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Corporation Board and EIAAA Update

The Corporation Board and The Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association (EIAAA) met via teleconference on Saturday October 9th, 2010. The two boards held their quarterly meeting and also held their annual elections. I am proud to report, for the first time since the creation of the EIAAA, that no person holds more than one position.

The new officers for the Corporation Board are: President – Aaron Morrow, Vice President – Patrick Hewitt, Secretary – Jeremy Fortier, Treasurer – Nathan Roseberry, Facilities Manager – Steven Ries. The new officers for the EIAAA are: President – Alex Taylor, Secretary – Michael Powell, Treasurer – Brian White, Events Coordinator – Byron Tabor.

There were multiple nominations at the President, Vice President, Secretary and Facility Manager positions. Contested election was also a first for the two groups. We are happy to see so many alumni getting involved in the ongoing business of the fraternity. Contact information for the officers is listed at the end of the newsletter and can also be found online at www.uiacacia.com.

The Corporation Board oversees the finances of the fraternity and the physical structure located at 202 Ellis Avenue. The EIAAA oversees alumni relations and will eventually be the contact for re-colonization at the University of Iowa. If you are interested in helping out with the Corporation Board please contact Brother Morrow and if you are interested in helping out with the EIAAA please contact Brother Taylor.

The meeting schedule for the Corporation Board was set out as: Saturday January 22nd, 2011, Saturday April 16th, 2011, Saturday July 16th 2011, and Saturday October 1st, 2011. If you are interested in calling into the teleconference please let Brother Morrow know. Are you looking for a way to connect with your brothers?

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Acacia's 3rd Annual Golf Outing

The first annual golf tournament was scheduled for June, 2008. Bad choice. Right in the middle of a HUGE flood. The second annual golf tournament was well attended and everybody had fun.

This year I decided to go out into August in search of drier weather. As it turns out we actually had more rain this summer than in 2008. Go figure.

The 3rd annual golf outing was pretty wet but playable. We had 15 golfers go out and dodge the puddles. We played a four person best shot format which allowed me to hit a lot of bad shots and still get a decent score thanks to my brothers. One team actually did quite well. The rest of us were just having fun. One very unusual shot occurred in my group when a driver was hit way left, and well below the expected trajectory, towards a cement bridge with a steel guard rail. It ricocheted off the rail onto the surface of the bridge and bounced right out into the middle of the

fairway. It happened so fast that it took me a minute to figure out what I just witnessed. Good shot. Too bad I didn't have any prizes for the best trick shot. Maybe next year.

Following golf, four others joined us for the, now customary, steak dinner. Very tasty, lots of laughs and a few prizes. After dinner, we heard from Aaron Morrow and Alex Taylor about the plans for the future of Acacia at Iowa. Hopefully soon we will be including active members in our outing. Maybe pledges for caddies?

When Mother Nature lets us play we have a great time. It is always fun to talk to old friends and discover new brothers across the years. I have volunteered to run the outing again next year, and the foreseeable future, so watch the spring newsletter for the date. I can assure you that golfing skills are not a requirement so make a point to join us.

Byron Tabor
#644

Michael "Doc" Morris

December 12, 2010 was the day of passing for Dr. Michael Morris, a beloved friend, mentor, and house advisor. We, the EIAAA board, have asked members of Acacia to submit stories for remembrance of our dear friend.

I met Mike when I joined Acacia in Fall 1993. I have a lot of great memories with him. There are two memorable moments I have to share.

Upon arriving in Madison for pledge skip (Mike rode up with me) we grabbed our bags from the car and made our way around to the entrance to the Acacia house. There is (or at least there was) a huge tree in the back of the house right between the house and the parking lot. Mike was so drunk he walked right into the tree. He then stepped to the side, looked at the tree and said "excuse me ma'am" and continued walking up to the house.

My second remembrance was a time at GA Malones in IC, when they were holding weekly euchre tournaments. Mike and I had worked out a system to signal each other with what cards we were holding. In addition, another brother who

shall remain nameless....WW.... taught me to stack a deck. We entered the tournament and went to work. I immediately dealt a perfect loner hand on my first turn. Unfortunately, I dealt it to the other team. Mike and I walked out with our tails between our legs and he looked at me and said we are never doing that again.

Submitted by Matthew Goldberg, #799

My first introduction to Doc was when I first moved into the house during the summer of 2002. I barely had my stuff in my room when he walked into my room and sat down on the couch. I didn't have a clue who he was, but he talked to me for over an hour on the subject of the Kelley Blue book. He made me promise to never make a large purchase without consulting Kelley Blue book. And to this day I hold true to him.

Submitted by Michael Powell, #876

At Conclave in New Orleans in 2002, Shawn Morgan and I were being lead around Bourbon Street by Doc, he knew where the good bars were. Suddenly he darted us across the street to the doorway of a bar, he looked us square in the eye and said, "Don't move, I'll be right back" Then he uttered 3 or 4 full sentences in a mixture of Spanish and French, turned and darted into the bar. Since

Shawn and I don't speak French or Spanish we had no idea what the rest of the message was. 20 minutes later, here comes Doc, from behind us, carrying a Patty O'Briens Hurricane in his hand. "What are you guys doing just standing there? I told you we need Hurricanes" He said.

Submitted by Aaron Morrow #836

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 back in touch with your Brothers from the days in which you lived in the chapter house.))

Brother Andrew Eagan, #869, has continued his schooling at Palmer Chiropractic College this past summer. He also was married in September.

Brother Devin Johnson, #839, After completing AIT and a follow-on course in Iraqi dialect, Devin reported to his unit in Ft. Campbell, KY. This year also included a deployment to Iraq and promotion to Sergeant.

Congratulations to **Brother Aaron Morrow, #836**, who was married to Lisa Salamone in a destination wedding in San Diego, California in Early December.

Congratulations to **Brother Nathan Roseberry, #842**, and wife on the birth of their daughter Katherine on November 6th, 2010.

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

Donation Update

Twelve Acacia alumni have made donations and/or paid dues so far in 2010. These donations total \$950 towards the re-colonization effort and another \$850 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.

You can still send in your donations and voluntary dues for 2010. Please use the enclosed contribution card.

2011 Voluntary Dues

We are now collecting voluntary dues for the alumni chapter for 2011. 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.

Newsletter by E-mail

If you would prefer to have **The Resh** sent by e-mail please send your request to Byron Tabor at btabor12@mchsi.com.

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
Jeremy Fortier #784	Secretary	317-918-4618
Nathan Roseberry #842	Treasurer	847-791-9757
Steven Ries #843	Facility Manager	414-430-9030

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.