



Delta Delta Property Association of Sigma Nu Fraternity

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FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

SUPPORT FOR RE-COLONIZATION

Based upon its agreement with Penn State, the General Fraternity (aka National) expects the re-colonization process to begin as soon as the 2021-2022 academic year. The General Fraternity will be largely responsible for this effort supplying a full-time project manager and a team of recruiters on campus for an extended period. Support of Delta Delta alumni will be needed.

To this end, Brothers Lane Kintigh, ΔΔ1156, and Mike Sweeney, ΔΔ1220, have agreed to lead the alumni effort. As re-colonization plans come into sharper focus, we and the General Fraternity will update you accordingly.

Our support of re-colonization will not come without a price tag. To kick start fund raising, Brother Sweeney and his wife Karen have donated \$1000.00. We greatly appreciate the Sweeney's generosity. We urge you to consider donating to this cause as well. By contributing to Delta Delta, you're investing in a new future, a future where Brothers of the highest caliber will be able to enjoy and benefit from the same Sigma Nu experience you once enjoyed. Think about the lifelong lessons, friends, and skills you obtained at Sigma Nu, the ones that made you who you are today. It's a future worth investing in, and we appreciate your consideration as we move forward. It only takes a moment to make a gift and, large or small, its impact will be felt immediately as we continue to work toward a new and bright future for our beloved Sigma Nu.

Using the form at the end of this newsletter, please send your donations to

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Unless the donors directs otherwise, all donations will be set aside to support the successful re-colonization of Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu at Penn State.

IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR THE CHAPTER HOUSE

We were recently informed that our new tenant, the Evans Scholars Foundation of the Western Golf Association (www.wgaesf.org) will not occupy the house with its scholars until August 2019. This decision was made because housing commitments for its scholars needed to be made while the current lease was being negotiated. Therefore dorm contracts were signed to ensure housing for the 2018 – 2019 academic year. Both the Association and ESF will make substantive interior improvements beginning in the fall of this year. The Association's Board of Directors has approved a major renovation of the second of our two full bathrooms.

ESF will have occupancy by both genders so both bathrooms are needed to support full occupancy. Other Association funded improvements include a possible roof system repair and replacement of 14 original construction windows. ESF funded improvements include plaster repairs (as needed), fully repainting the interior of the property, and installing carpet in each of the 23 bedrooms and bedroom hallways. All ESF improvements require prior Association approval.

HOMEcoming 2018 – GUIDE STATE FORWARD

Go to www.homecoming.psu.edu for a complete description and schedule of PSU homecoming events. Because we no longer have access to the chapter house, no Sigma Nu sponsored homecoming activities will be held. However, Brother Nelson, ΔΔ916, will host a luncheon at his tailgate site beginning at noon, October 13. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please e-mail your RSVP to nelsonnittany@aol.com and include your name, initiate number and total number of people in your party. I'll respond with the tailgate location. This event is BYOB. A limited amount of soft drinks will be available.

ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING

The annual meeting of the Association, required by our bylaws, has been held on Saturday of homecoming weekend at the chapter house. Because the chapter house is no longer available and logistical problems associated with holding the meeting at an alternate location, the annual meeting is being rescheduled. The meeting will be held by telephone conference at 7:30 PM on Sunday, October 7, 2018. Please send an e-mail to Brother Nelson at nelsonnittany@aol.com if you plan to participate in the conference call. Those responding will receive the toll-free call-in number and pass code. Agenda topics include the approval of an amendment to our bylaws to incorporate administrative changes needed as a result of the suspension of the collegiate chapter's charter, officer elections, and Q&A session to address alumni concerns. The meeting should last no longer than 45 minutes.

You may also participate in the meeting by proxy. Our quorum requirement is ten and proxies count towards the quorum. To submit a proxy, simply send an e-mail to me (nelsonnittany@aol.com) with your full name and the brother to whom you assign your proxy. Known meeting participants include: Robert Nelson, ΔΔ916, Jim Shincovich, ΔΔ860, Ed Sidwell, ΔΔ879, Ernie Russom, ΔΔ1104, Mike Sweeney, ΔΔ1220, John Forstmeier, ΔΔ1499, Doug Kosydar, ΔΔ1249, and Lane Kintigh, ΔΔ1156.

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

During our annual meeting, elections will be held for the four officer positions of the Property Association (President, Vice President, Treasurer, & Recorder), each for a one-year term, and three directors, each for a three-year term. Please inform Bob Nelson at the email above if you want to run for one of these positions or want additional information on duties/responsibilities.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the Property Association for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, was issued to the Delta Delta alumni officers, directors and advisors on August 21, 2018. This report documents the activities, accomplishments, future plans and financial status of the Delta Delta Property Association of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc., for the fiscal year. This report also documents the activities and accomplishments of the chapter's Alumni Board of Receivers and explains in great detail the circumstances leading to the suspension of the Collegiate Chapter's charter. Please contact Brother Nelson at nelsonnittany@aol.com if you want a copy. You may also visit www.sigmanu-psu.org, go to "News," on the menu and click Annual Report. There, you will be required to fill out a form which will let Brother Nelson know you'd like to see the report and he will email it to you.

ALUMNI BOARD OF RECEIVERS

As previously reported, the General Fraternity established an Alumni Board on Receivers (ABR) in February 2017, with a term originally extending to May 31, 2018. The ABR has authority over all chapter affairs and all powers ascribed to the chapter. Simultaneous to its action to suspend the charter of the Delta Delta Chapter, the High Council authorized the continuation of alumni receivership through May 31, 2019 or sooner, should the ABR determine that dissolution of the receivership is appropriate. This extension was based upon the Executive Director's recommendation which was based upon his expectation that a number of Delta Delta (collegiate) Chapter matters would necessitate the attention and authority of the ABR over the coming months. The ABR is currently supervising the payment of Collegiate Chapter bills and resolving other Collegiate Chapter financial commitments working closely with our accountant. At the conclusion of this activity, the ABR will determine the disposition of any remaining assets, in consultation with the General Fraternity.

FUTURE USES OF FRATERNITY HOUSES

A July 26, 2018, article in the *Centre Daily Times* reported, "State College borough is in the process of completing a comprehensive zoning rewrite — and one of the issues it's tackling is the future of fraternity houses. Fraternity houses, in the current zoning ordinance, are able to be converted to community centers, day cares, homes for the elderly, nursing homes, offices and private schools. But, Ed LeClear, borough planning director, said, with the exception of one instance, they haven't converted. The borough is trying to figure out what other uses should be considered, LeClear said, and what shouldn't be allowed." The article goes on to state, "Fraternities that lose university recognition are able to apply for a zoning permit authorizing the temporary use, up to two years, of the property as a rooming house, subject to certain criteria."

The temporary use discussion appears to apply to those fraternity houses in the Highlands district (i.e., downtown). There are currently no similar restrictions in the University Planning District (UPD) for converting a fraternity house to a rooming house. Our property is located in the UPD as are Alpha Zeta, Phi Gamma Delta, and Beta Theta Pi. . We have successfully made that conversion without any issues. However, nothing prevents the Borough from revisiting requirements in the UPD. Needless to say, the Association will closely monitor this process.

Yes! I want to support Delta Delta's Re-Colonization

Please accept my contribution of: Founder (\$500) Legion of Honor (\$250 - \$499.99) Knights (\$100 - \$249.99)
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Total amount \$ _____ Gifts are not tax deductible.

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