



Beta Sigma Psi Manhattan Alumni Chapter

Beta Sigma Psi National - 2025

March 19, 2025

News from National

This year has been busy on the national fraternity front, with a big change from the National Council meeting and the centennial celebration. Mitch Holthaus was the featured speaker at the centennial celebration and several other Zeta alumni attended. The names I remember include Dane Kohrs, Adam Synoground, Dave Jackson and his wife. There were others, but their names escape me at this point. The active chapter had 11 attendees as well.

National Council

The National Council adopted a resolution to implement what is recognized by the IFC as a “best practice” in chapter management. To contain liability exposure for chapters that own their house, a separate house holding corporation should own the property. The advising and chapter management should be conducted by a separate legal entity with no overlap among the directors of the two corporations.

Resolution on Housing Corporations

Motion: To adopt the resolution as written to amend the Constitution and bylaws to clarify the delineation between housing corporations and alumni chapters. Moved by: Daniel Ross (Alpha Alumni) Seconded by: Jeff Williams (Lafayette Alumni) Result: Passed unanimously

Key points:

- Separates housing corporations from alumni chapters to mitigate legal risks
- Gives chapters until Fall 2027 to implement changes
- Will be sent to chapters for ratification vote

I suspect that we would need an additional 6 or so alumni to volunteer to serve on one of the boards. The current Manhattan Alumni Chapter constitution and bylaws call for a minimum of 6 directors, and I would expect something similar for the new organization. Some current members may prefer the advisory board to the housing board, so there should be open positions for each. Please consider serving one organization or the other to help continue the mission of the fraternity. I would like to gather a group of interested alumni for an organizational planning meeting in May or June.

Zeta 75th Anniversary Celebration

Next March will mark the 75th anniversary of Zeta chapter, and Tim Millsap has agreed to organize an event in Manhattan to commemorate that anniversary with the help of Dan Hall. Further details will be forthcoming as plans are made.

Educational Foundation

Thanks to the continuing generous support of our alumni, we have over \$350,000 in our fund accounts with the Foundation as reported at the National Council meeting in January. This allows us to offer generous scholarships to the young men of Zeta chapter and to support their educational needs with computing supplies and training.

Sub-Fund	Principal 6/30/2024	Contributions FY2025 as of 1/14/2025	Disbursements as of 1/14/2025	Total as of 1/14/2025
Zeta	\$ 157,717.69	\$ 4,475.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 159,192.69
Phil Krug Memorial	\$ 22,509.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,509.45
Zeta Renovation	\$ 2,751.75			\$ 2,751.75
Zeta Scholarship	\$ 164,820.80	\$ 5,399.89		\$ 170,220.69
Zeta Total	\$ 347,799.69	\$ 9,874.89	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 354,674.58

Over the last 7 years we have awarded \$74,500 in scholarships, some from the Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation and some from the KSU Foundation. Your generosity is truly a blessing.

Finances

The active chapter has had a couple of low recruitment semesters and have fallen behind in their finances with both the National fraternity and the alumni chapter. The alumni chapter had to borrow from the housing foundation to make ends meet last year and are facing a shortage again this year. We have one alumnus who will provide matching funds for donations, so please consider giving an extra contribution along with your dues this year. As always, checks can be made to Manhattan Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi and sent to Gary Raffety at 9228 W. 73rd Street in Shawnee Mission, KS 66204.