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Recolonization Effort Begins in Earnest

The Corporation Board met face to face and via teleconference in April. Some projects for improvement were discussed, you can read more about those in the Facilities Manager Report written by Shawn Morgan. Also Brother Alex Taylor volunteered to head up a committee to spur the recolonization at the University of Iowa and he has written a status update on the process.

The effort for recolonization has produced a need for more volunteers and a reorganization of officers between the Corporation Board, the EIAAA, and the Chapter/Colony Advisory board. During the next Corporation Board Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, July 17th at 10am via teleconference, officers will be elected to the executive boards for each of these 3 groups. A short description of the main duties/responsibilities of the groups follows:

Corporation Board

The Corporation Board oversees the assets of the fraternity. Its biggest responsibility is the physical structure on 202 Ellis Avenue. The Corporation Board oversees maintenance and improvements to the structure, the investment of capital, and the leasing of the structure. At full capacity the Corporation Board's executive council consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Facilities Manager.

Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association

The EIAAA is the local Alumni Chapter of Acacia. The EIAAA oversees communications with the

Alumni, which includes the quarterly newsletter. It also oversees social events such as the golf outing and football tailgates. At full strength the executive council consists of the President, Vice President/Event Coordinator, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Colony/Chapter Advisory Board

The Colony/Chapter Advisory Board will be working with the University, the Office of Student Life, The Office of Greek Affairs, International Headquarters and the colony/chapter of Acacia at the University of Iowa. There are many positions that could be filled in this group but the initial positions are: Chapter/Colony Advisor, Financial Advisor to the chapter/colony, and Program/Ritual Advisor to the chapter/colony.

In all there are easily 10 to 15 positions available for active alumni to volunteer in these efforts. If you have any interest in serving on one of these boards and/or holding one of these executive positions please contact Brother Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com or 319-330-1788.

Are you looking for a way to connect with your brothers? Look for us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=123887245416>, or search for the group Acacia alumni of The University of Iowa. We are 51 members strong so far. We are also on LinkedIn a social networking site geared towards work/business contacts, as Iowa Acacians.

2nd Annual Acacia Golf Outing

Saturday, August 21st Pleasant Valley Golf Course will once again be the site for our annual golf outing. Last year alumni from five different decades came to Iowa City to renew old friendships and establish new ones.

Some of us played well and others played well...., not so well. But everyone had fun and the food afterwards was great. Prizes were handed out for longest drive, longest putt, and closest to the hole. The winning team received a prize and we even had a little something for the worst team. The event was scheduled to be a 2-person best shot but it was able to be reformatted into a 4-person best shot which allowed the scores to improve and some teams to actually

finish before dark. A few wives and girl friends joined us for dinner afterwards.

Any questions can be directed to Byron Tabor btabor12@mchsi.com or 319-310-7821. We encourage everyone to come out and play golf or at least join us for dinner this year. See the insert for the signup sheet or visit our website and get the form here: http://www.uiacacia.com/Newsletters/Iowa_ACACIA_Alumni_GOLF_OUTING.pdf

Fraternally,
Byron Tabor #644

Capital Improvements 2010

Once again it is summer time and the time for our structure at 202 Ellis Avenue to receive some much needed TLC. Over the past several years the need for a new roof has been an issue but the price tag and other pressing maintenance needs have taken precedence and the corporation board always said "next year". Well "next year" is finally here. We are currently receiving bids from companies to completely tear off and re-roof the structure. An additional project will be to deconstruct both chimneys below the roofline. This is possible because the chimneys are no longer in use since the boiler was removed a few years back. They have been the main source of leaking and other problems for several years.

We also completed some more routine maintenance this summer. Earlier this month we had Hartford Steam Boiler come and provide the yearly inspection on the hot water heater. We had to have a complete internal inspection

completed on the unit so Mechanical Services of Iowa City completed that for the board. Both Hartford Steam and Mechanical Services said the unit is extremely old and has far outlived its expected life, but it is in fine working order. I guess since the roof is being done this year we can put the hot water heater on the "next year" list.

Finally the only other maintenance project we have planned for the year is a fall trimming of all the trees on the property. With the new roof going on the corporation board thought it was the appropriate time to have the trees trimmed as well. Plus, it always spruces up the property to have nice trimmed trees.

Fraternally,
Shawn Morgan #846
Facilities Manager

Alumni News, Notes, and Remembrances

((Editor's Note: One of the primary objectives that we as a Board have is to provide a "central forum" so that our alumni may keep in contact with each other. Please let us know what is going on in your life, and use us as a means to get in back in touch with your Brothers from the days in which you lived in the chapter house.))

Brother Devin Johnson, #839, has graduated Advanced Individual Training (AIT) and is now assigned to 5th Special Forces Group at Ft. Campbell, KY.

Brother **Aaron Morrow, #836**, is engaged to be married to Lisa Salamone in a desitention wedding taking place in San Diego California in Early December. The first weekend in June saw Brother Morrow complete his first Triathlon, a sprint Tri that took place in Pleasant Hill, IA. Brother Morrow finished in 83 minutes, 161 overall, and 24 of 42 in his age group.

Congratulations to **Brother Mike Powell, #876**, who was married to Ashley Lundquist on June 19th in Des Moines, Iowa.

Status Update on Re-colonizing

At the request of the Iowa Acacia Corp. Board a small group of Alumni began the due diligence necessary to re-colonize. Aaron Morrow, Mike Johnson, Shawn Morgan, Alex Taylor and Joe Willging met to discuss a range of logistical considerations for bringing Acacia back to Campus. As a result of these discussions we agreed to engage the International Headquarters staff.

I am pleased to report that discussions with the International HQ staff went very well. Keith Bushey and Pat McGovern were very encouraging and supportive of our efforts. The bottom line is that we've been given the green light to begin laying the groundwork with alumni and the university to return to campus. Once a timeline is approved by the University the International Headquarter staff will provide appropriate staff and direction to help with re-colonization efforts.

The initial conversations with Iowa's Greek Advisor were positive, but unfortunately several Fraternities have already been approved and scheduled to return to campus. Fiji

returned in the Fall of 2009. Delta Upsilon is scheduled for the fall of 2010, and Delta Tau Delta is scheduled for the fall of 2011. We have expressed Acacia's interest to return to campus, and our desire to work with appropriate University and Student officials (IFC) to submit our re-colonization proposal and gain the necessary approvals to proceed.

With this glut of re-colonizing, the Interfraternity Council is proceeding with caution. For similar reasons we will monitor the success of current efforts. On a more positive note, the University has experienced growth in overall student enrollment, and a corresponding increase in participation in formal Fraternity Rush programs.

That is the summary of our efforts so far. We will keep everyone informed as we make plans to return to campus.

Fraternally,
Alex Taylor #671

Conclave 2010 - Recommit, Renew, Reinvent

"The theme of the 2010 Conclave is Recommit, Renew, Reinvent. Recommit reminds us of our decision to live each day by our fraternal oath. Renew encourages us to approach our duties at all times with diligence and vigor. Reinvent grants us the opportunity to evaluate and shape the future of Acacia Fraternity." – www.acacia.org

In April I was lucky enough to be invited to spend a day with several brothers brainstorming an update of Acacia's Strategic plan, Rising to the Challenge. The day was spent not only reviewing our Fraternity's strategy, but also bonding with brothers and absorbing all the things that I, admittedly, didn't fully understand as I entered the day. From the challenges of new member expectations in the fraternal experience, living quarters, and philanthropic opportunities, to the many exciting things the Acacia Fraternity Headquarters and our Acacia Fraternity Foundation have been up to, there was ample participation and input from graduates and undergraduates alike. The day was rewarding and overwhelming all at once. As we approach and plan the extended effort for recolonization at The University of Iowa, we certainly can use some perspective into the national Greek system, the ideals of Acacia, and the ways which we are currently reinventing our Fraternity. How will we define our chapter, our member recruitment plan, and how do the physical structure, alumni chapter, and International Fraternity participate? The old saying of "if you do what you've

done, you will get what you got" couldn't be more applicable here. You can see in some accompanying stories the efforts being made today and the volunteer support that is needed to continue our efforts. I hope that you will join us in plans to recolonize and hope that you are able to take advantage of opportunities to learn from other brothers and chapters successes and failures at events such as our Conclave.

I invite everyone to look into the 2010 Conclave to be held at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, August 4 – August 7, 2010. Learn about the Acacia Fraternity Foundation New Century Campaign. Explore the extended efforts of several brothers and chapters in the Cornerstones comprehensive approach to membership development that extends beyond initiation, challenging brothers of all ages to a better Fraternal Experience. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, share in the brotherhood the Conclave can offer as undergraduate and alumni members of Acacia gather in the French Quarter.

More detailed information on Cornerstones, the New Century Campaign, and the 2010 Conclave is posted to our website at www.acacia.org

I am an Acacian, I am proud of it.
Jeremy M Fortier #784

Lost Alumni

We have lost contact with the following alumni. If you have any current contact information for anyone on the list, mailing address, phone number, and/or email address please contact Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com with the information.

Ray Allen	Wil Gin	Kermit Johnson	Gregory Nelson	Robert Strunk
Lester Bigalk	Donald Gissel	Charles Johnston	James Origer	Frank Swinehart
Richard Board	Stewart Gott	Travis Kain	Thomas	Ralph Thompson
Charles Carroll	Geoffrey Hammond	Paul Kiamos	Osmundsen	Brian Thomson
John Cassidy	Walter Hanson	Richard Klein	Chris Parker	William Tomson
Robert Chase	Tully Heath	Keith Knudson	Marc Potter	Mark Trendel
James Clabaugh	John Hemingway	Jeffrey Kock	Michael Price	Eric Wagner
Jason Coyne	Steven Hewlett	Russell Kwech	David Rast	Kenneth Walton
Paul Crutchfield	Jon Hilder	Robert Lawler	Marlin Rickman	James Weinberger
James Dwyer	Michael Hilicki	John Lucas	Terrence Rooney	Van Cook Wells
Dan Edmonds	Harald Hoeffding	Gregory Lyon	Gene Rovang	Kenneth Wilhelm
Gregory Franck	Ross Houske	David Merrifield	Orville Schroeder	Alan Wycoff
Henry Frederickson	Joseph Huber	Peter Miller	Dave Sheppard	Dennis Young
Jeffrey Getchell	Raymond Ipjian	Donald Nelson	Jon Shockley	

Donation Update

Twenty-three Acacia alumni made donations in 2009. These donations total \$4,158 towards the re-colonization effort and another \$1,425 in voluntary alumni dues. The money donated to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) University of Iowa Chapter Fund is tax deductible and will be used to provide scholarships to Acacia Graduate Students that will help oversee the reformation of the Iowa Chapter of Acacia. The \$75 Annual Voluntary dues are used to help pay for the mailing cost of The RESH newsletter and are also used to help offset the costs of social events.

2010 Voluntary Dues

We are now collecting voluntary dues for the alumni chapter for 2010. Dues have been set at \$75. Please see the enclosed card for more information. This card may also be used for donations and pledge fulfillments to the Iowa Chapter Fund with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation.

Corporation Board Members

The following Brothers are the officers of the Corporation Board. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

Aaron Morrow #836	President	319-330-1788
Patrick Hewitt # 849	Vice-President	319-331-0794
Nate Roseberry #842	Treasurer	847-791-9757
Brian White #840	Secretary	319-325-3872
Shawn Morgan #846	Facility Manager	319-331-8988

Newsletter Information

This newsletter is sent to all of the alumni of the University of Iowa Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity. This newsletter is sent at **no cost** to all of its recipients, although donations directed towards the cost of this publication will be accepted by the Board. Should you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to **The Iowa Acacians** in any amount. If you have any information you would like to share, please email it to **Aaron Morrow** at: amorrow836@hotmail.com. Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity.