

Alpha Phi Omega National Board Meeting
International Relations Director Report
July 16-18, 2004, Adam's Mark Hotel, Denver CO

Action Items: none

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

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

Status: We have 6-8 interested students at the University of York in Toronto. They are being sponsored by several members of the Filipino Toronto Alumni Association. Allen Wong is working closely with this group of students and the Alumni Association. The University administration is hesitant to allow a "Fraternity" on campus, but the sponsors will be meeting with the administration to work out a compromise.

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

Action Steps: By Feb 2004, 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 July 2004, establish a list of Youth Organizations in Canada who may be looking to establish a presence in the U.S.

By Summer 2004, begin a Canadian Extension PR campaign, including publishing articles in T&T soliciting for Canadian contacts.

By Summer 2004, establish a list of APhiO (USA) alumni living in Canada and send them a letter stating our Goal and asking for additional student/university extensions contacts.

By Summer 2004, establish a list of APhiO (Philippines) alumni living in Canada and send them a letter stating our Goal and asking for additional student/university extensions contacts.

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

By Fall 2004, publish membership brochures specifically targeted for a Canadian student audience.

By October 2004, determine the differences between the Boy Scouts of America (USA) and Scouts Canada, by conferring with the Scouting and Youth Services committee. (O'Leary, Nathan, APhiO-Phil alumni)

By October 2004, determine the administrative logistics and challenges of supporting chapters of social Greek letter organizations in Canada from a national headquarters in the U.S. (Katz, Nathan)

Progress: We have a group of interested students at York University.

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:

Comprise a list of countries and criteria to be considered for active extension recruitment outside the United States.

- Countries where Greek letter organizations exist and are allowed. Completed (see Supplemental Attachment)
- Countries where U.S. copyright and trademark policy and law are enforced
- Countries where APhiO (USA or Phil) alumni reside

APhiO Membership policies should be followed to the extent feasibly possible.

Look for other service partners with international chapters and expertise (e.g. Lions, Kaiwanas, etc.)

Events: By **December 2004** - ICAPO Meeting in conjunction with our National Conventions in Denver. This meeting is mandated by the ICAPO Operating Policies.

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.

International Relations Committee: Allen Wong, DDS, Canadian Extension Chair
Randy Finder

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. (Spring 2004)

Working with Service and Communication Program Director

International Service Project Possibility for 2005 (2002 Convention Directive #32)

The National Service and Communications Committee is charged to research and present a proposal to the 38th National Convention for another International Project to be held in 2005. This report should include a budget, timeline, strategy, and details of any partnerships in other organizations.

Progress: Maggie Katz, Beth Tom MD and Dave Emery will be attending the ACNA (Filipino Alumni Council of North America) convention in Vancouver this September. This will be an appropriate time to discuss a joint service project between AFO-USA and AFO-Philippines.

Communication & Public Relations Goal: (Beth, Marketing, Team Leader)

Goal #2: By Jan 1, 2005, a structure will be in place that allows free and open communication between students, chapters and regions of APO-USA and APO-Philippines.

Fraternally,



International Relations Director Report – Supplemental Attachment

Membership Transfer Considerations for Filipino Alpha Phi Omega Brothers and Sisters: On occasion our chapters will receive requests from a university student for the transfer of membership from Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines to Alpha Phi Omega (USA). Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines is a separate, independent organization, and we have **no** formal policy of transferring membership between our two national organizations. With that said, I would strongly recommend that our chapter members treat Brothers and Sisters from the Philippines with respect and in a fraternal manner. Per our National Bylaws, membership in our chapters is totally determined by the current members of those chapters. As such, it is outside the bounds of any non-chapter member to make recommendations as to specific, local chapter membership policies.

I will, however, share with you the ways that several chapters have dealt with this situation.

1. Some chapters have accepted the credentials and membership status of a member from the Philippines and merely submitting a completed membership transfer form. (Providing a complete membership transfer form may be a challenge since there will be no Alpha Phi Omega (USA) membership number to include. In that case, the appropriate submission of completed pledge and activation forms and fees would be required.)
2. Some chapters have asked the member from the Philippines to pledge their chapter, in the same manner that any other non-member student would participate. This gives the Filipino member a chance to get to know the local chapter members and the policies and culture of the chapter and of Alpha Phi Omega (USA).
3. Some chapters have decided not to extend an invitation to Filipino members to pledge or join their chapter.
4. Some chapters have decided to pursue a unique membership plan for Filipino members somewhere between the extremes listed above.

Background: Membership in Alpha Phi Omega (Philippines) is greatly valued and highly sought after in the Philippines. Because of this cultural and fraternal perspective, Filipino members may be reluctant or even offended by being asked to pledge Alpha Phi Omega again. I must emphasize again, that per our national membership policies, membership in local chapters is totally up to the members of that local chapter.

Chapter Advisors: The invitation of a member from the Philippines to serve as a chapter advisor is up to the members of that chapter. Advisory membership does not require that the prospective advisor be an existing member of Alpha Phi Omega (USA).

Response to a request from a Filipino Member to Transfer to an Alpha Phi Omega (USA) chapter:

Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines is a separate organization from Alpha Phi Omega (USA). Both organizations are based on the ideas of Frank Reed Horton and the ideals of Leadership, Friendship and Service. In furtherance of our common goals, each national organization is a member of the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega (ICAPO). Because each national organization has separate membership policies and chapter membership requirements, we have **no** formal policy of transferring membership between our two national organizations. With that said, it is strongly recommended that our chapter members treat Brothers and Sisters from the Philippines with respect and in a fraternal manner. Per our National Bylaws, membership in our chapters is determined solely by the current members of individual chapters. Examples of the possible scenarios for the inclusion members from the Philippines in our chapters can be found above.

Greek Letter Organizations outside of the United States

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National Pan-Hellenic Council (<http://www.nphchq.org/>)

Alpha Phi Alpha (All Graduate chapters)
Delta Xi Lambda-Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies
Epsilon Theta Lambda-Hamilton, Bermuda
Theta Epsilon Lambda-St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
Theta Theta Lambda-Frankfurt, Germany
Iota Epsilon Lambda, orig. South Vietnam, now Nassau, Bahamas
Mu Phi Lambda-Seoul, South Korea
Alpha Kappa Alpha (<http://www.akainternational.org/highlights.htm>)

Undergraduate Chapters

Rho Xi - University of the Virgin Islands-St. Croix
Rho Omicron - St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Graduate

Eta Psi Omega -Nassau, Bahamas
Mu Gamma Omega- St. Croix, Virgin Islands
Mu Psi Omega - Germany
Pi Upsilon Omega - Freeport, Bahamas
Rho Nu Omega - Seoul, Korea
Sigma Theta Omega - Virgin Islands
Phi Omicron Omega - Okinawa, Japan
Sigma Xi Omega - Bermuda
Eta Beta Omega - Monrovia, Liberia West Africa
Tau Sigma Omega -London, England
Delta Sigma Theta - Okinawa, Japan; Republic of Korea; Tokyo, Japan; Nassau, Bahamas; England; Germany; Virgin Islands - St.Croix; Virgin Islands - St. Thomas; Bermuda; Bahamas
Kappa Alpha Psi – Bermuda; Seoul, Korea; Germany; United Kingdom
Omega Psi Phi - Nassau, Bahamas; Okinawa,Japan; Virgin Islands - St. Croix; Virgin Islands - St. Thomas; Germany (Heidelberg, Wuerzburg)
Phi Beta Sigma – Guam; Germany; Okinawa; Korea; Switzerland; Africa (not defined where)
Sigma Gamma Rho – Bermuda; US Virgin Islands; Germany
Zeta Phi Beta - Sierra Leone; Nigeria; Bahamas; Darmstad, Germany; Virgin Islands -St. Croix

Canada

British Columbia

U of British Columbia - Strong (>10) Social Greeks
U of Northern BC - One local Sorority
Simon Frasier U. - Inactive Only.
U of Victoria - Inactive Only
Camosun U. - One Intl Fraternity

Alberta

U of Alberta - Strong (>10) Social Greeks
U of Calgary - 5 Social Greeks.

Manitoba

U of Manitoba - 6 Social Greeks
U of Winnipeg 5 Social Greeks.

Ontario

Algonquin C. - One Social Greek
Brock U. - One Social Greek
Carleton U. - Strong (>10) Social Greeks
U of Guelph - Two Social Greeks
McMaster - Two Social Greeks
Ryerson Poly U. - 3 Social Fraternities
Queen's University - Inactive Only
U of Ottawa - 8 Social Greeks
U of Toronto - Strong (>10) Social Greeks
U of Waterloo - 4 Social Greeks
U of Windsor - 6 Social Greeks
U of Western Ont. - Strong (>10) Social Greeks
Wilfred Laurier U. - 5 Social Greeks
York U. - 4 Social Greeks

Quebec

Bishop's U. - 4 Social Greeks
Concordia U. - 6 Social Greeks
McGill U. - Strong (>10) Social Greeks

New Brunswick

U of NB - 2 Social Greeks

Nova Scotia

Dalhousie U. - 7 Social Greeks
Mt. St. Vincent's U. - 3 Social Greeks
St. Mary's U. - 4 Social Greeks.

Mexico - No sign of Greek letter organizations in Mexico.

Many honorary Greek-letter organizations have professional chapters outside the USA, but they are generally not organized around a college or university.

Submitted by Randy Finder, International Relations Committee