

Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc

Board of Directors Meeting

June 28, 2026

Zoom Call Meeting

President Kevin Krepinevich called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Eastern Time via Zoom. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Douglas Bull, Lucian Dean, John Farrar, Kevin Krepinevich, Grant Riley,

Non-voting Members Present: Eric Lehman, Brody McKenna

Absent:

Excused: Mike Bariski

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

Under new business: Addition of authorization of funds for the website hosting and Constant Contact email program

Secretary Report

Motion by Doug Bull

That the minutes of the May 3, 2026, Zeta Alpha Chapter Alumni Board Conference Call Meeting to be approved.

Second and passed without dissent.

Treasures Report as of 6/28/26

Since the May 3, 2026 meeting, Treasurer Doug Bull reported the following financial information and activity to the Board.

General Fund Activity

Opening Balance	\$ 4,740.92
Income	
Item	Amount
Cash to make change	\$ 100.00
Golf Outing registrations paid (47)	\$ 2,225.00*
Saturday Dinner registrations paid (50)	\$ 900.00
T-sign purchases paid (21)	\$ 1,400.00**
Raffle Income	\$ 508.00
Donations Contest Winners Kreuzer/Atteridge	\$ 200.00
<u>Donations to Alumni Fund – Bolt/Laicha/Ho</u>	<u>\$ 155.00</u>
Total	\$5,518.00

*One T-sign payment of \$300.00 is outstanding from Sky Pederson that arrived today to be added at next report.

**There was 1 golf registration that we are still in the process of collecting \$55 that needs to be discussed.

Expense Item	Amount
Cash to make change	\$ 100.00
Golf Fees	\$ 2,335.00
Hot Dog, Chips and soda for attendees	\$ 202.00
Deposit for 2027 Outing	\$ 250.00
Transfer of funds to chapter for Saturday Dinner	\$ 1,001.00
Total	\$ 3,888.00
 Closing Balance	 \$ 6,370.92

Brick Fund Activity

Opening Balance	\$ 1,731.05
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Income Item	Amount
Donation to the Brick Fund - Howard	\$ 55.00
Interest	0.08
Donation – Perdue	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 305.08

Expense Item	Amount
Purchase of 10 memorial bricks	\$ 1,000.00*
Total	\$ 1,000.00

Brick Fund Closing Balance	\$ 1,036.13
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*\$1,100.00 was authorized at the May 3, 2026 meeting. However, a Memorial Brick for Dave Hansen had been purchased, of which we had not been notified, so only \$1,000.00 in receipts were provided and Secretary Farrar was reimbursed for the purchase.

Scholarship Fund Accounting - The Helping Hand Scholarship

Opening Balance	Amount
	\$ 35,050.86
Endowment	\$ 25,150.00
Interest Account	\$9,900.86

Expense Item	Amount
None	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00

of these flag poles. Because of this, President Krepinevich purchased and had delivered to the chapter 3 (6-8 ft. expandable) flag poles for use at ceremonies. He is hopeful this is the last set that may need to be purchased!

Prior to the event he met with Julia Rismiller Tangeman, Assistant Director, Office of Student Engagement and Leadership and Kelly Bailey, Director of Alumni Engagement promoting the chapter and the support provided by the Zeta Alpha Alumni but more importantly provided detailed information related to some of the challenges we are facing with certain alumni. They expressed their appreciation. In the case of Kelly Bailey, the Alumni House has agreed to let a member of the Alumni Board of any bricks related to Theta Chi are purchased to help prevent duplication.

After the Outing Weekend, thank you notes were sent by President Krepinevich to the Slippery Rock Golf and Event Center and staff, Kelly Bailey the Director of Alumni Engagement and Julia Rismiller Tangeman.

Though the Board will cover the outing in detail later in the meeting, he expressed his excitement about having 61 brothers attend the outing at one point or another. He also noted that Grand Chapter Vice President Alan Copeland made a point of sharing that our event is the one Theta Chi event he makes sure is on his calendar because the inclusive interaction between the brothers from different generations and the general fun of the event is something he wishes he could see more of in the fraternity in general.

In order to continue this new tradition of the outing location, Treasurer Bull and President Krepinevich met with the Slippery Rock Golf and Events Center and signed a contract and made a \$250.00 deposit for the outing to be held June 12, 2026, without an increase in fees. Additionally, the facility staff will provide to the Alumni Board, before February 2027, with a statement to be shared in the promotional materials related to the prohibition of bringing and consuming alcohol on the course that is not purchased from the facility.

We hope to collect as many pictures as possible from attendees at the outing and from the convention and expect to share them on the website along with an accounting of the events in the next newsletter expected to be distributed by July 20, 2026.

The chapter plans to send thank you notes to all Brothers who donated a T-sign and will send a special thank you to Brother Joe White who wrote a check directly to the chapter to support their efforts in the amount of \$1,000.00.

He finished by stating that for the first time since we recolonized that he walked away from the Outing Weekend with a strong sensation of, "We are back." The efforts of collegians and alumni over the last 8 years has laid the foundations, processes and enthusiasm at all levels of the organization and that our challenge will be to improve upon our efforts so far to help the chapter to be as successful as possible.

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

Chapter Advisor Report

Chapter Advisor Lehman reported that he believes the chapter is well positioned on campus and is providing support between chapter members that continues to demonstrate the basis of the Sacred Purpose program.

He was pleased to see the attendance of current chapter members and the positive interaction with and attendance of alumni. He stated that the outing weekend was a continued improvement over previous years and hopes to see the expansion of relationships. He said he felt it was a fantastic weekend.

Advisor Lehman noted that the Spring GPA's for the chapter has been shared and the chapter GPA for the semester was 3.024. He also noted that the new pledge class GPA was 3.05. There were five brothers with a

4.0 GPA and they were part of the 15 brothers on the SRU Dean's List. Another 15 brothers had a 3.0 or better. There are a few brothers who the chapter needs to work with to raise their GPA.

As a member of the 2018 – 2026 graduates he suggested to the Board that we consider the T-sign donation strategy. Though we have raised \$2,400 this year he felt it could be expanded. Understanding that the more recent graduates may not yet have the financial stability that older alumni may have ideas to include them and encourage support. There may just need to be the further promotion of "groups of brothers" or "pledge classes" could band together to purchase signs instead of one person buying a \$100 t-sign, maybe 4 would band together at \$25 each to buy a sign to show their support.

Another area that may be expanded as well is for the Board to work with past pledge classes to encourage attendance among themselves, where there might be a stronger connection.

His final comment related to brothers Nathan (Nico) Soloman and recent alumni Kann Ozdemir had worked together and were able to display to everyone who attended the outing, the first chapter composite for the chapter since the late 80's. There was a true sense of excitement shared by the chapter brothers and alumni with this display.

Committee Chair Reports

Web Support Advisor

Posted minutes from May 3, 2026, were posted to the website on May 29, 2026.

Helping Hand Fund Chair

No report

Old Business

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

Since the last Board meeting, President Krepinevich spoke with Grand Chapter Vice President Alan Copeland, IHQ staff Jimmy Cox – Senior Director of Chapter Development and Erik VanDenBerghe – Director of Engagement, Kelly Bailey Director of Alumni Engagement and Julia Rismiller Tangeman – Assistant Director, Office of Student Leadership. Concerning this issue and they offered recommendations shared with the Board. It was generally accepted that these efforts are affecting the Chapter and that the chapter takes the lead in attempting to suspend these activities. Though there may be difficulties, President Krepinevich was encouraged to continue the process.

Theta Chi Fraternity 170th Anniversary Convention and 42nd School of Fraternity Practices.

President Krepinevich reported that he and 2 collegians, Chapter President Levy and Brother Caleb Hankey, 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 reviewed the activities related to the 2026 Outing Weekend including

- **Photos**

Director Lucian Dean has provided photos from the outing and photos have also been received from Secretary Farrar and Chapter member Nathan (Nico) Solomon. These will be included on the website and the July Newsletter.

- **Friday Welcome**

There were 37 brothers registered for the Friday Welcome event and hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and beverages were provided at the Theta Chi house at 115 Kiester Road. The event opened at 5:00 p.m. and concluded well after dark. It was suggested that consideration be given to the purchase (or rental) of tables and chairs for the chapter for this event.

- **Saturday Golf**

There were 47 golfers who attended the golf outing on June 13, 2026. Andrew Auth registered but had not paid by the time of the outing. He had planned to attend and play but ended up spending the entire weekend in the hospital with his grandmother. Since Joe Suprano attended without notifying anyone until Saturday morning, the Board expressed that the fee charged was recouped from Brother Suprano's attendance and that Brother Auth should be notified that he would **not** be required to provide payment for the golf at the outing or the Saturday dinner.

Kelly Bailey, Director of Alumni Engagement, spoke to the attendees and expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Alumni with the Helping hand fund to help chapter brothers while in school and for the Theta Chi Display of Memorial Bricks at the Alumni House. She and her SRU Alumni Association staff provided luggage tags to all attendees.

A ticket was provided to each attendee and brothers who attended but did not play golf for a hot dog, soda and chips. These were distributed on the 10th Tee as groups played through. There were 48 tickets redeemed.

- **Prizes**

Director Bariski provided prizes for the outing including many items from SRU. Brother Angelucci provide 4 shirts and President Krepinevich provided flashlights, odds and ends and 25 Theta Chi plastic cups. The consensus of the attendees was that prizes were to be awarded from the "most honest" team through the winners. All attendees received something. The specific listing of results will appear on the website.

- **Raffle**

Brother Steve Pennell and Director Lucian Dean collected \$505 for the Theta Chi Golf Bag prize for the raffle. To help promote the raffle, it was suggested that a chapter member, who would not be playing golf, assists Brother Pennell. This may help promote participation by the current members and younger alumni.

- **T-signs**

There were 24 T-signs donated by Alumni brothers. Only 6 new signs needed to be produced. The rest were able to be used from previous years. As was noted by Advisor Lehman the Board should encourage pledge classes and younger alumni and brothers to work together to donate. It was also pointed out that we should continue to list the Silver Sponsors who have collectively donated (\$500-\$999) and Gold Sponsors \$1000 or more) on a T-sign provided by that the Alumni Board.

Motion by Doug Bull

That \$60 be authorized to reimburse Secretary Farrar for the cost of creating the T-signs for the 2026 Outing Weekend that has been supported by receipts.

Second and passed without dissent.

▪ Saturday Awards/Dinner/Brotherhood

There were 53 registrants for the Saturday Awards dinner held at 115 Kiester Road. The chapter provided beverages (mostly leftover from Friday,) fried chicken, macaroni and cheese and other sides. No one seemed to go hungry.

Brother Stephen Atteridge had the longest drive on #12 and Brother John Kreuzer won the closest to the pin on #9.

Golden Guard Award Certificates for Brothers who have been members for 50 years or more were obtained and presented by President Krepinevich, Chapter President Levy and Grand Chapter Vice President Alan Copeland. Brother Heimerdinger accepted on behalf of Brother Jim Dibruno and Brother Dennis Nelson.

Brother Nate Wauagman was the raffle winner of the Theta Chi Golf Bag.

Brother Solomon presented the outing with the new chapter composite and received many positive comments related to his efforts.

• Registration Processing

Receiving checks in advance seemed to be a process that fit Alumni but chapter members had issues and ended up handing over cash on site. The Board requested Treasurer Bull to pursue a process using electronic transfers of money to be presented at the next Alumni Board meeting for implementation for the 2027 Outing Weekend. Treasurer Bull stated that he has already begun the process and will have details at the next Board meeting.

Purchase and placement of Memorial Bricks

The Board discussed that at the May 3, 2026 meeting \$1,100 was authorized for the purchase of 11 Memorial Bricks, but when Secretary Farrar attempted to purchase the bricks, he was informed that a brick had been purchased for Brother Dave Hanson, who had served as the chapter's advisor for years and was employed by SRU. We have no idea about the presentation on the brick. So only \$1,000 was spent.

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

2027 Outing Weekend

President Krepinevich and Treasurer Bull met with Slippery Rock Golf Club and Event Center signed a contract and placed a deposit of \$250.00 for the 2027 outing to be held June 11 -12, 2027.

Motion by Lucian Dean

That the \$250 deposit paid by Treasurer Bull on June 12, 2027 be approved for the securing of the outing event for 2027. In addition, the deposit for the 2028 outing should be approved in advance at the first meeting in May in 2027.

Second and passed without dissent.

Authorization of funds for the Hosting of the Zeta Alpha Website and Constant Contact email communication software.

The Board discussed the funding of the Zeta Alpha Website and the Constant Contact email system.

Motion by Doug Bull

That \$240 be authorized for the annual hosting of the Zeta Alpha website and \$110.00 be authorized for the annual fee for Constant Contact email distribution software for the 2026 – 2027 year after the submission of receipts.

Second and passed without dissent.

Chapter Funding Request for 2026/2027

After consultation with Chapter President Levy, Chapter Advisor Lehman presented the chapter funding request for the 2026-2027 year and it was considered by the Alumni Board.

Motion by Lucian Dean

That \$350.00 to cover expenses for Homecoming 2026 and \$250.00 to help cover expenses for the Friday Welcome during 2027 Outing Weekend be authorized in advance for use by the chapter during 2026-2027 for homecoming and the outing weekend and will reimburse the chapter for those expenses after the submission of receipts.

Second and passed without dissent.

The costs for chapter members to travel to the Theta Chi Anniversary Celebration were discussed. After discussion there was a consensus that these costs could be authorized by the Board from the Helping Hand Fund. Instead of depositing funds from the 2026 Outing Weekend fundraising into the Helping Hand Fund and then requiring the collegians to submit a request to be distributed by the SRU Foundation, the funds that would have been deposited would be awarded directly by the Board.

Motion by Lucian Dean

That \$1,025.77 be allocated from the Helping Hand Fund donations collected at the Outing Weekend to provide financial assistance for travel for Brother Jake Levy and Brother Caleb Hankee. Checks to be provided to President Krepinevich to provide to the chapter members when he meets with them at the convention in San Antonio.

Second and passed without dissent.

Distribution of funds collected related to the 2026 Outing Weekend

The Board discussed the distribution of funds collected related to the outing weekend related to chapter funding, Helping Hand Fund and the Brick Fund.

Motion by Lucian Dean

That based on actions taken by the Alumni Board at this meeting of the \$2,650.00 proceeds from the Outing Weekend \$600.00 has been allocated to chapter activities, \$1,025.77 has been allocated for convention travel, that \$350.00 has been allocated for website hosting and communication software and \$500 transferred to the Memorial Brick Fund savings account, the remaining \$174.23 from the outing weekend remain in the general fund leaving the general fund with a balance of \$3,895.15.

Second and passed without dissent.

Next Alumni Newsletter

Since the Weekend Golf outing was June 12-13 and the Theta Chi 170th Anniversary Convention and 42nd School of Fraternity Practices will be held July 11 – 14, the next newsletter should be distributed by July 20, 2026, providing enough time to gather pictures and information related to both events.

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 February 7, 2027, at 7:00 p.m. eastern time by Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted
John Farrar, Secretary