



BETA PSI HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

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Greetings Brother,

The BPHA Board would like to thank all the Alumni that donated to the organization in 2018.

List: Art Schishler, Bill Horvath, Bill Moyer, Bob Boileau, Doug Drake, Ed Curvey, Eugene Powers, F Savak, Fred Mesenhamer, Gary Draus, George Bennhof, George Funk, Gerry Forrester, Jack Pencek, Jared Paterson, Jeff Bruno, Jim Irish Tiernan, John Jacobi, Ken Davis, Larry Hitchcock, Larry Kline, Nick Menecola, Nick Sabatine, Rick Spear, Ritchy Ricci, Sandy Berkhart, Steve Repinec, Tom Barrow, Tom Heslin and Tom Petro.

Next Alumni Founders Day Meeting Date:

April 06, 2019-Noon. This year the meeting will be held off site. Please refer to the website update calendar for location and activities. This will allow BPHA to formalize final plans.

This is an interactive Newsletter. We request your feedback.

Please RVSP your attendance here **PLEASE (Ctrl) CLICK this link:** <https://betapsihousing.com/contact>

Financial Outlook of BPHA:

The budget in 2018 ended in the Black even with the large capital improvement of the new Parking lot over the summer.

Capital Improvements: Parking Lot:

Is almost paid off. The balance should be \$3900 by the April Alumni Meeting.

Time to PASS THE TORCH:

Since the start of the Pi House renovation project in the summer of 2006 to the re-opening of the house in 2009 we have had some awesome Alumni support from Legacy era Alumni from the pledge classes of 1961 through 1980. They have given the BPHA Board so much support for the past 12 years. It could never be expressed enough how much they are appreciated. Their tireless work parties, donations of time, expertise help in various areas of need and funds donated will always and forever be remembered.

BPHA is challenging the other pledge classes to step up and help in any way you can. It is time to **PASS THE TORCH** to another generation of Alumni that want to keep the tradition and Brotherhood alive for future generations. Your help is

greatly needed now more than ever. Without your support the future of the Pi House could be in jeopardy. You may volunteer with the **link below** or contact a Board Member

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The Board hopes you have been following the previous BPHA newsletters and Dr. John Connelly's financial viability and updates as the Chapter comptroller. He has gotten a handle on the finances of the Chapter and put in place a very comprehensive budgeting program. This oversight has been needed for some time. It appears that the finances have gotten under control. We hope he continues to teach and coach these young men to better manage their fiscal responsibility. These budgeting oversights put in place will provide guidance to help these young men in their future challenges. The system of checks and balances will help them to someday use what they have learned throughout their lifetime.

Since the last newsletter the actives had continued to tame down the housing activities of last semester. Nevertheless, this semester showed that they were attempting to go back to some old bad habits. Though there was no police intervention, nuisance complaints by the Borough or firsthand Alumni witness it still appears the chapter had some type of activity at the house that could have involved prohibited activities. The Chapter Director Larry 'Doc' Moyer and Comptroller Dr John Connelly visited the house on February 1, 2019 and found some evidence of a barred activity. The house was clean. However, the floors were sticky, cans were found on the outside of the house, beer in one of the rooms and a dirty mop bucket in the Powder room. An unknown neighbor also said they also saw guys out on the porch with red cups. The Active Sage and Treasure said this was from an activity that took place off the 12 Smith Street premises at another house that is unrelated to Sigma Pi. The appearance of these multiple issues would lead one to believe that something happened that was against the Rules.

Larry Moyer and Dr. John Connelly contacted National Sigma Pi immediately and filed a motion to remove the Sage and Treasure from their elected positions. They then followed up this motion with a request for a 6-month suspension from the Fraternity of these two individuals. Both judicial actions were passed by National sigma Pi. In addition, both these individuals are also fined by BPHA.

The two individuals were dealt with through the administrative authority of the Chapter Director. These individuals did not go through the Judicial review of their peers as allowed in the chapter's Constitution and Bylaws. Howard Evans who has been advising the Chapter on their Bylaws is reaching out to the Province Archon and Sigma Pi International to get clarification as to when and how the Judicial and Conduct Review Committee should be used. The Committee is provided for in Article I, Section 3 of the Chapter's Constitution and in their Bylaws in Article III Membership, Section 5 and 6.

The Board met and deliberated over many issues over the last few months. There are several concerns and possible outcomes that came forward from these meeting. The most pressing issue is the House. There were many views and opinions about the viability of sustaining the house for future generations floating throughout the Alumni membership. Here are some of those views.

1. Allow the active chapter to use the house as a residence and continue to monitor the activities which could include additional monitoring devices around the property for security and to prevent damages and reduce risks. Modify and update of the terms the lease agreements. This will give us more control of who lives in the house, clearer policies and stronger ability to decline extensions of individual tenant leases as necessary. Some modifications and updates have been suggested that can be made to the residence in this option. Ongoing evaluations of performance will be done over each semester. This option will be dependent on the increased

new Alumni participation and involvement along with the number of renters. It is also contingent of the Chapter's commitment to continue to follow the Rules and regulations.

2. Suspend renting the house out to the Fraternity after May 31, 2019. Make the house a tenant occupied rental with some modification to the house by closing off the meeting room and Mantel room so it will just be a rental property like it was in 2009 when we brought back the house. Continue until chapter shows they can survive without a house. May allow Chapter to petition to use the house in the future. This would allow the Alumni Association to keep the house. If the chapter fails, sell the house at the end of 2 years or an alternate time frame determined by financial viability. Funds must go to a Non-Profit.
3. Start eviction processes now. Close down ASAP. Sell the house. The costs of evictions, timing and the security of our assets will have to be taken into account with this option. Funds must go to a Non-Profit
4. Close the house down May 31, 2019. Put it on the market and sell it. Funds must go to a Non-Profit

Alumni are encouraged to go to this link below and add their comments, opinions and suggestions. The Board will be able to tally the responses for the Alumni meeting April 06, 2019. Please respond by March 24, 2019 to allow time for the Board to review. Your input is needed.

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Chapter

Community Service event 2/2/19

Bowling for Kids March 30, 2019

Other events are scheduled check with the Chapter eBoard

Website

We continually update and improve our Website. Please subscribe to our newsletters on the first opening page of the website. It asks for your email address. Add the email you want us to send updates, emails and newsletters. This will sign you up for our future Newsletters. Once you add that email, we will send you a confirmation e-mail. Just click on the link and you're on the new newsletter list.

Dues/Donations: <https://betapsihousing.com/pay-dues-donate>

It is that time of year again to *pay your dues* and give Donations.

Please ***go to the website donate and Pay your dues*** with our secure PayPal site. You will get a receipt directly from us. You can also Snail mail your Dues/Donations to **P.O. BOX 494, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301** or send them directly to Jeff Bruno at **922 Bentley Ct. Chalfont PA 18914**. ***Do not send dues to*** The White House address. If you are mailing them, please remember to make your checks out to ***Beta Psi Housing Association***.

Coming Dates to Remember:

Beta Psi **Alumni Founders Day meeting:** April 06, 2019-12 Noon February 26, National **Sigma Pi Founders Day**

Start of **Spring Break:** March 11, 2019

End of Leases at 12 Smith Street: May 31, 2019

Deadline for **Anthony Messenlehner Award:** March 24, 2019

Intent to lease returned to BPHA: March 24, 2019

Deadline for \$1000 John Gudikunst **Scholarship** Application-March 24, 2019

Alumni Responses above Due by March 24, 2019

Spring **Commencement:** May 11, 2019

Ron Steckel is setting up a **Sigma Pi Works reunion** picnic May 30 or 31. All past Brother Alumni that have contributed since 2006 are welcome. Check the BPHA site for actual date as it nears.