

Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc

Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2026

Zoom Call Meeting

President Kevin Krepinevich called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Eastern Time via Zoom. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

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

Non-voting Members Present Eric Lehman, Brody McKenna

Absent: Andrew Auth, Gary Perdue

Additions and Corrections to the agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Secretary Report

Motion by Doug Bull

That the minutes of the February 1, 2026, Zeta Alpha Chapter Alumni Board Conference Call Meeting to be approved.

Second and passed without dissent.

Board Directors Election

Secretary Farrar reported that he had received 3 Board of Directors nominations and bios from Lucian Dean, John Fararr, Grant Riley and each is a duly initiated alumni member or honorary member of the chapter. At this time, there are no further nominations though the deadline is April 1, 2026, it is not anticipated that any other nominations will be made.

The names, bios and a ballot to elect these brothers to the Alumni Board will be included in the April 10, 2026 newsletter/ballot distributed to all initiated alumni or honorary members.

A separate newsletter will be distributed on the same day, without the ballot information to be distributed to current chapter members and others in our database who are not initiated brothers.

The balloting will be completed by end of day April 25, 2026.

Treasures Report as of 3/29/26

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

General Fund Activity

Opening balance		\$3,720.92
Income		
Date	Item	Amount
<u>No income items since the last meeting</u>		
Total		\$ 0.00
Expense		
Date	Item	Amount
<u>No expense items since the last meeting</u>		
Total		\$ 0.00
General Fund Balance		\$ 3,720.92

Brick Fund Activity

Opening balance		\$ 1,731.00
Income		
Date	Item	Amount
<u>No income items since the last meeting</u>		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
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

Scholarship Fund Accounting - The Helping Hand Scholarship

Opening Balance		Amount
		\$ 35,530.86
Endowment	\$ 25,150.00	
Interest Account	\$ 10,380.86	
Income		

Date	Item	Amount
	Donations	\$ 10.00
	Total	\$ 10.00

Expense		
Date	Item	Amount
	Non since last meeting	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$ 0.00

Closing Balance **\$ 35,540.86**

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

During the 2026, the chapter has 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.

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.

Treasurer Bull reported that the 990-N Tax Exempt filing for 2025 was completed by 2/14/26 and the documentation is available online.

After the February Board meeting, Treasurer Bull checked with the Alumni House related to brick purchases, since it was his first attempt as Treasurer, to confirm the steps necessary to complete the process in June. During the call he learned, that instead of working within the Alumni Board as expected, Jack Shivetts was involved in purchasing a brick for Donald "Doc" Hannon and Ken Sherwin also purchased a brick for and Theodore Disalvo. These 2 bricks will be removed from the list of 6 purchases noted in the February meeting minutes when purchased in June.

President Report

President Krepinevich reported that since the February 1, 2026 Board Meeting we have been able to complete projects and continue plans for the 2026 Golf Outing Weekend activities. Much of the information related to the outing will be discussed in detail when we cover that item later in the agenda.

Once Treasurer Bull completed the 990-N form, we were able to submit the necessary paperwork to Theta Chi International for official recognition. A confirmation letter was received on February 16, 2026 from Theta Chi International that the Zeta Alpha Alumni Association (recognized for 2024-2026) has obtained recognition effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. A copy of the letter appears on the website at: https://zchapter.com/?page_id=6002.

As a result of the February Board meeting, an email was sent to Brother Ron Burke on February 4, 2026 explaining the results of the Board's discussions concerning his recommendations to the Board for the Brick Fund including the purchase and distribution of bricks. He was also referred to the website where the Board operating policies appear: https://zachapter.com/?page_id=6002.

A Citation of Honor was ordered through the International Headquarters for Immediate Past Chapter President Joe Hemple and has been received. We will plan to present it to him at the Golf Outing Weekend, unless he cannot attend and if not it will be presented during the PI Pledge Class Installation on April 19, 2026.

He mentioned that he has tried to be available, to support the chapter, at each installation and activities like the outing and homecoming, but with the Chapter hosting a Founder's Day Event on April 12 and the installation on April 19, he will not be able to attend the Founder's Day event and encourage members of the Board who are close to consider attending. Any alumni attendance will be appreciated.

President Krepinevich thanked the Board for their efforts to identify at least 3 candidates for the 2026-2028 director positions to be filled. He commented that this can be considered an example of what personal contact and speaking with brothers, tends to get a positive response. However, if it is just passive with an email and/or a text we do not get the same results. As an example during the process, it was shared that Brother Nick Trombetta expressed that he was not interested in running for the Board but expressed interest in doing things behind the scenes to help. President Krepinevich reported that he plans to reach out to Brother Nick to identify the specifics of how he might be able to help.

President Krepinevich suggested that one of the objectives the Board could be to consider is to help coordinate Alumni attending chapter meetings to conduct a 15 – 30-minute program that could help the chapter members to learn some "not found at college" experience we can share to give them a leg up on life. For instance, an alumni a couple years out of school, could explain how they got their job, what were the pitfalls and how they can position themselves in a way that improves their hiring readiness and to bring to the brother's attention to "What I didn't know when I graduated that I know now."

One of the most valuable things a fraternity provides is the experiences and connections that are not found in the classroom that make that brother even more marketable. He stated experience has been that the collegiate brothers welcome the insights and help we as alumni can provide.

The Chapter has set new standards and we should all be proud of their efforts. It appears that since January 3 more brothers have used the Resolute Man individual Track, which requires a series of activities a brother must complete, to be awarded the Resolute Man designation. The Resolute Man is an individual achievement that only a small percentage of members attain. Two Resolute Men sit on this Board and will add another after the election. This brings the chapter total of those recognized with the Resolute Man designation since we have rechartered to fourteen (14.) It is an amazing program that encourages member involvement in the chapter, the university and the community.

He asked the members of the Board to look at the responsibilities still needing to be assigned for the Golf Outing Weekend and see where they can help and represent the Board. We should be able to get other brothers to volunteer as needed, if they are just asked.

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

Chapter Advisor Report

Advisor Lehman reported that Chapter President Jake Levy distributed an email/newsletter to the alumni on March 22, 2026 highlighting items so far this year including:

- A listing of the Executive Board
- The chapter has 8 members of the PI Pledge class for the Spring semester.
- Community service projects
- Sacred Purpose programming.
- President Levy being selected to be one of the 8 chapter presidents to serve on the Theta Chi Fraternity International as an advisory board.
- Highlighted March 26 as SRU Giving Day.
- The planning for the April 12, 2026 Founders Day celebration in Slippery Rock.
- Initiation of the PI pledge class on April 19, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. eastern time on the 3rd floor of the Robert M. Smith Student Center.
- Promotion of the Golf Outing Weekend, June 12-14, 2026

He also reported that the chapter's retention rate is excellent and efforts are being made to place an emphasis on involvement and communication to maintain the membership.

The chapter members continue to express enthusiasm for the promotion of and participation in the Golf Outing Weekend.

It was noted that the Chapter needs to submit via Advisor Lehman by June 1, 2026 any funding request for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Committee Chair Reports

Web Support Advisor

Brody McKenna reported that there were no issues with the web site and posting.

Helping Hand Fund Chair

Secretary Farrar noted that solicitation of brothers to support the chapter and the Helping Hand Fund will begin in April.

Old Business

Update Board Policies and Procedures

It was shared with the Board that each of the Board Operating Policies, adopted during the February 1, 2026 meeting, have been added to the website. All Board Operating Policies adopted since 2017 can be found under Alumni Corporation Information.

Letter from Ken Sherwin

President Krepinevich discussed the circumstances surrounding a letter received by the Alumni Board from Ken Sherwin emailed on 2/16/26 and was responded to on 2/18/26 by President Krepinevich. In that email Ken Sherwin requested to be removed from the roster.

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

The Alumni Board discussed further the letter to be developed addressing misinformation being shared with only a select portion of the alumni, disregard for Alumni Board Policy and as noted earlier in the meeting related to Memorial Bricks creating confusion and duplication of actions.

New Business

2026 Golf Outing Weekend

The Board discussed specifics and responsibilities for the Golf Outing Weekend, June 12 – 14, 2026. Including:

- Six (6) Rooms reserved for brother's use at the Fairfield Inn, Slippery Rock and will be held until June 1. Any rooms not reserved by then will be released.
- Rooms are available on campus for \$75-90 per person and a link to reserve a space will be placed in the 4/10/26 newsletter.
- The Welcome Event hosted by the chapter on 6/12/26 to be held at 115 Kiester Road in Slippery Rock beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- The Golf Outing will begin at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 12:15 p.m. to register.
- Kelly Bailey, Director of Alumni Engagement, will be bringing promotional items to be distributed to attendees and will speak briefly before the event begins.
- T-sign solicitation for donations to support the Chapter and the helping Hand Fund begins in April.
- Arrangements are progressing for the raffle for a Theta Chi golf bag during the outing.
- The Saturday Awards and Dinner will be provided at the Theta Chi house registration is required for access. The chapter assumes the costs based on registrations.
- Since the golf outings the same weekend as SRU Alumni Weekend, participation in SRU Day at PNC Park to watch the Pirates play the Marlins is available to all brothers and registration will be included in the 4/10/26 newsletter.

April 10, 2026 Newsletter

The April 10, 2026 newsletter is being finalized it contains primarily the distribution of the ballot for the election of 2026-2028 Directors.

The newsletter will also include sections on the Golf Outing Weekend including registration, SRU Day at PNC Park, Congratulations to President Levy, Chapter Advisor notes, Brother Update, Alumni Board Actions, Request for personal info update and a Final Thought. Board members were asked for any other topics or information they deemed necessary.

Slippery Rock University 2026 Homecoming

The dates for the 2026 SRU Homecoming were shared as October 9-11, 2026.

Annual Report

The Board will prepare the Annual Report to be distributed by May 1, 2026.

For the Good of the Fraternity

Each Board member was offered the opportunity to speak for the Good of the Fraternity.

Next Board Meeting

To conduct a 2-part meeting, part 1 to complete a final review of arrangements and registrations for the 2026 Golf Outing and part 2 to include the election of officers for 2026-2027, President Krepinevich will reach out to the candidates not already on the Board to attend the next scheduled board meeting. The next Board meeting shall be May 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. eastern time by Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
John Farrar, Secretary