



## THETA EPSILON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Annual Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 06, 2007

Airport Flats Forest Service Campground; Eldorado National Forest, California

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was opened by *Michael Brattland*, Association President, at 2:00 Saturday afternoon, October 06, 2007, Airport Flats Forest Service Campground, Eldorado National Forest, California. The President welcomed the seventeen members attending.

The following Theta Epsilon Alumni were in attendance:

1. *Mike Brattland*, Association President, Scroll #227
2. *Karl Schindhelm* Scroll # 75
3. *Larry Henderson* Scroll #140 Association House Committee
4. *Rich Hasper*, Scroll #153
5. *Steve Quiggle* Scroll #155
6. *David "TJ" Tranberg* Scroll #170
7. *Tom Groarke* Scroll #172 Association Histor & Board Member
8. *Carl Samuelson* Scroll #192
9. *Milton "Milty" Iskra* Scroll #196
10. *Robert Boschee* Scroll #202
11. *Terry "TK" Keuiter* Scroll #211 Association Sec-Treas & Board Member
12. *Stephen Williams* Scroll #212
13. *Don Bertollette* Scroll #226
14. *Mike "mgb" Brattland* Scroll #227 Association President & Board Member
15. *Bill "The Dibber" Dibb* Scroll #234
16. *Peter M. Cowper, Esq.*, Scroll #236 Association National Fraternity Relations Committee
17. *Randy "Ghanman"* Scroll #241
18. *Steve Richter* Scroll #270

#### 2. Previous Minutes

The reading of the minutes of the February 10, 2007 association meeting were waived by the members. Larry Henderson moved and Bill Dibb seconded the motion to approve the minutes and the minutes were approved by the association members.

3. Report on the Association's Affairs

- A. An overview was given by Association President Mike Brattland. The association is waiting to hear from the IRS regarding the formal designation and approval of the 501 (C) 3 designation which it was formed under in the State of California. Bob Henry formally submitted the required documents to the IRS in June 2007 and IRS advises it takes at least 90 days or longer for an answer. As of this meeting, we have not formally heard back from the IRS. For this reason, Bob Henry advised the association that we should continue to wait to open a formal bank account for the association so that we do not have to file additional documents or unwind any confusion on the part of the State of California or US Government on the status of any funds deposited and expended on behalf of the association. Though the association has the required Secretary of State documents for the the Non-Profit Association, we must receive the IRS clearance and respective documents from them in order to open a correct bank account for a 501( C) 3 organization. For this reason, the association is still waiting for final IRS approval of non-profit status before moving forward with any actions which require significant expenditures of financial resources.
- B. Rich Moore had advised that he was working to have the new association website under a new domain name which represents the association complete and online by the time of this meeting in October, 2007. The new website will also include a new version of the old scroll list which will list all Theta Epsilon members by scroll number allowing updates for address, telephone numbers and e-mail for use by members of the association.
- C. Nomination and Election of Board Members-The association president made an appeal of members by e-mail and members present at the annual meeting for someone to fill the Board Member seat of Rich Moore, the current Sec-Treas of the association. Terry Kreuter kindly volunteered. Hearing no other interest, Bill Dibb nominated Terry Kreuter, along with Mike Brattland, Tom Groarke, John Watt, Glen Beatriz and Bob Henry and Don Bertollette seconded the nominations for the Board of Directors. The motion was approved by the association members electing Terry Kreuter and Mike Brattland, Tom Groarke, John Watt, Glen Beatriz and Bob Henry to the Board. Terry Kreuter was selected by the Board of Directors to assume the responsibilities of Sec-Treas of the Theta Epsilon Alumni Association..

4. Report on the Association's Finances

The Finance situation remains the same until IRS approval is obtained. Once this occurs, the association can open an official bank account using its California and IRS records as a non-profit, at which point the small funds in the existing account which Rich Moore holds as well as dues from the fall of 2007 can then be deposited. The association is holding bank checks for a IRS refund associated with Bob Henry's submission to the IRS as well as a bank check for the old house funds which will be deposited once the new account is opened. President Brattland is holding these checks in his personal safe. The current funds in the form of \$10 a year dues have been expended during the last year to pay the monthly storage unit fees out of the informal bank account held by Rich Moore and will continue to do the same until such time as the new association account is opened.

5. Relations with TKE National and TKE Alumni Regarding Chapter Reestablishment Plan

A. Pete Cowper reported that the West Coast Region representative from TKE National over the past few years, Eric Chamberlain, is no longer working for TKE and has left for a position with another fraternity organization. Before he left, he informed me during our e-mail discussions that the new Head of National has moved Dennis "Buckwheat" Perry from his long time position of new chapter formation such as he did in the early 1990's at HSU, and is planning to use him to reinvigorate existing chapters. Sort of "Retiring" him from his intensive and active hands-on approach of building From scratch. National thinks they can take young new employees and teach them Buckwheat's tricks and accomplish the same results in building new chapters from scratch. Eric did not sound too optimistic; he had talked to Buckwheat who was taking it in stride with his traditional optimism. Eric asked if we would be interested in having one of the younger guys come out for a couple of weeks with the possibility that he might be able to still have Buckwheat show up towards the end, but did not come across as too enthusiastic. That is the last contact I had with Eric before I saw in the TKE magazine a month or so later that he had left. Eric Chamberlain was a champion of resurrecting HSU and anxiously awaiting the green light for us to gain permission to re-enter the campus, but we are now on the back burner and apparently off their radar scope. I sent an e-mail to his old address at TKE but did not get any response from whoever took over his position

6. Report on Chapter Reestablishment Strategy

- A. Larry Henderson reported that all plans to move forward with obtaining a chapter house remain permanently on hold until such time as enough alumni step forward to be members of a new Board of Control for the chapter. There has been several pleas for volunteers made by Larry through our association e-mail list without response. Larry advised the members that there are currently people who would financially back such a house once the framework for the chapter including Board of Control and members are available and ready to go. The college leadership remains very interested in all student housing proposals and will provide all necessary support once our Housing committee is ready to move forward. Larry Henderson reiterated the need for volunteers from association members to move forward with the House project and reestablishment of the chapter.
- B. Current recruitment for new chapter members is on hold pending IRS approval and finalization of financial situation for the association.

7. Set Date for Mid Winter 2008 Meeting at Humboldt State University

A. The association members discussed the Mid Winter Meeting and put any formal decision for such a meeting on hold. The members felt that the current Fall meeting was all that was necessary. If events or issues arise such that an additional meeting before the Fall 2008 annual meeting occur, the association president and board can act in accordance with the by-laws and

call such a meeting. So the next formal meeting will occur at Airport Flats Forest Service Campground in October, 2008. Closing and Adjournment

The date for the next Association meeting at Gerle Creek was set for Saturday, October 6, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned 2:45pm by *President Brattland*.