



## The Resh

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### A letter from the President

Welcome to 2012 Brothers! This new year brings a lot of excitement for the Corporation Board. New officers were elected, and Brother Fortier will be filling you in on those elections.

The past year was a good year for donations, although we hope 2012 will be even better! In this newsletter you will find a donation card for you to make your tax deductible donations to the Iowa Chapter Fund and/or pay your voluntary dues to the Alumni Association which covers the cost of these mailings.

We have been able to continue our relationship with Pi Kappa Phi as the tenant for our building. Brother Roseberry will be updating you on our financial situation now that we've been able to extend our lease. Extending our mortgage note with the bank is in progress.

Finally, and most importantly, Brother Taylor will be describing our plans for re-colonization. Brother Taylor has been working with headquarters and the University of Iowa Greek staff to get us in line for a return to campus. Check out his article for details.

With this exciting news we need your support more than ever. If you are looking for ways to help, the donation card mentioned above can be found below. We are also looking for people to volunteer on the Boards. The Boards meet quarterly via teleconference with the spring meeting as our "in person" meeting for those who can attend.

This year's spring meeting will be held on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> in Iowa City. The meeting will serve three purposes: Those in attendance will be given a tour of the chapter house so they can see the improvements that have been made over the years. The quarterly Corporation Board Meeting. And finally, a meeting with Patrick McGovern from the Headquarters' Staff who will be present to conduct a retreat.

This retreat is the first step towards our return to campus. During the retreat we will be briefed on the new pledge education program *Cornerstones*. We will begin brainstorming our strategic plan for our ultimate goal of re-colonization. The more people we have in attendance at this event, the better. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to me before Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at [amorrow836@hotmail.com](mailto:amorrow836@hotmail.com). If you cannot attend in person but would like to attend the Corporation Board meeting via teleconference please also contact me and I will add you to the mailing list. In addition to the April meeting, the Board has scheduled meetings for Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Let's make 2012 our best year yet!

Fraternally,

Aaron Morrow #836  
Corporation Board President

## Re-colonization Update

Acacia International Headquarters has been working with the Corporation Board and the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association on establishing the groundwork to return our Chapter to campus. In the interim, Alex Taylor has been in communications with the Office of Campus Programs and Student Activities to work with the Greek Advisor on protocol and timing. There have been two recent developments of note.

First, on April 14, all Acacian's are invited to a retreat with a representative from the International Headquarter Staff. During the retreat, we will learn about Cornerstones, Acacia's new membership programming initiative. A few alumnus have seen or heard about parts of this program, and the Fraternity is busy rolling it out to our Chapters when and where appropriate. The re-colonization efforts will use Cornerstones as the foundation for returning to Iowa.

In addition to leaning about Cornerstone, we will begin laying out the strategic plan for our re-colonization efforts. This activity will include sketching out a timeline, identifying opportunities,

and establishing both short and long-term goals. And of course, once all the work is done, we will migrate to a location a good old fashioned brotherhood activity.

The second development is less clear. It seems there is or will be a new Greek Advisor. We just found this out, and suspect the previous advisor has moved to greener pastures. We suspect there is little documentation about our pending return, despite several meetings we held with previous "administration". This might be a good opportunity to reposition ourselves for an earlier return to campus. The organizational discussions and efforts that will take place April 14th will most certainly be a consideration as we approach the university with our intentions (once again).

With all of this said, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the retreat on April 14. It will be fun to get together again and begin working in earnest to bring Acacia back to the University of Iowa Campus. We can't do this alone, and will need your help. So PLEASE let us know your interest to join us.

Fraternally,  
Alex Taylor #671

## Treasurer's Report

We are happy to announce the Acacia Corporation Board continues to be fiscally solvent moving into 2012. The house is currently rented to the PKP fraternity, providing a steady stream of income. The Board has been able to pay all bills, complete general maintenance, and capital projects while growing the savings account and paying down the commercial loan. The plans for 2012 are to extend the lease with PKP for three more years, complete a Residents Advisor room upgrade, and pay down the

commercial loan early. As of the end of 2011, the Corp Board maintains a savings of \$105,000 and a debt on the property of \$269,000. The property is also valued at \$630,000, with a net equity of \$466,000. As the fraternity moves toward returning to campus, the Corp Board is in a great financial position.

Nate Roseberry #842  
Treasurer

## Elections

Brothers, please join me in congratulating your 2012 Corporation Board and EIAA board members on their recent election success.

### **The Iowa Acacias Board**

Aaron Morrow, President  
Pat Hewitt, Vice President  
Nate Roseberry, Treasurer  
Steven Ries, Facility Manager  
Jeremy Fortier, Secretary

### **Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association**

Alex Taylor, President  
Brian White, Treasurer  
Byron Tabor, Event Coordinator  
Byron Tabor, Webmaster [www.uiacacia.com](http://www.uiacacia.com)  
Mike Powell, Secretary

Remember the minutes from all our meetings are available to you via [www.uiacacia.com](http://www.uiacacia.com) and can be emailed directly to you post meeting if you inform us of your wishes. Please note our next regularly scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

- Facility – 9 AM Central
- Meeting – 11 AM Central (Teleconference Available – email Aaron for dial in)
- HQ Retreat – 1PM Central (Patrick McGovern will be leading the retreat covering Cornerstones (the new ACACIA Education program), Acacianconnect, and the next steps towards recolonization)

If you are ready to “To take a more active part and to have a greater influence” we would be happy to try to facilitate your joining the retreat. Please contact Aaron Morrow, IAC Board President at [amorow836@hotmail.com](mailto:amorow836@hotmail.com) or Alex Taylor EIAA President at [alexander-taylor-1@uiowa.edu](mailto:alexander-taylor-1@uiowa.edu) for assistance.

Fraternally yours,  
Jeremy Fortier #784  
Corporation Board Secretary

## Lost Alumni

We have lost contact with the following alumni. If you have any current contact information (mailing address, phone number, and/or email address) for anyone on the list, please contact Aaron Morrow at [amorow836@hotmail.com](mailto:amorow836@hotmail.com) with the information.

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

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## Alumni News, Notes, and Remembrances

*(Editor's Note: One of the primary objectives that we as a Corp. 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.)*

Congratulations to Brian White, #840, and his wife on the birth of daughter Norah Kristine White, born February 9th at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City. She was 7 lbs 3 oz and 20.5 inches long.

John Gust, #702, added the LUTCF designation and continues to grow his insurance and financial services practice. Christopher is 7 and in first grade. During the winter he keeps busy swimming for the Leaning Tower Y Sharks. While the Florida family trips will keep some sanity, they are looking forward to summer!

Are you looking for a way to connect with your brothers? Look for us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=123887245416> or search for the group "Acacia Alumni of The University of Iowa." We are 52 members strong so far. We also have a group called "Iowa Acacians" on LinkedIn, a social networking site geared towards work and business contacts.

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## Donation Update

Thank you to the brothers who paid a total of \$825 in voluntary dues in 2011. They were James Carter, Heath Greene, John Gust, David Hall, Thomas Helgeson, Jeremy Heyer, Aaron Morrow, Thom Powell, Dan Stence, Rod Vanderbeek, and Jeffrey Warner. The 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

In 2011 brothers made donations totaling \$1,950 to the Iowa chapter fund. 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. Thank you to the following brothers for your donations in 2011:

Bronze level, \$0 to \$50:

Dean Krehlik  
Lawrence Mohr  
Thom Powell  
Allen Thomas

Silver level, \$50 to \$150:

Kenneth Anderson  
Patrick McHugh  
Aaron Morrow  
Jeffrey Warner

Gold level, \$150 to \$250:

Platinum level, \$250 and above

David Hall  
Thomas Hart  
Jeff Peterson  
Dan Wilkes

Please use the enclosed contribution card for your 2012 donations and voluntary dues.

## 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](mailto:btabor12@mchsi.com).

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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	414-587-7437

## Golf Outing

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, **August 11, 2012** as the date for our golf outing next year. We are hoping everyone can join us for a great time on the golf course. Location will be announced at a later date.

## 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!

## 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 Corp. 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 [amorow836@hotmail.com](mailto:amorow836@hotmail.com). Take care and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity.