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Virtual Engagement

CONTINUING THE CHAPTER EXPERIENCE VIRTUALLY

It is important that we continue engagement with the members of our chapters during times when we cannot be together in person. We want our chapters to continue to build an adapted chapter experience for our members to participate in. Alpha Chi Omega has many opportunities that don't require meeting face to face.

It is recommended that you send an email to members of your chapter indicating the types of equipment they will need in order to engage in chapter business and other activities while conducting a virtual chapter experience.

Some ideas for activities that can take place virtually are outlined below.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

- The chapter can and should continue to host executive board meetings/conference calls. Chapters can create a free Zoom account or meet via Google Hangout.
- Chapter officers should be utilizing The Heights Learning Center, Alpha Chi Omega's online learning management system. This is a great time to ensure that all courses applicable to your position are completed.
- You can continue to have weekly virtual meetings with your positional advisor to plan for the fall or face chapter issues that come up.
- The executive board can begin working on the collegiate awards applications.
- This is a great time to begin calendar planning for the 2020-21 academic year.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

- Chapter officers should send information to all chapter members each week that includes updates, information and announcements.



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- There may be business that comes up that is essential to vote on, and voting on chapter business can take place virtually during this time. For example, chapters should be voting on all proposed bylaws changes.
 - In order to host a virtual chapter vote, it is recommended that a chapter officer prepare the information that is necessary to be voted on and send this information out at least 48 hours before the chapter is to vote on this.
 - Then the chapter can utilize the services of SurveyMonkey or a Google Form to track and gather the votes and other information from all dues-paying chapter members.
 - Then a formal vote at the first chapter meeting of the academic year should be taken to ratify all electronic votes taken during this time period.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Host small virtual get-togethers. The chapter can be split into diverse groups, and each virtual session can be led by one executive board officer. Alternatively, these sessions can be based on interest, such as women who love *The Bachelor*, fitness enthusiasts, or those who enjoy the arts. These get-togethers serve as a way to keep members feeling connected.
- Set up standing, virtual study sessions. Create a Zoom meeting that can be accessed by anyone who is studying and wants to join, with the understanding that the purpose of the “meeting” is to get studying/work done.
- Utilize Zoom’s breakout room feature for smaller group discussions. While on a Zoom call, the chapter members could be split up into smaller groups for more intimate discussion time and then brought back together to share about their discussions with the larger group. This method promotes engagement as a large group and more interpersonal connections in the smaller groups.
- Utilize social media to build connections. Many chapters currently engage in posting on social media using hashtags like #WhyAlphaChi and #RealStrongWomen. You might also consider creating “tag a sister who” posts to



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continue making member connections. You could award positive points for the number of times these are used by a member.

- Set up “donut calls”! Pair each person in the chapter randomly with another person for a short one-on-one FaceTime or video call. These calls can be a fun opportunity for your chapter members, especially the newest member class, to get to know one another and the lifetime members. They’re called “donut calls” because they might include coffee or donuts, but food is not required for these to be effective! Pairing could be done using an online randomizer like <https://www.random.org/lists/>.
- Use a free service like QuizBreaker to send out icebreaker questions to your chapter members once a week. You could have members guess who answered each question. If you’re part of a larger chapter, you might consider breaking up into smaller groups for more engagement with this.

RECRUITMENT PLANNING AND PREPARATION

- Chapters are permitted to hold CRIB meetings virtually if a quorum is present (50% plus one). The CRIB may discuss recruitment operations, member excuses and recommendations. Chapter members should be given notice of when meetings are going to take place.
- The VP recruitment information can electronically collect excuses submitted by members who may miss all or part of polish week/formal recruitment.
- [Planning sheets](#) for fall formal recruiting chapters are still due April 1.
 - The VP recruitment should virtually meet with her day chairs to discuss plans.
 - To increase ease of access for both officers to work on the planning sheets, we recommend saving the planning sheet found on the VP Recruitment page of the Resource Center in a Google Drive that the VP recruitment and day chairs can access. This way the VP recruitment can talk with each day chair about her plans, and both can view the document at the same time.
- The VP recruitment information can continue to review recommendations submitted on Lyre Links.



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- The VP recruitment may use the [purchasing sheet](#) found on the VP Recruitment page of the Resource Center of the website to virtually determine what items to purchase. The sheet will also help establish a timeline of when to buy items.
- Both officers should continue to communicate with their advisors, recruitment specialists or recruitment coaches as they continue to work on their recruitment plans.
- Song practice can still be held. Have the song chair record a video of her singing songs to be used in the upcoming recruitment. Then send all chapter members the lyrics and the video and have them learn these songs. A PowerPoint could be created that shows all the lyrics.

MEMBER ACCOUNTABILITY

- Chapters are permitted to hold CRSB meetings virtually if a quorum is present (more than 50% of the board, or at least five members).
- Please note that all chapter members are still expected to meet the Member Code of Conduct as they remain active collegiate members during this time.