

EPSILON ZETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

EZAA News

Spring 2009

Presidential Notes

Hello everyone,

As you may know, the EZAA just held our first teleconference for our spring 2009 meeting. Although we had a very low turnout, with 3 call-ins (totaling about 10 attendees), we were able to get some important business accomplished.

The first change we made at the meeting was amending our bylaws. The updated version is available online at http://www.apoezaa.org/docs/EZAA_Bylaws.pdf. The changes are detailed in the minutes from the meeting, also available online at http://www.apoezaa.org/docs/minutes/2009_02.pdf. Alternatively, check out the separate newsletter article for the changes.

Another item of discussion was the new Alumni Association DSK that was created at the recent National Convention. The Alumni Association DSK will be given out to Epsilon Zeta alumni who have demonstrated outstanding service to the Epsilon Zeta Alumni Association. Recipients will be chosen by the current EZAA officers. It can be given out at any time. This is separate from the Outstanding Alumni Award, which is given to Epsilon Zeta alumni who have demonstrated outstanding service to the chapter, EZAA, community, APO in general, etc., every 5 years corresponding to our -5 and -0 year anniversaries.

As was established at the recent fall 2008 meeting held at the National Convention in Boston, the EZAA website

A Message from EZ

By Michael "Lindy Hop"

Doo, APO EZ President

Mel Brooks (as Louis XVI) once said, "It's good to be the king". I say, it's good to be the President... of Epsilon Zeta. You know. Perks like running Brotherhood meetings, rituals, and generally lording over the masses with a not-so-iron fist. However, being President also comes with the perk of unique perspective. It's not everyday that one gets to stand back (even while being caught up in the thick of it) and take a good look at an organization like ours. Allow me a moment to share that view with you.

Currently, Epsilon Zeta counts among its members 31 Actives, 15 Associates, and 13 Pledges. That's a lot. Almost 60 people all told. This semester, the Spring 2009 pledge class namesake is none other than Ed Pollack '01. We recognize Ed for being a driving force in Section 88 and his continued devotion to our chapter (though we forgive him for sometimes advising other chapters). Most of all, we recognize Ed for being more like Montgomery Burns than anyone else. Thanks Ed.

Those are the numbers. Cold, calculating, and unyielding. What about the warm and fuzzy side of EZ? We've done a lot already this semester. From service projects like the Regional Food Bank to fellowship events such as @SNOOZE (@ School Not-Outdoor Overnight Zebra Extravaganza, a sleepover party), this group has been more active than ever. Meanest Man On Campus is running again this semester and all bets are off as the candi-

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now features the Epsilon Zeta Google calendar on the calendar page (<http://www.apoezaa.org/calendar/index.php>). The active chapter is in charge of updating events, and they encourage alumni to attend events if they can.

Finally, while we did not set a date for the next fall 2009 meeting and elections, an e-mail will be sent out to all EZAA members sometime in the spring to determine a good date for the meeting. It will also be held as a teleconference, and I encourage all alumni to call in and join.

As always, let me know if you have any comments, suggestions, questions or other feedback for the EZAA. My inbox is always open!

In Leadership, Friendship & Service,
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Bylaw Changes

- Gender neutrality – changing "Extension Chairman" to "Extension Chair" – APPROVED
- Article IV, Section 4 – striking "assisting the Epsilon Zeta Chapter Corresponding Secretary in putting out the Chapter's Alumni Newsletter" – the chapter hasn't done an alumni newsletter in at least 15 years – APPROVED
- Article IV, Section 4 – adding "registering the Association with the National Office by the annual deadline;" – this more accurately represents our operating procedure – APPROVED
- Article IV, Section 5 – changing "that" to "the" – typo – APPROVED
- Article IV, Section 5 – striking "The Extension Chairman shall send to the National Office the names and addresses of all such alumni," – along with addition in Section 4, more accurately represents how the EZAA actually does things – APPROVED

Alumni Notes

Paul Sicard has finally thrown out his ice hockey skates, which were last used in 1987 (and used only once since 1980). (Of course, it has also been said that they were never properly used ever.) The blades had actually rusted sitting in the Louisiana heat in the garage.

Want an announcement of your own to be included in the next newsletter? Simply send the announcements to the EZAA via mail or to ezaasectreas@gmail.com.

A Message from EZ (cont'd)

dates pour in. I'm putting my money on Quorum the RNE Duck. On the business end, we are in the process of overhauling the chapter Bylaws for the first time since 1980 in a series of amendments and revisions that reflect the current state of the chapter. The work is slow but decent. We even had 15 Brothers at the 2008 National Convention in Boston (and were extremely happy to see EZ Alums).

What this all sums up to is that the state of the chapter is better than ever. Sure, there is a constant ebb and flow of Brothers that come through. Old traditions are laid by the wayside (but not all of them!) and new traditions are forged (Bat Bids, anyone?). It's this flux (capacitor) that keeps the chapter fresh and new through time.

So there you go. I've only highlighted a few of the things going on with the active chapter. However, there is so much more than what I've covered thus far. I encourage you to come check us out sometime. We have a Google calendar going on at <http://tinyurl.com/apoezcal> (URL shortened for convenience). As always, our events are open to you. Just let us know if you are stopping by.

Announcements

Anyone interested in obtaining a CD version of the history of the Epsilon Zeta chapter (1947-2005) can do so by sending a donation of \$5 or more to the EZAA. Please indicate with the donation that you would like a CD, as many have already obtained a copy.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the EZAA. If you have donated recently and have not received a confirmation letter please send a follow-up letter to the EZAA or email ezaasectreas@gmail.com.

Stay up to date! Our online form makes it easy to update your contact information. The form is available at www.apoezaa.org/index/update.php. Contact information updates can also be done through regular mail.

EZAA directories available. Directories are available for order at a cost of \$10 which includes printing, binding and shipping. You can order them whenever you'd like by mailing a check payable to the Epsilon Zeta Alumni Association.