



Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Corporation

Brothers,

On March 4, 2019 President Bull sent a call for nominations for three (3) two-year terms to be filled. The terms for these three positions will begin 6/1/2019 and run through 5/31/2021. At that time, he announced that all nominations were to be sent to me at my email address merskijr@gmail.com by April 1, 2019 and be confirmed by those being nominated that they intend to run. Nominees were asked to submit a 1 or 2 paragraph letter briefly describing themselves and their background. (such as graduation year and reasons for running.)

As of April 1, 2019 I received four (4) candidates for the three positions available.

Brother Rick Fox '75

I joined Theta Chi in the Fall 1971 as a freshman and graduated from the Rock in 1975. I was an officer in the chapter for 2 years and student taught my senior year and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

I was born and raised in New Jersey and moved 40 miles east of Atlanta Georgia 15 years ago. Having attended golf outings more than 10 times over the years including since I moved to Georgia. I have stayed in touch with many Brothers and have relied on their advise an council while serving.

I have served 1 term on the Board, during that time I spent my first year on the Board as Secretary attempting to establish proper protocol for the position and following the bylaws.

Before even serving on the Board I volunteered to participate in the development of the materials and bylaws to establish the Alumni Board, helping to support the Resolute Man Scholarship and proposing ways to financially support the new chapter.

It was an honor to travel from Georgia to attend the recolonization ceremony in September 2017 and I continue to be impressed with the collegians and their accomplishments. I would be honored, if elected, to serve a 2nd term and help the ongoing effort to establish a sound base to help support the Zeta Alpha Chapter at Slippery Rock.

Brother Dr. Donald "Doc" Hannon '65

I am a 1965 graduate of Slippery Rock University. During my time at the college, I was one of the founding brothers of Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi at SRU in 1964. As one of the original pledges to this chapter of Theta Chi, I would be honored to be considered for a seat on the Alumni Board. I've remained involved Theta Chi International for 55 years, despite the fraternity not being on Slippery Rock's campus for several years.

Because of my commitment to this organization and chapter as founding

brother, I dedicated myself to helping re-instate an active chapter at SRU. I value the opportunity to take a more active role on the alumni board as the local chapter continues to grow at SRU. I am very eager to support this chapter and help guide the next generation of Theta Chi members.

Currently, I serve as the Chair for the Standard of Conduct Committee for the Alumni Board. In this role, I was instrumental in helping to write the Procedural Code of Conduct for the Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi.

After graduating from SRU, I went on to teach high school math and science in New Castle Area Schools until my retirement in 1996. I went on to earn my masters and doctorate degrees at the University of Pittsburgh. I retired in 1996, which enables me to take on such a role. I've attended all meetings, events and activities associated with the alumni chapter.

I strongly believe that I bring to the table a wealth of experience and expertise that would prove beneficial to the alumni board.

Brother Sky Pederson '19

I am a graduating senior and am about to be an Alumnus at Slippery Rock University and a member of the Zeta Alpha Alumni. This May I will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in Economics. After seeing and experiencing all of the amazing opportunities that Theta Chi has to offer, I would like to continue to extend a helping hand by seeking a spot on the Alumni Board after graduation.

As a one of the founding fathers of the recolonized Zeta Alpha Chapter, I served as President for three semesters. It was not easy, but I enjoyed every minute of it. During my time as Chapter President, I worked very closely with the Alumni Board. We planned events, problem solved, and came up with new ideas to recruit members in to our fraternity. I have seen the awesome things the Alumni have done for our Zeta Alpha Chapter and more that can be done which is why I would like to run for a spot on the Alumni Board.

I feel I can bring a perspective to the Board of what the collegians of today are thinking and need which is unique.

Brother Patrick Russell '78

A manager for 24 years in manufacturing and construction, I am currently a successful Realtor with Howard Hanna Real Estate Services. Married for 25 years to my wife Linda we have a daughter, Hannah, who attends Tulane University in New Orleans. We moved to Neshannock Township, near New Castle, in 1996.

I attended Slippery Rock from 1975-1978, pledging with the Alpha Beta pledge class and serving as the fraternity treasurer in my sophomore year. I graduated in 1992 from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Technology.

We love to travel, and we enjoy going to the gym, racquetball, golf, & the arts.

I have participated in the golf outing in the past and have been actively participating with the new chapter attending events such as the installation of the Chapter in April of 2018 and would like to take a more active role in supporting the chapter as a member of the Alumni Board.

**It is now time for you to cast your ballot.
You have until April 25, 2019 to cast your electronic ballot.**

Those eligible to vote are initiated alumni members or honorary members Zeta

Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, in good standing.

On the next page, I am distributing ballots to all voting members electronically.

[**You may click here to start the process to cast your ballot.**](#)

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