

Alpha Phi Omega National Board Meeting International Relations Director Report July 12, 2003, Hilton Towers, Atlanta, Georgia

Action Items: none

Activities since February: Alpha Phi Omega – **National Convention in the Philippines**, May 22-25, 2003; Allen Wong, Bob Hainline and I jointly made a difficult decision that we would not send a delegation to this convention. Lack of communication with our counter parts gave us some serious concerns about our security arrangements. That, combine with “anti-American” sentiment in the Philippines generated by threatened U.S. actions in Iraq and the increasing SARS concerns in various Asian travel-hub cities resulted in this disappointing decision.

Progress toward National Goals:

National Strategic Plan: International Extension

Objective: To provide support to and fulfill a commitment to the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega by leading extension efforts in Canada.

Team Members: Marilyn Mims Dow, Craig Muckle, Beth Tom, Allen Wong, Dave Emery

I apologize to the Strategic Plan Team Members for my lack of communication over the past several months. The following tentative Milestones and Actions Steps were not reviewed by the team members other than Allen.

Goal #1: *By December 2008, the Fraternity will establish five new chapters in Canada.*

Milestones By December 2005, one new chapter will be established in Canada

Action Steps: By Jan 2003, establish a method of communication for leads to use for Canadian and Australian extension efforts. Completed: australiaapo@yahoo.com & canadaapo@yahoo.com were established specifically for this purpose.

By Fall 2003, conduct a Canadian Extension Summit in Canada. Allen is coordinating this event.

By December 2003, publish membership brochures specifically targeted for a Canadian student audience.

By December 2003, begin a Canadian Extension PR campaign, including publishing articles in T&T soliciting for Canadian contacts.

By Feb 2004, establish a separate (but linked) APhiO Canada website

Goal #2: *By December 2010, complete a feasibility study of extending Alpha Phi Omega to universities in **countries** where we do not have active Chapters.*

Action Steps: to be discussed on July 12 at the team meetings

Events: By December 2003 - ICAPO Meeting: ICAPO Chair, Allen Wong, is planning as a video conference before the end of the year. (We are still waiting to hear who the new National Officers are in the Philippines and who our counter parts are.) The May convention in the Philippines was the site of a scheduled ICAPO meeting.

May 2005 – Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines, National Convention. We will look forward to and plan on attending the next convention in 2005. Allen established an email address to facilitate communication regarding this event: apousadelegation@yahoo.com.

IR Committee: Allen Wong, DDS, Canadian Extension Chair

Additional Goals:

1. Improve communication with APhiO Philippines by establishing regular contact with counterparts on the Board in the Philippines.
2. Improve communication with ACNA (Alumni Council of North America) chapters and officers by ensuring that all APhiO-USA Board members have a current ACNA roster. (September 2003)

Personal Note: I just moved into a new condo with my partner, Freddie Marsh. Please note our new address and phone number: 850 Royal Ave, Suite 702, New Westminster, BC V3M 1A6 Canada; Home 604-517-6654

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