

International Relations

Alpha Phi Omega National Board of Directors

Operational Report

May 2005



OPERATIONAL GOALS

GOAL: Establish Alpha Phi Omega of Canada

National Strategic Plan: International Extension

To provide support to and fulfill a commitment to the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega by leading extension efforts in Canada.

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Goal #2: *By December 2010, complete a feasibility study of extending Alpha Phi Omega to universities in **countries** where we do not have active Chapters.*

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PROGRESS REPORT

GOAL: Establish Alpha Phi Omega of Canada

Goal #1: *By December 2008, the Fraternity will establish **five new chapters in Canada.***

Status: The primary potential for success lies with working with the Filipino Alumni Associations (ACNA) in Canada.

Milestones: By December 2005, one new chapter will be established in Canada. It is doubtful that we will make this milestone since we do not currently have any interest groups in Canada.

Action Step: Work with the Membership Committee to establish and deliver a membership & recruitment education program for our Filipino Brothers and Sisters living in Canada by December 2005.

Rationale: I have identified a deficiency in our plan in using the Filipino Brothers and Sisters living in Canada. They don't know our membership policies and are therefore hesitant to provide any practical assistance in recruiting to setup chapters in Canada.

Goal #2: *By December 2010, complete a feasibility study of extending Alpha Phi Omega to universities in **countries** where we do not have active Chapters.*

Action Steps:

- Countries where U.S. copyright and trademark policy and law are enforced. Looking for appropriate resource.
- Compile a list of countries and criteria to be considered for active extension recruitment outside the United States. English-speaking countries including Canada, Australia, the U.K, where language wouldn't be a barrier and where we may have active alumni are at the top of this list.
- Countries where APhiO (USA or Filipino) alumni reside. Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines has active alumni associations in Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, and the Middle East.
- Look for other service partners with international chapters and expertise (e.g. Lions, Kiwanis, etc.)

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Action plan: I brought this offer/resolution up at the ICAPO meeting in Surigao City. I asked that the Filipino delegation, headed by President Rod Mapoy and International Relations Commission Chair Felix Chato Marinas, provide a specific list of needed articles that would be appropriate for our chapters to collect.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

1. U.S. Delegation to the **23rd Biennial Convention in Surigao City, Philippines.**

The U.S. delegation consisted of Dave Emery, Beth Tom, Lisa Covi, Mel Gonzales, Jr., Franklin "Henson" Brodsky & Corbett Zabierek.

Highlights of the convention included:

1. A number of opportunities to spend time and chat with **Governor (Brother) Lyndon Barbers** of the province of Surigao del Norte.
2. Participated in the **press conference** with Governor Barbers & APO President Rod Mapoy at the opening of the convention.
3. The U.S. delegation did a private **radio interview** that was played on 3 radio stations.
4. The U.S. delegation members were made honorary members of the **Surigao City Alumni Association** as well as the **Eta Chapter** (University of the Philippines, Dillimon).
5. Met **Mayor (Brother) Jojo Binay** at the Makati (financial center of the Philippines) City Hall. Brother Binay is also President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.



2. **ICAPO** meeting participation

The U.S. delegation suggested that the ICAPO Vice-Char, Sis Gigi Clave, appoint a committee to propose changes to the ICAPO Operating Policies. The current operating policies were approved in 1996. The members of the committee are as follows: Dave Emery (USA), Chato Marinas (Philippines), Lester Arevalo, (ACNA), Frank Brosas (Australia), Allen Wong (ICAPO). Alternates are Lisa Covi, Ph.D. (USA), Gig Clave (Philippines), Francis Franco (ACNA), Edgar Sanchez (Australia).

At a minimum, these areas will be addressed in the discussions:

1. Consider the Australian proposal to lower the number of collegiate chapters require to form a national organization from 5 to 3.
2. Consider changing the voting structure for each national organization having 1 vote to a more proportional voting structure reflective of the proportion of active collegiate chapters.
3. Consider a provision for some sort of tele- or video-conference meetings when a quorum can not be reached at regularly scheduled meetings.

Of course, both Boards of the two national organizations would need to approve any changes in advance of the next ICAPO meeting scheduled for December 2007 at our National Convention for any changes to take effect.

FUTURE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2006, Labor Day weekend – Annual ACNA meeting – San Francisco Bay Area

December 27-30, 2007 – ICAPO meeting, at our National Convention

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Respectfully Submitted,



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