**2013-2015 Grand Council Convention (GCC) Planning Committee Report**

**Denver, Colorado**

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**Charge #1: Create a theme for the 57th GCC.**

**COMPLETED**

The official theme for the 57th Grand Council Convention in Denver, Colorado is “Reaching New Heights”. All GCC-related publications, communications, and items have incorporated the “Reaching New Heights” theme.

**Charge #2: Recommend activities and programming for the 57th GCC.**

**COMPLETED**

There are many exciting and innovative activities planned for the 57th GCC. Video trailers, powerpoint presentations, and flyers were utilized and promoted via social media and the international listserve.

As mentioned in the Grand Vice-Regent Report, the committee had to be creative in programming due to unavailability of the main ballroom on August 4th and 5th. Thus, no general sessions could be held on the above dates. As such, the first 2 days of the conference are front loaded with fellowship activities, social events, and workshops. Brother and guests will be attending a Denver Rockies game at Coors Field on August 5th.

Outdoor excursions were organized to take place on August 3rd and 4th. The excursions include river rafting, zip-lining, and a Denver mountain parks tour. Many attendees have signed up to take advantage of these add-on activities.

Unique to this GCC, we will be hosting a “Leaders and Legends of Kappa Psi” panel. This is a once in a lifetime event where you will be able to meet Past Grand Regents (PGRs) and Past Executive Directors. This is your opportunity to learn about the Fraternity in an open and LIVE forum. We have a record breaking attendance of PGRs and Past Executive Directors attending. A professional videographer has been hired to film the live forum. As such, all present and future Brothers will be able to view this forum for years to come. I’d like to thank all of our leaders and legends for taking the time out of their schedule to share their knowledge, experience, and stories with us.

**Charge #3: Create an agenda for the 57th GCC by June 2014 so the GCC Finance Committee can finalize their fundraising letter.**

**COMPLETED**

A tentative agenda was completed in May 2014. This agenda was completed with the intent that the conference would be held at the Grand Hyatt Denver. The agenda required modifications once the Grand Hyatt Denver contract was terminated in February 2015. For this reason, the fundraising letter had to go through minor revisions. However, this did not change the date and time of the Exhibitor Hall event.

**Charge #4: Consider position-related workshops to increase officer training.**

**COMPLETED**

There was a definite need to incorporate officer training sessions within GCC programming. At the 57th GCC, a “Province Affairs” board meeting with the Grand Regent will take place on Wednesday, August 5th. All Province Satraps are invited to discuss a variety of topics which will include improving communication from a national to a regional level and vice-versa.

Also included in the agenda is a Supervisor workshop which will give insight on the responsibilities of a Supervisor/Assistant Supervisor. It will also assist Province executive committee members on how to better utilize their Supervisors.

**Charge #5: Consider other workshops to enhance the Brotherhood or leadership development.**

**COMPLETED**

A leadership workshop titled “Prescription for Workforce Management” will be presented which will touch upon managing and leading teams, significance of setting a vision and clear expectations, and conflict management. The target audience will include both Graduates and Collegiates.

Other workshops that will be held are a residency workshop and a fellowship/industry workshop. Both of these workshops will benefit Collegiate Brothers in furthering their career interests.

I’d like to thank all the Brothers that are taking time out of their GCC schedule to provide thoughtful information to our Collegiate and Graduate Brothers.

The 57th GCC will also host a Career Roundtable Event on Thursday, August 6th from 7:45pm-9:15pm. We are excited to have so many Graduate Brothers discuss different facets of pharmacy. Special thanks to Luke Berenbok for organizing the roundtable event. The planned workshops and the career roundtable allow for numerous opportunities for professional networking. My hope is that many Collegiate Brothers will take advantage of these events.

**Charge #6: Consider using an electronic voting mechanism at GCC and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.**

**COMPLETED**

Despite the last minute change in hotel sites, an electronic voting mechanism was discussed with our audio visual (AV) contact at the Denver Marriott City Center. The cost to implement such a mechanism was high. In addition, in the event the electronic system were to break down during the voting process, The Central Office would have to prepare and ship paper ballots. The cost along with the inconvenience of a back-up system prevented the committee to move forward with this charge. I’d agree that this should be looked into for future GCCs.

**Charge #7: Provide a high-quality GCC experience while staying within budget.**

**COMPLETED**

Past GCC budgets were reviewed in 2013. While we don’t have the final numbers, we expect to remain at or below budget. The last minute break in contract did pose a challenge. The Denver Marriott City Center food and beverage (F & B) minimum was higher than what was proposed in the Grand Hyatt Denver contract. Executive Director, Johnny Porter, and I have been working hard to keep the costs down while providing an amazing GCC experience for all our Brothers and guests.

In summary, it has been a pleasure to serve as the convention planning chairperson. My hope is that our Brothers will benefit from meaningful workshops, informative general sessions, and fun social events.

Respectfully submitted,

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