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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

History Is Made: Alumni Association Formed and Officially Recognized

On Saturday, September 6th, 2014, and after months of discussion and planning, the Epsilon Pi Alumni Association of Alpha Sigma Phi was formed. The first meeting took place in the Farmer School of Business on the Miami University campus in Oxford, Ohio. During the meeting, those present ratified the Association constitution and by-laws, and a vote took place to elect the first Board of Directors. Documentation of this meeting and results of the election were sent to staff at Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Headquarters and as of September 18, 2014 the Epsilon Pi Alumni Association is officially a recognized group!

Benefits of forming a recognized Alumni Association include, but are not limited to:

- Updated Alumni Directory: Fraternity Headquarters will add updates to the list as you receive them, and will also provide you with a list with contact information for your alumni.
- Liability Insurance will be provided by Fraternity Headquarters to recognized Alumni Associations at no cost to the organization.
- A vote at Grand Chapters, Annual Meetings, or mail votes.
- Two electronic newsletters (up to six pages) sent to all chapter alumni with good email addresses. The Association supplies the content and a proof of the the final version. Headquarters makes sure it is sent out. All content should be sent at least one month prior to when the Alumni Association wants the newsletter to be distributed. *(continued on next page)*

WHAT IS A RECOGNIZED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

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Membership in Alpha Sigma Phi is for life. Lifetime involvement in the Fraternity means a life enhanced by the spirit, fellowship, ideals, and principles of Alpha Sigma Phi. The Alumni Association exists as an extension of each Chapter or Colony. Consistent with our fraternal values and ethics, the Fraternity recognizes the Alumni Association as a strategic partner and booster of the Colony or Chapter and Chapter Council.

Alumni Associations are stand-alone organizations that have their own constitution and by-laws. Like a Chapter Council, an Alumni Association has as its official name the Greek name of its respective Chapter or Colony (e.g., Alpha Alumni Association). An Alumni Association typically has a stake in the success of their undergraduate chapter, thus alumni from its respective undergraduate chapter typically comprise Alumni Association membership.

The purpose of the Alumni Association is two-fold in nature: To provide support for the benefit of its respective Colony/Chapter and Chapter Council through coordination of regular (annual/semi-annual/quarterly) events and/or fundraisers. To provide activities and events (Homecoming, golf outings, ball games, etc.) to support interaction among the alumni members of the Chapter.

- Fraternity Headquarters will assist in one Alumni Association mailing. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Headquarters will provide labor, envelopes, and printing of a mailing. All the Alumni Association needs to provide is the content and cost of postage.
- Fundraising assistance is also available for Chapters/Associations that are in need of a financial campaign.

Epsilon Pi Alumni Association Board of Directors

As voted by the Alpha Members of the Association present during the inaugural meeting, your Board of Directors are:

- **President: Ryan Bakita '06**



- **Vice President: Michael Steward '12**



- **Secretary: Tyler Gau '11**



- **Treasurer: Matt Turk '10**



- **Sergeant-at-Arms: Carl Chbeir '11**



FACTS FOR THE EPSILON PI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Who can join?

– Anyone who is an alumnus of the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and is in good standing with Fraternity Headquarters and the undergraduate chapter may be considered a member of the Alumni Association.

What is considered “membership”?

– There are two kinds of member; Alpha members, and Beta members. Alpha members are dues paying members, and as such are entitled to vote during any conference call or annual meeting on matters regarding the Association. Beta members are any alum in good standing and are entitled to participate in any Association function but are not awarded a vote regarding any decision made by the Association.

What's next for the Association?

– That's where you come in! Are you an Epsilon Pi alum interested in getting more involved with the “Old Gal” again? BECOME A MEMBER! Epsilon Pi is looking for more members of the Alumni Association, especially as we look towards the 10th anniversary of our chapter's chartering (October 2015). We need you and your ideas to help plan next years big reunion/ event!

For more information on the Association or how to join, contact the Board of Directors at mualphasigalum@gmail.com