

Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc

Board of Directors Meeting

June 29, 2025

Zoom Call Meeting

President Kevin Krepinevich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time via Zoom. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Douglas Bull, Cooper Collins, John Farrar, Eric Lehman, Kevin Krepinevich

Absent: Andrew Auth, Mike Bariski,

Excused: Brody McKenna, Gary Perdue

Final additions and/or corrections to the agenda were made.

Secretary Report

Motion by Cooper Collins

The minutes of the April 27, 2025 Zeta Alpha Chapter Alumni Board Conference Call Meeting to be approved.

Second by John Farrar and passed without dissent.

Treasures Report April 27, 2025

Treasurer Doug Bull reported the following financial information and activity to the Board

Balance as of April 27, 2025	\$ 4,006.18	Combined total all accounts
	\$ 1,831.00	Brick Fund
	\$ 2,175.18	General Fund

General Fund Activity

Income	\$ 1,750.00	T-sign donations
	\$ 770.00	14 Golf Registrations using Square
	\$ 1,090.00	Golf Registrations cash or check
	\$ 230.00	Contest winner's donations including \$30 square
	\$ 310.00	50/50 Raffle and winner donation
	<u>\$ 4,180.00</u>	Total
Expenses		
	\$1,620.00	Balance of golf fees to course
	\$ 302.74	Hot dog and drink for attendees
	\$ 22.90	Square processing fee
	<u>\$ 1,945.64</u>	Total Expense
	\$2,234.36	Net Income vs expenses

Balance as of June 29, 2025	\$ 6,240.54	Combined total all accounts
	\$ 1,831.00	Brick Fund
	\$ 4,409.54	General Fund

There are two events that will occur by the 7th of July to close out activity for the month both are expenses:

- Treasurer Doug Bull will process payment for the printing of T-signs - \$40.00
- Treasurer Doug Bull will transfer \$100 from the Brick Fund Savings account to the General Fund increasing the General Fund account by \$100 and then the to purchase from the General Fund a brick for Brother Terry C. Colatriano - \$100.

Scholarship Fund Accounting **The Helping Hand Scholarship.**

Endowment Account (Book Value Account)	\$ 25,150.00
Interest Account (Award Account)	\$ 9,255.35
Combined Scholarship Total	\$ 34,405.35

A telephone meeting was held with David Hollenbauch, Executive Director of the SRU Foundation confirming the above numbers. He will also provide a copy of the Stewardship Report for 2023-2024 to be added to the Helping Hand Fund web site page and in November he will provide the Stewardship Report for 2024-2025 in November.

An update of income and expenses for 2025 will be provided by David Hollenbauch on September 1, 2025 to include accumulated interest.

Check requests sent for Helping Hand Scholarship Awards should be sent to Tammy Cunningham at tcunningham@srufoundation.org. Since student account numbers are provided, as part of a check request, funds will be electronically transferred into the student account for access.

A \$500 request was authorized by the chapter and is currently pending with Financial Aid for a student/brother who experienced a financial issue related to his transportation home. It does not seem to be held up other than staff availability at SRU. This will be the second \$500 award so far this year. \$3,500 will remain available for the chapter to use during the year. If no more awards are provided, an additional \$1,000.00 will be made available for awards for 2026.

President Report

President Krepinevich reported that the state of the Fraternity is in excellent condition. The golf outing that will be discussed later was probably the most successful since the April 2016 event when members of the Theta Chi Fraternity IHQ staff attended to conduct an assessment as to the viability of recolonizing a chapter at Slippery Rock University.

He personally thanked members of the Board, members of the previous year's Board and those that donated prizes and funds as well as T-signs for the event.

President Krepinevich will work with Chapter Advisor Lehman to assist the Chapter in sending letters of appreciation to all who donated.

The intent with Board Meetings is expect all members to be as prepared and efficient as possibly to respect all Board members time.

There may be many details of arrangements and activities that do not require a Board meeting to achieve and he asked each Board member who may have an assignment, when completed, to email the entire Board the FINAL results of the activity. These will be reviewed at the following Board meeting but again in respect of everyone's time the Board can get things done in the background between meetings.

Additionally, since the Board meeting dates for the year are already set, and that each attendee's input is valuable, attendance should not be an issue. If it is he requested to be informed of any conflicts so minor adjustments can be made.

The only 2 meetings scheduled for the remainder of this administrative year are February 1, 2026 and May 9, 2026.

The next newsletter is scheduled to be distributed on July 1, 2025.

Chapter Advisor Report

Chapter Advisor Eric Lehman reported that Aug 25 is the first day of class. The Chapter's Executive Board is meeting over the summer.

Academics, though impressive, with 4 brothers with a 4.0 and a total of 19 brothers on the Dean's List, the chapter is planning strategies to support brothers with lower GPA's and reward those making the Dean's List.

Finances are always a struggle for any chapter. The Executive Board is working to help brothers understand when financial commitments are due and the amounts so they may be able to deal with the financial deadlines. For the 2025-2026 academic year dues for each semester are \$281 plus \$18 for Greek Bill (the software for chapters to manage their finances, specifically for tasks like billing members, collecting payments, and tracking expenses.) It provides tools for treasurers to streamline these processes, moving away from manual methods. Additionally, the Chapter members usually equally divide (once a year) the cost of Chapter Spot (a CRM or Customer Relationship Management software) fee of \$360 for administrative access to Theta Chi International's membership management. So, in 2025-2026 in the fall each will pay \$307 and in the spring \$299. Each year dues can increase by as much as (2% - 6% a year.)

The Executive Board of the Chapter continues to work on the WHY as to what they are paying and the benefits it purchases.

Recruitment continues to be a priority and the beginnings of a fall recruitment list has already begun to be developed.

Committee Chair Reports

Web Support Advisor, Brody McKenna – no report
Helping Hand Fundraising Chair, Gary Perdue – No Report

Old Business

2025 Golf Outing

The 32nd Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity was held June 20-21, 2025. held at Slippery Rock Golf Course on June 21st.

Friday, June 20, 2025

Activities began with a Welcome Event held by the chapter for those who travelled distances or live locally to gather for food, fun and brotherhood. There was no cost for the event though donations were appreciated. 33 brothers registered for the event.

The chapter provided name tags and a hand stamp for all registrants to help to "Get to Know Each Other," a plastic cup for beverages.

Tours of the house were offered and a display of the awards and recognition the chapter has received since 2018 were displayed. Some alumni brought their pledge class boards and personal boards for display not only this weekend but also in the new house this fall. (no longer hiding in basements.)

Hamburgers and hot dogs were available to be cooked to your preference in the new chapter grill along with various condiments, sides and watermelon. Brother Jake (Breadman) Levy coordinated registration and Brother Aiden Keller assumed most of the grill activities.

Brothers asked questions, were involved in a variety of conversations and many stories were shared late into the evening.

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Brothers were encouraged to visit campus and see how it has changed or to visit haunts previously visited and memories were shared.

The Golf Outing was held at the Slippery Rock Golf Club & Events Center. and began at 1:00 p.m. with a shotgun start. There were 6 teams of 4 and one team of 5 for a total of 29 players but an additional 14 brothers attended and sat on the porch and told stories or rode in carts observing and antagonizing during the event.

A hot dog and beverage were provided by the Alumni Board for each registrant who attended.

Most participants were able to select prizes for the competition from the prize table (though none as good as Eveready Flashlights!) and were generously donated by Brother Mike Bariski. Other donations to prizes were also provided by Brother Gary Donelli.

There was a competition for Closest to the Pin. This was won by Brother John Farrar winning \$155 and then volunteered to donate his winnings to the Alumni Association to support Chapter Activities.

There was a competition for Longest Drive. This was won by Brother Jake Good winning \$155 and then volunteered to donate his winnings to the Alumni Association to support Chapter Activities.

As in the past, Brother Steve Pennell sold 50/50 raffle tickets to attendees \$10 got you an arm's length of tickets. We were pleased to have Brother Jim Grissinger from the Zeta Beta Alumni (who has attended several of the outings) volunteered and helped Brother Pennell in the sales of the tickets. A total of \$310 was collected for the 50/50 raffle with \$155 to go to the Alumni Chapter and \$155 to be presented to the winner. In an interesting turn of events, Brother Jim Grissinger won the drawing and then volunteered to donate his winnings to the Alumni Association to support Chapter Activities.

President Joe Hemple shared remarks and accomplishments of the chapter with all attendees of which all were very impressed, proud and enthusiastically supportive!

Honorary Member and current Vice President of Theta Chi Fraternity International Brother Alan Copeland from the Zeta Beta Chapter shared with those in attendance the current state of Theta Chi Fraternity and stated that as an organization we are growing and having our best year in history. He has attended almost every outing since 2018.

Additionally, President Joe Hemple and Vice President Alan Copeland presented **Golden Guard Awards** to brothers in attendance who have been members for 50 years or more.

This year presentations were made to:

- John Farrar
- George Musko
- Stephen Pennell
- Gary Sablowski
- David Stotka

Brothers participated and provided T-signs for the Golf Outing raising funds for the Helping Hand Scholarship Fund. The "Helping Hand Scholarship Fund" is a discretionary financial donation to the student, offering support in an academic year and does not need to be paid back. Funds are provided thanks to donations by Slippery Rock University Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Alumni and friends with the intention of assisting with general living and/or course-related costs may include partial tuition fees or unexpected expenses. It is eligible only to SRU Zeta Alpha Theta Chi members in good standing.

We wish to thank the following Brothers for their purchase of a T-signs raising \$1,750 and for supporting the chapter:

- Brother Bob Baudoux, Jr.
- Brother Gary Eckert
- Brother Gary Donelli
- Brother Jim Dunn
- Brother John Farrar
- Brother Rick Fox
- Brother James Friend
- Brother Gus Kreuzer
- Brother Tom Liacha
- Brother Sky Pederson
- Brother Patrick Russell
- Brother David Stotka/Kevin Krepinevich
- Brother Joe White

Saturday, June 21, 2025 - Bar-B-Q

After golf the brothers returned to 244 Elm Street for the Bar-B-Q. We had 45 registrants for the event.

For \$20 per attendee Brothers were treated to a variety of beverages, ribs, hamburgers, hotdogs, seasoned roast beef, baked beans, and side dishes and condiments, with no limit on return visits and there was plenty to go around. The Chapter provided name tags and a hand stamp for all registrants to help to "Get to Know Each Other," a plastic cup for beverages.

Special thanks are extended and Chapter Honors to Judee Henderson (Brother Connor Solomon's Grandmother and the Pittsburgh Barbecue Company - 1000 Banksville Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216) for sponsoring and provided the catering for the Chapter hosted BBQ and a special thanks to Brothers Mike Ambrose and Mason Pritchard for transporting the food from Pittsburgh area Saturday Morning.

More information and photos from the event are available under Chapter News>Chapter News 2025 or directly visit at https://zachapter.com/?page_id=3988

Moving of the General Fund and Brick Fund to Bank in Slippery Rock

On June 20, 2025, President Krepinevich met with Michael Huftnagle, Branch Manager of the First National Bank at Slippery Rock Plaza to close the 2 accounts in Sharon and have them moved to the Slippery Rock Branch.

A General account was opened and a Savings Account for the Brick Fund was created. Fortunately, both were moved to the new location with no disruption of service. Though not much (about (0.1%) interest will be accumulated but it can be something each year. When bricks are to be purchased funds can be moved from the Brick Fund to the General Fund for payments.

This account is completely on-line and will not require checks and there is no fee for either account if paper statements are not required.

Concerning Signature cards, it was suggested that the President, Secretary and Treasurer be the only signatories on the account. The forms were collected and signed by President Krepinevich

and forwarded to Secretary John Farrar for a notarized signature and these are to be send to Treasurer Doug Bull for a notarized signature and then returned to the Branch.

New Business

Brick Fund Activity

Motion by Doug Bull

To authorize the Secretary to purchase a memorial brick for Brother Terry C. Colatriano 240-151 who pledged in the fall of 1968 and initiated 2/19/69 to be completed by July 15, 2025 and submit receipt for reimbursement.

Second by Cooper Collins and passed without dissent.

Consideration of Chapter financial request for 2025 – 2026

The Board considered the request of the Chapter through Chapter Advisor Eric Lehman as per Article IX sections A and B of the Bylaws.

Motion by Cooper Collins

To authorize \$500 to financially support chapter activities during the 2025 – 2026 Academic Year including Homecoming 2025 and travel for 2 brothers to attend to the Theta Chi Fraternity Initiative Academy in Bloomington, IN. Receipts will need to be provided for reimbursement.

Second by John Farrar and passed without dissent.

Zeta Alpha Chapter/Alumni Website

Motion by John Farrar

To authorize \$ 176.00 for the hosting expense of the zachapter.com website for 2025-26 and that President Krepinevich will submit receipts for reimbursement.

Second by Doug Bull and passed without dissent.

Constant Contact – Newsletter and balloting software

Motion by Cooper Collins

To authorize \$107.00 for the renewal of the subscription to Constant Contact for group mailings for 2025 -26 and that President Krepinevich will submit receipts for reimbursement.

Second by Doug Bull and passed without dissent.

Convenience Fee for processing payment through electronic methods

The Board discussed processing fees expenses incurred for the convenience of individuals making payments other than a check or cash. The board is losing money on each transaction. These should be incurred like any other business as a convenience fee for those who choose those methods.

Motion by Doug Bull

It shall be the policy of the Board that a convenience fee of 3% to any payments accepted by the Alumni Board or Chapter to cover charges incurred using those payment methods. Checks or cash would incur no convenience fee.

Second by Cooper Collins and passed without dissent.

Citation for Past President Sky Pederson

Theta Chi Fraternity provides at no expense to the Alumni Board Citations noting dedication and service to the organization. It is proposed that a Citation be ordered and delivered to Past President Sky Pederson for his service as President of the Chapter for 2 years, 1 year as secretary to the Alumni Board and 4 years as president of the Alumni Board.

Motion by John Farrar

To request from Theta Chi Fraternity International a Citation noting the service of Brother Sky Pederson.

Second by Cooper Collins and passed without dissent.

Carnation Award for Judee Henderson

Judee Henderson is the grandmother of Brother Conor Solomon. When approached to cater for the Saturday Night BBQ at the Chapter House, she not only agreed to do the catering, she also provided it at no cost to the Chapter.

Vice President of Theta Chi Fraternity Alan Copeland suggested considering The Carnation Award of Theta Chi Fraternity, which may be presented as a show of appreciation to women or vendor who have rendered support to the Fraternity for Judee Henderson. The board was asked to approve working with the Chapter to obtain and present this award.

Motion by John Farrar

To assist the Zeta Alpha chapter in pursuing a Carnation Award of Theta Chi Fraternity for Judee Henderson for her service to the Fraternity.

Second by Doug Bull and passed without dissent.

Proposed amended date for new board elections

The Board discussed the timing issue related to electing Board members by April 25 and conduct officer elections by April 30. There is no need to rush the process and a meeting can be held BY May 15 to conduct this business. It also provides the outgoing Board an opportunity to conduct a final review meeting about the next golf outing.

Motion by Cooper Collins

That the Board follows the steps outlined in Article X - Amendments of Bylaws and propose amending Bylaw Article VI Section B - After each election, once elected, between April 25 and ~~April 30~~ by and May 15 the newly constituted Board shall meet by conference call and the Directors shall elect three (3) officers from amongst themselves to be concluded by the end of September.

Second by Doug Bull and passed without dissent.

Nominations for 2026-2027 Board

The board discussed nominations for 2026-2027 Board positions and gathered information as to which brothers plan to run again and vacancies that may need to be filled. Board members are to suggest any new potential Board members and share that information with President Krepinevich so he may pursue interest.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be scheduled for February 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm Eastern Time

Minutes submitted by Secretary John Farrar