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AVC MAKES PROGRESS ON INDIANA ALPHA'S FUTURE AT PURDUE

In my previous letter on behalf of the Alumni Volunteer Corporation (AVC) board, I noted some short-term focus areas. With these in mind, I am happy to share the inroads that have been made, but must caution you that there is plenty more work to be done. The highlights and accomplishments that I will provide you within this letter are a great representation of how your board is already working to ready our chapter for a return to campus and I look forward to sharing more good news like it as things progress.

TENANT PARTNERSHIP

As we near the end of the semester on campus and the first year of our lease agreement with the Kappa Delta sorority, I look back and am impressed by the amount of coordination and work that went into readying the chapter facilities to house these young ladies. It is difficult to imagine retrofitting a living environment that has housed young college men for over 100 years to one that would be deemed suitable for young college women, but your alumni brothers accomplished just that. I am very appreciative of the time and efforts put forth by a number of alumni over the last couple of years to renovate rooms

and improve the overall conditions of the chapter house. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Brother **Brian Todd '97** for his recent efforts in obtaining a tenant, securing the lease agreement, coordinating local vendors and alumni during the transition last summer, and his ongoing support of the day-to-day facilities management.

BYLAW AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION UPDATES

In our February AVC meeting, the board unanimously voted to amend our bylaws, allowing us to call for a special meeting of alumni members to update our Articles of Incorporation for the first time in more than 50 years, and our bylaws for the first time in more than 20 years. Additional details are on page 2.

ALUMNI COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONS

To address the gaps that exist within our communication strategy, utilization of various communication tools, as well as significantly improve overall relations with our alumni members, I have established a special committee composed of a number of your current board members. The committee's

vision will be to provide a lifelong relevancy of the fraternity in the lives of our alumni. Its mission will be to connect with alumni through multiple platforms, distribute relevant information to all members, and provide activities for alumni to connect with the overall brotherhood. We believe that the volunteers on this committee have the experience and skills to take relations to a whole new level of reconnecting you with your fraternity. You can expect to start seeing tangible results by this summer.

In the coming months, you can expect that your board will maintain the partnership that has been created with our tenant, Kappa Delta, bring our Articles of Incorporation and bylaws into the 21st century, as well as focus on improvements in information sharing and relationship building with our alumni membership. As volunteers, we are happy to answer the call to serve and welcome all those able to do the same in any capacity.



Fraternally,
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CORPORATE DOCUMENTS UPDATE

Over the last two years, an AVC task force has worked on a major project to organize, create, or rewrite all of our governing documents for our corporation. Already completed are the Room and Board Agreement, the Membership Agreement, and Work Scholarship Agreements—that part of the work was completed before the chapter suspended operations.

Now we have completed the next phase of that work by redrafting our Articles of Incorporation (last updated in 1959) and our bylaws (last updated in 1991). Those documents had numerous fatal flaws, which are being addressed, including inconsistencies between the two documents and state law. In addition, numerous practices under which we have long operated were in conflict with our bylaws. With these corrections, we expect to update our governing documents to permit us to operate efficiently as a 21st century organization.

At our February 19 board meeting, it was moved and approved to make the changes recommended by the task force. Your board recommends approving the Articles of Incorporation (see links below).

The board is calling a special meeting of the members to approve these changes. We appreciate as many attendees to vote as possible. You will also be able to ask any questions on the progress of the AVC.

PRACTICAL CHANGES:

- Number of directors fixed to nine (Indiana law requires a fixed number)
- Bylaw changes permitted by Board of Directors (advised by our attorney and SigEp best practice)
- Removal of a director by two-third majority vote of the board
- Removal of member of corporation by board if SigEp membership lapses
- Meetings permitted using modern tools and at whichever location board chooses (since 690 not available)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING BEING CALLED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

When:

May 10, 2017, 7:30 p.m. EDT

Where:

www.uberconference.com/indianaalpha,
or call (765) 400-0489; no PIN needed

What:

To approve changes to the
Articles of Incorporation

Articles of Incorporation (In Effect)

www.goo.gl/IMURbL

Bylaws (In Effect)

www.goo.gl/tH64Qb

Articles of Incorporation (Proposed)

www.goo.gl/AeVtLC

Bylaws (Proposed)

www.goo.gl/UZW6f7

THANK YOU, BROTHERS, FOR SUPPORTING INDIANA ALPHA

Thanks to the support of 54 generous alumni, \$8,220 was contributed last fall through this spring. We will be using these funds as well as any continued donations to help staff and fund events and publications necessary to rebuild alumni relations. Your continued support helps ensure the future of Indiana Alpha. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving records are needed, please send them to alehr@penningtonco.com. Thank you, again, for your loyal support.

Indiana Alpha Society

(\$2,500 and above)

Frank E. Ruehling '56
Rodney J. Henderson '68

Balanced Man Society

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Hal Shevers Jr. '57
Robert F. Kroeger '58
Walter L. Brant '71
Norman E. Nabhan '71
Scott R. Swisher '79
Fred H. Beckman '82
Michael C. Turner '87
Matthew R. Foster '94

Brotherhood Society

(\$500 to \$999)

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Bill M. Reid '60
James H. Muehlbauer '63
John L. Knochel '65
John K. Oelslager '66
Logan F. Wernz '67
Wendell D. Schultz '68
August G. Voelkel '68
James S. Keller '69
James M. Cassell '73
James M. Lindsey, D.D.S. '74
Douglas M. Nabhan '77
Bradley S. Vice '85

Golden Heart Society

(\$100 to \$499)

Edward R. Hyde '48
Raymond S. Stephens '49
Robert C. Foster '54
Jean C. Evans '56
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Roger G. Blocks '62
Larry R. Horton '62
Robert A. Hipkind '64
Gary N. Bolen '65
Philip J. Goede '65
Fred C. Lash '66
E. Dana Smith '66
Gary L. Evans '67
Stephen J. Zimmerly '69
Jim A. Bottorff '70
J. Michael Volpp, D.V.M. '70

Charles R. Reeves '73
Thomas E. Everly '75
Jerrold L. Ulrey '75
Mac F. McGlincy '78
Steven E. Wilson '79
Scott M. McCain '82
Richard C. Schroeder '82
James D. Farley '86
Terry M. Hart '87
Edward W. Heathorn '87
David S. Griffith '88
Ryan R. Gilbert '97
Matthew J. Zaremba '01

Donor Society

(Up to \$99)

Gordon W. Thomson '51
Charles R. Deible '68



SAVE *the* DATE

INDY 500 GOOD TIMES TAILGATE



The 2016 tailgate was one for the books. We hope you'll join us at this year's!



As the Indy 500 approaches, we are again planning a tailgate at the American Legion Speedway. This has been an annual event planned by **Jarod Overton '00** and **Jay Bilunas '99** for the last eight years. We once again invite all alumni to join us during any of the festivities. You are welcome to stop by and visit or even stay the night or two with us. We have three RV spaces, two RVs, and plenty of tents for overnight guests. We have a variety of events planned for Wednesday, May 24, through Sunday, May 28, after the race, and have plenty of food and drink, but donations are welcome. If you want to stop by and just say hello, that's fine too.

American Legion
1926 Georgetown Road
Indianapolis, IN 46224
May 24-28, 2017

INDIANA ALPHA ALUMNUS GETS OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD OPPORTUNITY

Purdue University will be well represented on an upcoming NASA mission with three alumni picked for significant duties on a 2018 flight to the International Space Station.

Veteran astronaut **Drew Feustel '89** will take his first long-duration mission as flight engineer of Expedition 55, scheduled to launch in March 2018. He joins fellow Purdue graduate and first-time astronaut Scott Tingle, who initially will launch in October as part of Expedition 54.

In addition to the two Purdue alumni, Expedition 55 will feature a third Boilermaker presence on the ground: Gary Horlacher, a 1989 graduate of Purdue's interdisciplinary

engineering program, now the School of Engineering Education, will serve as lead flight director for the expedition.

"This is a first... two Boilermakers on an International Space Station mission together...with a Boilermaker calling the shots as the lead flight director in Mission Control," Feustel said. "I could not be more excited to work with Scott Tingle and Gary Horlacher (and many other Boilermakers around the agency) during such a dynamic time for human spaceflight. Boiler Up!"

Feustel earned a bachelor's degree in solid earth sciences in 1989 and a master's degree in geophysics in 1991, both from Purdue.



Additional reporting by Brian L. Huchel (Purdue University) and Megan Sumner (NASA).

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Details inside.

ALUMNI NEWS

Kenneth E. Weidner '47 is 93 and has been retired for more than 30 years. He has four children: Scott, Carol, Douglas, and Keith; and lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

Raymond A. Schakel '50 turned 88 in August, and still does yard work and hits golfballs, "but that's about all." He has one grandson, two granddaughters, and a great-grandson. Ray and his wife, Sally, live in Temple, Texas.

Charles R. Deible '68 and his wife, Stephanie, sold their Victorian home in Lafayette and bought a ranch-style home in West Lafayette ("The stairs were killing us!"). Their beloved dog, Pollack, went to

doggy heaven last August. Charles and Stephanie have six grandchildren; each daughter, Kristin and Lara, has two boys and a girl, the same as his parents' families. E-mail: charlie.deible@frontier.com

August G. Voelkel '68 is fully retired as an interventional cardiologist at John Muir Health in Walnut Creek, Calif. He finished his 38-year career to help develop the cardiac program in the East Bay of San Francisco. Gene and his wife, Virginia, live in Walnut Creek and have three children. E-mail: ggvoelkel@comcast.net

James S. Keller '69 enjoys retirement in Carmel, Ind., after 44 years

with Firestone. Both of his daughters graduated from Purdue (Kappa Alpha Thetas) and are now working. He hopes to hear from some pledge brothers and others! E-mail: kellervine5961@gmail.com

Michael L. Downham '75 would like to thank all involved in the effort to save the chapter. He'd also like to give a special thanks to Brother Baker and his crew for their extensive renovation efforts. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Logansport, Ind.

Kevin E. Morkel '75 and his brother, **Keith '72**, are being treated for leukemia at The Ohio State University Wexner Medi-

cal Center and Solove Research Institute. "The good news is we're both in remission!" Kevin lives in Columbus, Ohio. E-mail: kmorkel@yahoo.com

Eric D. Dodd '91 and his wife, Kay, live in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. Their daughter, Sarah, started her freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison last fall. E-mail: edodd02@yahoo.com

Philip J. Pescarino '96 is an industry sales manager for Foss North America. He and his wife, Monica, live in Birmingham, Mich., with their two sons, Anthony and Dominic. E-mail: smodog1@gmail.com

NEWS

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US

If you've recently married your dream girl, welcomed a baby, taken a new job, or just have something interesting to share, we want to share your good news with all of our alumni.

Please drop us a line at avc-alumnirelations@purdue-sigeps.com.