

Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc

Board of Directors Meeting

May 3, 2026

Zoom Call Meeting

President Kevin Krepinevich called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Eastern Time via Zoom. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Mike Bariski, Douglas Bull, John Farrar, Kevin Krepinevich

Non-voting Members Present: None

New 2026-2028 Directors Present: Lucian Dean, Grant Riley

Absent: Andrew Auth

Excused: Cooper Collins, Eric Lehman, Brody McKenna, Gary Perdue,

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

Amend the Standard Code of Conduct to be in Good Standing item 11 with Theta Chi Fraternity Constitution and Bylaws Article VI, Section 13.

Secretary Report

Motion by Doug Bull

That the minutes of the March 29, 2026, Zeta Alpha Chapter Alumni Board Conference Call Meeting to be approved.

Second and passed without dissent.

Board Directors Election

Secretary Farrar reported balloting for the 3 Board of Directors positions was conducted April 10 – 25, 2026. Three (3) brothers were elected/re-elected to the Alumni Board for the 2026-2028 term with 82 respondents.

- Lucian Dean (21) with 86.67% of the vote
- Grant Riley (23) with 86.67% of the vote
- John Farrar (74) with 80% of the vote

Congratulations to those members who have chosen to take their time, talent and treasure to provide leadership for the Alumni Board, the Alumni and the Zeta Alpha Chapter.

The annual report was distributed on May 1, 2026 to all individuals we have on our distribution list covering the activities of the Alumni Board and the Chapter during 2025-2026.

We were contacted by Alumnus Brother Gary Hamm who was a collegian initiate between 84-86 and had commented that a pledge brother was passing on copies of the Alumni newsletter. He has been added to the database.

Purchase of Memorial Bricks

Secretary Farrar has reviewed the minutes of the 2025-2026 year and eleven (11) Memorial Bricks need to be ordered so they may be placed at the Alumni House before Homecoming 2026.

Motion by Mike Bariski

That the Alumni Board authorizes the ordering of a Memorial Brick for each of the following deceased brothers to the SRU Alumni Association with a note to expect a check for the Memorial Bricks purchase. Treasurer Bull will transfer \$1,100.00 from the Brick Fund Savings Account to the General Fund. Following the transfer a check will be distributed from the General Fund to the SRU Alumni Association to cover the cost.

- John Mooney - 240-3
- Albert Cain - 240-17
- Robert Depp - 240-44
- William Muir - 240-63
- Thomas Holben - 240-74
- George Bowers - 240-77
- Michael Santanna - 240-93
- James Metar - 240-109
- David Hansen - 240-133
- Glenn R. Jones – 240-205
- John Costa - 240-260

Second and passed without dissent.

Treasures Report as of 5/3/26

Treasurer Doug Bull reported the following financial information and activity to the Board since the last meeting.

General Fund Activity

Opening balance	\$3,720.92	
Income		
Date Item	Amount	
	Golf Outing registrations	\$220.00*
	Saturday Awards Dinner	\$100.00*
	T-sign purchases	\$700.00*
Total	\$1,020.00	

**There are 9 registrations for which we have yet to receive outing or dinner funds and 3 T-signs ordered for which we have yet to receive funds.

Expense		
Date	Item	Amount

<u>No expense items since the last meeting</u>		
Total		\$ 0.00

General Fund Balance		\$ 4,740.92
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Brick Fund Activity

Opening balance		\$ 1,731.00
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Income		
Date	Item	Amount

<u>No income items since the last meeting</u>		\$ 0.00
Total		\$ 0.00

Expense		
Date	Item	Amount

<u>No expense items since the last meeting</u>		
Total		\$ 0.00

Brick Fund Closing Balance		\$ 1,731.00
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Scholarship Fund Accounting - The Helping Hand Scholarship

Opening Balance		Amount
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\$ 35,530.86

Endowment	\$ 25,150.00
Interest Account	\$ 10,380.86

Income		
Date	Item	Amount

<u>Donations</u>		\$ 20.00
Total		\$ 20.00

Expense		
Date	Item	Amount

<u>Scholarship for Jake Levy</u>		\$ 500.00
Total		\$ 0.00

Closing Balance**\$ 35,050.86**

Endowment \$ 25,150.00
Interest Account \$ 9,900.86

During 2026, the chapter had a total of \$ 4,500.00 available for use from the Interest Account based on the rollover of \$3,500.00 of unused funds from previous years and the addition of \$1,000 as of 1/1/26 as per design of the fund. Since January \$500 in awards have been presented leaving \$4,000 available for the chapter to request.

The General Fund is a checking account and the Brick Fund is a savings account. When brick(s) are purchased, money is moved from the Brick Fund savings account to the General Fund checking account for payments.

Interest earned by the Helping Hand Fund between 7/1 and 6/30 each year is normally deposited by 7/31.

President Report

President Krepinevich reported that he attended the Zeta Alpha Chapter's PI class installation on April 19, 2026. It is becoming a bigger event each year and continues to run smoothly and the chapter is determined not to "cut corners." There is a sincere reverence during the ceremonies. One item of interest is the chapter seems to have a tough time holding onto flag poles. He commented that he has purchased over the years for the chapter 4 flag poles and only 1 is to be found so he plans to speak with President Levy and arrange for 2 more flag poles so all of the flags at installation will be on a pole!

He noted that he was able to present a Golden Guard Award for 50 years of membership in Theta Chi Fraternity to his pledge brother Rick Stafford who has been confined to an assisted living facility for 15 years after a unusual accident. In attendance were Brothers, Tom Brandis, Mike Young and Mark Heimerdinger. These brothers have been visiting Brother Rick about once a month and having lunch, tellings stories, keeping up with basketball. Since he does not have email, these brothers have agreed to print out the Alumni newsletter each issue and take a paper copy to Brother Rick so he can continue to feel a part of the fraternity. There was a general opinion that this vist and the presentation was something to which Brother Rick reacted to ina very positive and emotional way.

Needless to say we have been busy with conducting an election, putting together the annual report and continuing to coordinate arrangements for the Weekend golf Outing June 12-13, 2026.

A banner has been ordered for the event. If the home page of the website is viewed, a copy of what the banner will look like is displayed. We will need someone to help hang it at the golf course and at the the house.

One of the things he learned while visiting the installation of the chapter's PI pledge class was that it would be in our best interest on Saturday Night Awards at the outing we announce what is going to happenand in what order so Brothers can stay focused at the task at hand so we may move through the ceremonies smoothly.

There will be more dicussion later in the meeting about the outing, but he commented that we have already received several registrations and as Treasurer Doug has noted begun receiving checks already.

Finally, he has had discussions with the IHQ over the last couple weeks. Because of those discussions an item was added to the agenda concerning Amend the Standard Code of Conduct to be in Good Standing item 11 with Theta Chi Fraternity Constitution and Bylaws Article VI, Section 13 because the current document is actually superseded by the Theta Chi Constitution and Bylaws.

He stated he looks forward to a productive meeting and welcomes newly elected Board members Lucian Dean and Grant Riley to the Board.

They will be observers (though their thoughts as alumni will be appreciated during our discussions) until we recess to elect officers for the 2026-2027 year.

He finally challenged the Board to continue to extend an *Θηρόπορα Χείρ*.

Chapter Advisor Report

No report

Committee Chair Reports

Web Support Advisor

No report

Helping Hand Fund Chair

Brother Perdue contacted President Krepinevich and noted since there was a sudden influx of information of brothers who have passed onto the Chapter Eternal this year, he has offered to create a solicitation of the membership to consider donations to the Brick Fund. Additionally, he suggested we “pass the can” at the outing collecting what we can to help replenish the fund.

Old Business

Letter addressing misinformation being shared with only a select portion of the alumni membership and disregard for Board Policy.

President Krepinevich reported that a letter is being developed with the help of the IHQ and others including the Board who have knowledge of the issues as discussed at the last meeting. We hope to distribute a “close to final” draft to the members of the 2026-2027 Alumni Board for final review and edits so it can be distributed in a reasonable amount of time.

Motion by Doug Bull

That the President and Secretary with the help of the IHQ and others including the Board who have knowledge of the issues create a final draft of the letter addressing misinformation being shared with only a select portion of the alumni membership and disregard for Board Policy. This will be distributed to the 2026-2027 Board members for review and edits as necessary. The finalized letter over the signature of the Alumni Board Secretary with the remainder of the Board copied, shall be distributed by registered mail on June 11, 2026.

Second and passed without dissent.

Theta Chi Fraternity 170th anniversary Convention and 42nd school of Fraternity Practices.

President Krepinevich reported that he and 2 collegians have registered for and will be traveling to attend this event. It will be held July 10 – 14, 2026 in San Antonio Texas. More information is on the Theta Chi website.

33rd Zeta Alpha Chapter Outing Weekend

The Board discussed finalizing arrangements for the 33rd Zeta Alpha Weekend Golf Outing. Including but not limited to Friday events, golf events, awards events, Golden Guard Awards, Raffle items, weekend banner, t-sign purchases, housing, and finally SRU day at PNC park on June 14, 2026.

Homecoming October 9-10, 2026

The Board was reminded that the dates that can be placed on calendars of October 9-10 for the Chapter hosting Alumni at SRU Homecoming 2026.

New Business

Motion by Mike Bariski

Amend the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi's Standard Code of Conduct to be in Good Standing item 11 by replacing current wording with Theta Chi Fraternity Constitution and Bylaws Article VI, Section 13 and removing unnecessary wording. (Attachment A)

Second and passed without dissent.

2026-2027 Chapter Funding Request due by June 1, 2026

President Krepinevich has been in contact with Chapter President Levy reminding him he should be working with Chapter Advisor Lehman to obtain a funding request for the 2026-2027 year be submitted to Chapter Advisor Lehman so the request can be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

At this point the Board meeting was recessed for the 2026-2027 Alumni Board to elect officers.

2026-2027 Alumni Board Officers Election

Nominations were presented and elections were held for the Alumni Board officers for 2026-2027. The results of the election are:

- President Kevin Krepinevich
- Treasurer Doug Bull
- Secretary John Farrar

Congratulations to the brothers who were elected to those leadership positions.

The 2025-2026 Alumni Board Meeting returned from recess.

Alumni Board Expression of Gratitude

The Alumni Board extended its thanks and appreciation of the efforts of Brothers Cooper Colins and Andrew Auth for serving on the Alumni Board from 2024-2026 and hope to see their continued support of the Chapter and its activities.

Next Alumni Newsletter

Since the Weekend Golf outing is June 12-13, the next newsletter should be distributed by July 10, 2026, providing enough time to gather pictures and information related to the Outing Weekend and give Treasurer Bull time to reconcile funds related to the outing.

For the Good of the Fraternity

Each Board member was given the opportunity to make any final comments for the "Good of the Fraternity."

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting shall be June 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. eastern time by Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted
John Farrar, Secretary

Standards Code of the Alumni Corporation of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Inc.

Since our founding, Theta Chi members have worked to attain and represent the highest ideals possible in every phase of life. We strive to create an environment of fellowship and friendship, learning and sharing, and pride and achievement. Our ability as a fraternal organization to reach that goal, and in turn enrich and enhance the well-being of others, depends upon the standards and dedication of our individual members. As individual members, we are dedicated to operating with integrity, pride, and sensitivity. Theta Chi has a proud tradition of the quality of its membership. A Theta Chi tries to be a mature person, gracious and respectful of others, and of himself. He is conscious of the fact that his personal conduct, attitudes, and standards affect the welfare and reputation of Theta Chi. Each member must guard the honor and privilege of his Theta Chi membership, and each alumni chapter should develop standards programs that encourage positive development of each member.

The Alumni Corporation of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Thea Chi Inc. holds its members accountable for the following items to be in good standing:

- **Laws, Rules, and Policies.** Theta Chi members will abide by all federal, state, and local laws, as well as the standing rules, policies, standards and bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity, the local chapter and Slippery Rock University.
- **Moral Conduct.** Theta Chi expects a brother to have a set of personal standards, which commands self-respect. A Theta Chi member conducts himself so as to be a credit to his brothers and to his fraternity as an inducted new member, an undergraduate member, and as an alumnus member. Personal pride, integrity, honesty, and respect should govern the attitude, appearance, language, manners, and conduct of each Theta Chi member. Actions speak louder than words and the actions of a Theta Chi must always be consistent with our high ideals, principles, and values. Anything less is hypocritical and unacceptable.
- **Confidentiality.** Theta Chi is a secret society. Loyalty to Theta Chi, to its ideals, to its principles, and to the brothers, is expected of each member. Theta Chi ritual and fraternity business are private and belong only to members; accordingly, members will not communicate ritual or fraternity business to non-members.
- **Finance.** Each member shall promptly meet his financial obligations to the Alumni Corporation by March 1 of each year.
- **Alcohol.** The use of alcohol is a matter of personal choice for those of legal drinking age. Each member is expected to make responsible choices regarding alcohol. Misuse or abuse of alcohol reflects unfavorably on the public image of Theta Chi and the entire Greek system and has the potential for serious health risks. At all Theta Chi Alumni Corporation functions where alcohol is consumed, the following guidelines will be in effect and will be followed.
 - No alcohol will be given or sold to any undergraduates at any alumni functions without verifying the age of the undergraduate to ensure there is no dispute, disagreement, implied impropriety or need to manage the distribution of alcohol to undergraduates.

- No Alumni Corporation funds will be used for the purchase of alcohol at any Alumni Corporation sponsored event.
 - No member or guest who appears to be under the influence of alcohol will be permitted to operate a motor vehicle.
- **Hazing.** Hazing in any form is absolutely prohibited in Theta Chi. Theta Chi members will not haze. Hazing is any situation, which creates mental or physical abuse, discomfort, embarrassment, ridicule or harassment, whether on or away from fraternity property. Theta Chi Fraternity promotes fellowship and brotherhood among its members and practices positive educational programming. Hazing in no way achieves this goal. Theta Chi does not segregate pre-initiated members from initiated members without a constructive purpose in mind.
- **Illegal Drugs.** Theta Chi members will not use, will not have in their possession, and will not traffic in illegal drugs at any Alumni sponsored events.
- **Sexual Harassment.** Theta Chi men should have a position of influence in the direction and achievements of the university and their community, and activities should promote self-worth, human dignity and a positive Greek image. Theta Chi affirms that the dignity of the individual is a basic element of a civilized society which comes from a feeling of positive self-worth, that the individual self-worth is a necessary factor in establishing healthy relationships between sexes and that sexual harassment of any individual or group to any degree is deplorable. Therefore, as members of a Greek society, we reject all activities, including competitive games, which are destructive, demeaning, abusive, promote divisiveness and those that promote a negative image of the Greek community in general.
- **Housing and Visitation.** When Theta Chi housing is provided, it is maintained for the benefit of all members, and as the official residence of a chapter it impacts the campus image of that chapter. A positive reflection of Theta Chi standards is to be conveyed at all times. All alumni members will respect the chapter housing unit whenever it may be visited.
- **Mentoring.** Members should be aware they are role models for the undergraduate members, and being so, should interact with the undergraduate members in a respectful, dignified way upholding the highest standards of Theta Chi.
- **Enforcement of the Standards Code** Any member found to be in violation of this Standards Code is subject to disciplinary measures or membership cancellation as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity Article VI, Section 13. ~~Implementation of the procedures for handling infraction of the Standards Code is the responsibility Board of Directors of the Alumni Corporation of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi, Inc. In addition to the conduct defined in this Standards Code, any action by a member, which adversely affects Theta Chi, himself, or any other member is specifically prohibited, and the member is subject to the same procedural provisions as are those members whose conduct is specifically addressed herein.~~ (Amended 5/3/26. Underlines are additions and strike throughs are deletions. A copy of the most recent copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity can be found at Thetachi.org or on the Zeta Alpha website.)