

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.  
Alpha Nu Omega Alumni  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2017



Meeting Attendance:

John Branch Jr., Chris O' Banner, Justin Manuel, Ryan Johnson Sr., Gibbs Hightower IV, Torrey Thompson Sr., Baron Gates, John Allen, Freddie Green Jr., Allester Taylor, Scott Dalencour, Herb Jones, Jarret Woodley, Tremaine Russell, Torrie Richardson, Shawn Santana (EA), Gregory Allen Jr. (EA)

Call to Order

-Polaris Ryan Johnson Sr. called the meeting to order at 10:43 am.

Prayer

-Vice Polaris Freddie Green Jr. led the brothers in prayer.

Recitation of Stars

-Bro. Shawn Santana (EA) led the Recitation of Stars.

Roll Call

-Meeting attendance was taken via sign in sheet. It was noted that 5 financial brothers from the previous fiscal year were present so quorum was achieved. Attendance is listed above. 16 brothers of Alpha Nu Omega and 2 brothers of Epsilon Alpha.

Adoption of Agenda

-The Polaris entertained a motion from the body to adopt the agenda with flexibility. The motion was moved by Bro. Allester Taylor and properly seconded by Bro. Torrey Thompson Sr. (motion carries)

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The Polaris entertained a motion to accept the January minutes as posted. That motion was moved by Bro. Thompson Sr. and properly seconded by Vice Polaris Green Jr. (motion carries)

Treasury Report:

-ANO Treasurer Bro. John Allen presented the treasury report for the month of February 2017. The beginning balance as of Jan 31, 2017 was \$3,188.16. There was a deposit of \$121.07 on Feb. 8, 2017. The expenditures are as follows: a check written to NPHC-Houston \$350.00 for annual dues, \$108.00 to Bro. Gibbs Hightower IV for chapter website maintenance, \$22.95 to reorder checks for a total expenditures in the amount of \$481.20. Bro. Allen noted that dues for 4 brothers were paid to the PayPal. Dues are \$125 but after fees come to \$121.07, that resulted in \$484.28 in the PayPal, and a final balance of \$3309.23 in the Chase account. The final balance as of meeting time was \$3793.51. The ANO Alumni chapter is financial for the year of 2017, and a goal of 25 locally financial brothers has been established.

-A discussion about an item from a previous meeting came about which involved the establishment of a second account for the Centaur Fund. It was noted that this account will be for Scholarships and community service events. The account will be based on 15% of the ANO Chase checking accounts.

-The Polaris entertained a motion to setup the Centaur Fund account and basing it off being 15% of the chapter checking account. That motion was moved by Bro. Manuel and properly seconded by Bro. Thompson Sr. (motion failed)

-A new motion was moved to reflect that the Centaur Fund account was to be setup and be based off 15% of the ANO Chase checking account at the end of December of each year (annually). That motion was moved by Bro. Taylor and properly seconded by Bro. Allen. (motion carries)

### Committee Reports

-Polaris Johnson Sr. has cited the following committees and leaders for said committees for his term:

Social-Polaris Johnson Sr. (interim)

Special Programs-Vice Polaris Green Jr.

Community Service-Bro. Branch Jr.

Membership-Bro. Jarret Woodley

Iota Youth Alliance-Houston-Bro. Torrie Richardson

### Community Service

-Bro. John Branch Jr. presented the following: the ANO Alumni chapter will team with ETS Alumni chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho to host You've Been Summoned on February 25, 2017 as part of the #MuchMoreThanAHashtag series. This will be a panel discussion featuring lawyers, judges, and other legal personnel. The topics include importance of jury duty, process for serving on a grand jury, and more. The location will be the South Gessner Police Department 8605 West Place Dr Houston, Texas. Event will begin at 10am-12noon.

-Bro. Branch Jr. moved that ANO pay \$50.00 to cover half the costs of gift certificates to the panelists and moderator for the event. The motion was properly seconded by Bro. Allen. (motion carries)

### Special Programs

-Vice Polaris Green Jr. spoke on the 2017 R.E.A.C.H. for the Stars Scholarship Gala possibly getting a new location. He is in communication with the Whitehall Downtown Houston as a possible location. A possible date for the event is November 4, 2017.

### Social

-Bro. Hightower IV presented a proposal for the ANO Chapter to go to a Sugarland Skeeter's game as a possible fundraiser/brotherhood. The chapter will sell tickets for \$13 and receive a \$5 return from each ticket sold. A date has been set for May 19, 2017.

### Brotherhood/Reclamation

-Vice Polaris Green Jr. presented an idea to reclaim brothers who reside in Houston and gather brothers as well. There will be a series of Brotherhoods at local spots which brothers both financial and non-financial may attend. The first 15 brothers who have not been financial the last 2 years with ANO will receive their first drink for free. In addition, there will be an incentive to pay \$55.00 to be locally financial for the period of March 1, 2017-April 23, 2017. The event will take place at Scrappy Brown's.

### Membership

-Bro. Woodley presented an update on new membership. 2 interested individuals are ready for membership intake. Bro. Taylor still trying to setup ANO intake system.

### IYA

-Bro. Richardson had no reports.

### National/Regional Iota Information

-Bro. Chris O' Banner presented a national update. He spoke about the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave which will take place July 16-23, 2017 in Orlando, FL. He encouraged brothers to stay in the host hotel and to note that this is a voting conclave. As a member of the BOD he spoke about the Executive Director position and the Brother in transition program.

### Regional Iota Information

-Bro. Hightower IV presented an update on Southern Region. He has been named South Assistant Regional Polaris. His new position now leaves the South Texas State Director post vacant. Any brothers interested are encouraged to try to fill the position. Houston will host the Super Regional Conference in March 2017.

### Undergraduate Reports

#### Epsilon Alpha (Texas Southern)

-Bro. Shawn Santana presented a report on the chapter activities. They attended Meet the Greeks @ TSU and had 6 people sign up for more information. The Spring Interest Meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb. 15, 2017 at 7:55 pm on campus. The university will honor Greeks at the 3/2/2017 basketball game. Brothers are asked to attend dressed in Iota gear. Discount tickets with paraphernalia. Bro. Baron Gates will assume role as Graduate Advisor for the chapter.

#### Lambda (Prairie View)

-Bro. Tremaine Russel presented the update. He will serve as Graduate Advisor, while Bro. Brandon Hopkins has requested to serve as On Campus/Faculty Advisor. It was noted that the chapter does have interest and if intake does happen it must go through ANO.

### Houston NPHC

-Bro. Thompson Sr. presented an update. He is the representative for the NPHC Houston Foundation. The Foundation is hosting an Alumni Stepshow on Feb.25, 2017 at TSU Sawyer Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now.

-Vice Polaris Green Jr. presented the NPHC-Houston report. The Greek Weekend is fastly approaching. The weekend will be April 28-30.

-April 28-Happy Hour, April 29-Community Service and Picnic, April 30-Church and Brunch  
More information will follow.

### Super Regional Conference

-The Super Regional Conference will take place March 30-April 2, 2017. The Whitehall Houston Downtown has been selected as host hotel. ANO brothers are encouraged to participate in meetings and events.

### National Bylaws

-Bro. Branch Jr. presented a series of changes that the ANO brothers came up with for the national bylaws. Brothers decided to agree with the recommendations that the committee has come up with. In addition, a motion was moved by Bro. Richardson that the 13 intermediate officers have job descriptions listed in the bylaws. That motion was properly seconded by Bro. Thompson Sr. (motion carries)

### Mail

-Bro. Manuel (Secretary) cited correspondences received about the Single Parent Picnic in Conroe to take place on March 25, 2017. More information will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40