester in subsection 2; striking out April, with the approval of OSPLD, striking pledge and adding information; strike out two and for the following semesters for the subsection 3

Discussion: Mel: 1. Because we do not have it in April and it would not be fair to have the events decided for two semesters for MVP. I don’t know why it says pledge because it is informational meetings.

Voting: 27, 0, 0 - Motion passes

- MOTION

Darrel: I move to get the pledges their IC requirement

Seconded by Kerry

Discussion:

Darshika: Members are leaders pledges are following our examples. Both actives and pledges went, they’ve been here for more than a semester, if anything, actives should have known. I said it to our group “isn’t this going against risk management.” I don’t think it’s fair. Even Jonathan agreed but it was natural to them. If we are going against risk management, yeah it’s a learning process. People do not look, when I was a pledge, I just looked at the big stuff not the little stuff like risk management. Pledges don’t look at the small details I guess you can blame them for it but at the same time, they are doing everything we are showing them. They basically do everything we say

Mel: I actually wanted to talk to Excomm about it but since it has been brought up to the chapter. Every member will be able to get their IC requirement. The only reason why we brought it up because section staff brought it up at Stanford. Since risk management was broken, there needs to be consequences that is why as Excomm, we did not recognize it as an IC. I do understand the sensitivity and the time. I came up with an option but I don’t know if anyone would agree. You know in high school the teachers make you write a paper. I do not want to punish our members and our pledges but we do need to assume responsibility. To still honor

the IC requirement as long as each person turns in a paper stating how they understand that this event was a violation of risk management. I will be looking at these papers since I do sign off on risk management.

Maurus: I heard that bullet points is an option

Mel: I do not want bullet points, I want to see individual, how each of you understand how risk management was broken.

Frandel: My take is that this event has been on-going. I don't understand why we as a chapter have overlooked this. I don't understand why Excomm allowed it to be an IC. If it wasn't then it shouldn't have been presented as an IC knowing it was a violation of risk management

Mel: The reason why, we always announce it. we never send members over there. We had a sign up we promote it. Members who went before just said it was a lot of fun. From my experience speaking with section staff, this event has changed and last semester was bad but it was never brought up to section staff till this. If we knew that any event was going to be a violation of risk management we wouldn't have put it out

Darrel: We are getting off the topic of the motion. We as brothers the people that were there you guys know if it was violating risk management. The pledges did not know. At this point I think we should take a vote and not reprimand the pledges

Darshika: The other chapters don't care. I was laughed at. Why is that our pledges, even our members this shouldn't be applied next semester. Now that we know about it, it's not fair that it's a week before requirements. People do make their schedule accordingly. We do have lives outside of APO and if people cant. They have their whole next weekend dedicated to fundraising and fellowship and they have school. I don't want them to fail school because of this, they could DP but...

Shella: I think the pledges already know what the risk management is. You've done the skit, we all went to it. It's not fair if pledges get the break and members don't because we are all in the same boat. Why cant we get our requirements and you get to. You've read about it, it's in your test

Kerry: Regardless of whether they should've known risk management, they were following the lead of members and it was their responsibility. It should be the members' responsibility, not the pledges doing something wrong

Dianne: I knew it was risk management, I did it anyway. So did you. You said it was risk management and you told people, and people laughed at you. You did all the task anyway. You could've walked out. If you thought it was risk management you could've walked away. We didn't know it was going to happen. No one should not take responsibility because you did it out of your own choice

Nikko: Everyone has a choice. Members and pledges did both. We all violated risk management, members are suppose to be the leaders of this but everything gets thrown at you, you have to work at it. Even though we did it, you got to choose. You were not hazed you didn't have to do what we did. Yeah I violated risk management that's why we are taking responsibility to revoke the IC requirement. Being part of Excomm, we decided to revoke the requirement and we need to do it. We still need to work for it and fight for it because im going to a different IC event. I agree with what Mel said. The reflection paper would cancel everything. 1 page reflection paper on how we violated risk management and that's it.

Frandel: The premise of this whole thing was that the chapter presented this event, in order to get that. You should've had the red light to begin with. It should've been stopped so that the people who signed up for this event could've had other opportunities. If the word scavenger hunt is in our risk management then this shouldn't have even been given to us.

Thuy: I was going to say what he was going to say

Krystle: maybe im reading what the risk management is differently isn't it what we are forced to do. Technically we weren't forced to, we made the choice to do it. how did it violate risk management if it was something we chose to do?

Mel: if scavenger hunts does go under a lot of things, then it would mean that we can't do historian scavenger hunt because of the word "scavenger hunt". IC notify us about the event to tell us about the event, how are we suppose to expect it if the event comes out to be something different. We hear scavenger hunts and we've had scavenger hunts so how are we suppose to know that Iota Phi's scavenger hunt is different from ours. What we can base it on is what we are told. I do not feel that Excomm as a whole should be targeted. We would never promote it, as Advisor if I had known, we would not have promoted it. but its like... how many of you guys have had their pledge manual to sign off their risk management? I understand, I do believe that the members that were there, you should've said something and pledges if you knew it was wrong, everyone should look out for themselves.

Darshika: first of all, I do take responsibility.

Kingsley: this is not a debate. It is 10:05 we need to move on

Darshika: Where would we go? I didn't have anywhere to go. As far as me, I knew it was wrong but as far as a pledge goes, if members do it then pledges would do. Our chapter should be consistent. If they don't think it's wrong then why are we blaming the pledges? I'm not blaming Excomm but why are we blaming the pledges? There were other members. Why couldn't someone have gathered us up. Someone could've easily said

Maxine: Well we didn't know what we were actually going to do until we were split into groups so how could we have gathered everyone up?

Darshika: You could use cell phones

Maxine: Isn't that getting into details about what we could've done

Justin: the issue isn't here to pass blame to someone else. We did what we did. What we should be doing is working out a resolution. There was even talking about DPing pledges who went. Going from writing a paper is a big step. Moving away from pointing fingers. Its late, requirements are due next week. Why don't we stop the finger pointing and work out a resolution

Anna: I think it should've been more notified to what a scavenger is. We don't know what a scavenger hunt is, that's their definition. Writing a paper is a good idea because we know what is wrong. I know we all violated risk management but we are on a time constraint here.

Thuy: I'm not placing blame. I mean they told us to bring a spare change of clothes. Doesn't that say something about what kind of event it is. My friends told me about how the event is so how come I knew about it and others were not aware?

Karen: Well spare change of clothes could be for anything like sweating

Anna: by voluntarily to participate in an event, you're wearing your pledge pin and representing

Katrina: I was there, I don't think we should be docked. It shouldn't be a letter. Instead of a letter, we should write to section staff

Mel: If our chapter is having problem, that means other chapters might not be speaking up about it. Section staff has said that Iota Phi does not follow risk management. It may not be a big deal to them but it is to other chapters. Ken Selly will speak to IP advisors. As for the change of clothes, I was told by another member who have gone to previous scavenger hunts, that you would need a change of clothes which is why I said it in the first place.

Darrel: I move to end discussion because obviously we are not coming up with anything

Dianne: Second

Voting: 23, 0, 2 – motion passes

Kingsley: Back to what the original motion is which is to give pledges the IC requirement

Voting: 9, 7, 9 –

Gerry: if the vote passes with members present or votes cast

Kingsley: That means that out of 25

Mel: 9/25 is not even a simple majority.

Gerry: The thing I am trying to say, by default it is by members present and not votes cast. If it is then abstains don't count in the total, we have always been taught the other way.

Kingsley: Abstain means squat. Neither yes or no

Revote: 11, 7 = Motion passes to give pledges the IC requirement for the scavenger hunt

VII. Announcements

- Fall 2002 GD pledge class Alta Delahousaye Oberman has Passed away 1975-2009
- Moment of Silence for Alta and will be missed by all

Muggings

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:17PM