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2015 HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD UPDATE

Greetings, Brothers of Wisconsin:

We continue to enjoy the residence at 201 Lakelawn Place (you may know this as 222 Langdon). The primary mission of the Wisconsin Housing Corporation Board is providing a safe and affordable fraternal living opportunity for the brothers of the Wisconsin Chapter and the financial viability of this enterprise. We continue to work with our Joint Venture partner and have recently made good progress on several aspects of operational adjustments that should improve our abilities to efficiently manage the property.

2015/2016 Board of Directors

Brian Durst — President
Alan Scher — Vice President
Kevin May — Treasurer
Jim McFarland — Judge Advocate
Bill Andrae — Secretary
David Engeldinger — Chapter Advisor
Matt Dunning — Alumni Relations
Blake Hutchison — Contract Administration

Mike Steininger — Member at Large
Eric Bingen — Member at Large
Alec Repasy — Member at Large

Futures Committee — Bill Andrae, Kurt Johnson, Kevin May, Alan Scher
Legal Committee — Jim McFarland, Mike Steininger
Alumni Relations Committee — Matt Dunning, Pete Staloch, Shawn Smet, Harsha Tolappa, Joe Kelm
Tax Committee — Brian Durst, Kevin May, Jim McFarland

We would like to thank brothers Kurt Johnson and Mike McLean for their past contributions to the board. They have chosen to roll off formal board

membership, but we look forward to their future return.

Interested in Helping Out? We are always looking for more brothers to help out — project/committee work opportunities are available and we could use your contribution. This board runs smoothly and we have worked to make the positions meaningful but with realistic time expectations. Quarterly conference calls and yearly in-person meeting (Founders Day weekend) are required. Many hands make little work.

So Live,
Brian Durst, #746

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FOUNDERS DAY

Brothers at Founders' Day

Founders Day 2015 was held at a new location (The Harvest) and coordinated by a new alumnus (Brother Dunning) and could not have run more smoothly. Approximately 45 people attended, and the Wisconsin Chapter of Acacia raised \$400 towards the Michael S. Hannes Memorial Scholarship Fund. Actives, alumni and guests enjoyed an excellent dinner, shared memories of Acacia, recognized Brothers for their achievements, and reconnected with attendees from previous years or met new people for the first time. Overall, this event was a huge success and the members of Acacia and their guests look forward to returning to The Harvest next spring. Lastly, thank you to all of those who were able to attend and congratulations to all of the following award recipients:

Order of Pythagoras

Kurt Johnson (#869)
Alan Scher (#890)
David Engeldinger (#1027)

Active Chapter Awards

Scholar of the Year — Jake Nelson (#1076)
Philanthropist of the Year — Andrew McAleese (#1085)
Acacian of the Year — Daniel Kretsch (#1061)
Alumni of the Year — Kevin May (#979)

SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Michael S. Hannes Memorial Scholarship Fund took off 2 years ago and continues to be an excellent way of collecting donations and promoting scholarship at UW-Madison. To date over \$7,500 has been contributed to this fund with almost \$2,000 of that coming from our annual Founders Day event. A total of 4 scholarships totaling \$3,000 have been given out to incoming freshmen (a \$1,000 and \$5,00 scholarship is given out each fall). This program has been ongoing for 2 years and 3 of the 4 recipients are Acacia Brothers! We look forward to increasing this program in Fall 2015 to include 3 scholarships worth a total of \$2,000. If you are interested in donating to this tax-deductible fund please visit [the Acacia Fraternity Foundation website](#) or email me at kevinmay01@yahoo.com for more information.

Are you a fundraising guru? Do you want to help the active chapter in their recruitment efforts? Help us spearhead fundraising efforts for the Michael Hannes Scholarship fund. This scholarship has been integral to driving summer rush and jump-starts the fall recruitment process. Please email me at kevinmay01@yahoo.com if you are interested.

So Live,
Kevin May, #979

SAVE THE DATE

July 25, 2015 — Summer Party @ Acacia House
October 17, 2015 — Homecoming @ Acacia House (vs. Purdue)
April 23, 2016 — Founders Day @ The Harvest

2015 ACTIVE CHAPTER UPDATE

This year, especially spring semester, was a challenging year for rush, as we added only three new members. However, the chapter continues to uphold the integrity of the fraternity by ending the pledging process with several members who did not live up to our standards. Planning has begun for a successful fall rush and will continue throughout the summer with the review of incoming freshman applications for the Michael Hannes memorial scholarship. This is currently the single biggest tool the active chapter uses in recruitment, so we would like to thank everyone for their contributions and encourage anyone else to consider a donation in the future.

The active chapter would like to thank and recognize the brothers who will be moving on from their active career. We wish you the best in the next phases of your life and hope you continue to be as involved as possible with Acacia. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not.

David Pearson
Michael Pepin
Joshua Villanueva
Adrian Holtzman
Joe Turner
Julian Holtzman
Charles Sigmund
Sawyer Johnson

Hope to see everyone at summer party on July 25th at the house!

David Engeldinger, #1027

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