

International Relations Report

July 12, 2008; Boston

Action Items: None

Relevant Statistics:

Number of Interest or Petitioning groups in Canada – 0

National Convention Planning:

Still waiting to hear back from the Philippines (Chato Marinas) on a list of APhiO-Phil Brothers and Sisters to invite to our upcoming national convention. I have recommended that we tentatively schedule the ICAPO meeting for the day of the 28th in Boston.

ACNA Filipino Alumni Associations in North America:

Inquiries about any of the ACNA Alumni Association should be sent to Lester Arevalo, President, ACNA [blacksept1081@yahoo.com]

ICAPO Operating Policy Changes:

We are still waiting for follow-up from May 2007 ICAPO Meeting. The following amendments were approved previously by our Board, and were approved at the ICAPO meeting. To go into effect, they will need to be approved by the APO Philippines National Board of Directors.

Status: Still waiting for confirmation that the APO Philippines National Board has approved these amendments after repeated requests for a response to Chato Marinas.

ARTICLE V: EXTENSION

Section 2. Requirements For Establishing a Chapter: *A charter shall be granted only on the approval of an appropriate nationally elected governing body of the sponsoring organization. A charter shall be granted only at a college or university which is accredited by a recognized accrediting association. **Charters are to be recognized and held by the host college or university.** The sponsoring organization shall determine which accrediting associations will be recognized. **The International Council shall be informed as to the name of the accrediting association(s).***

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 7. Time & Place: *The International Council shall meet at least once every two (2) years. The time and place for the next meeting shall be determined as an agenda item. **If the International Council is unable to physically conduct business at scheduled meetings due to the lack of a quorum, the Chair may call and preside over a teleconference or video conference. A minimum of 2 months notice should be given to the Council officers and member organizations.***

Upcoming Dates: Dec 28 (tentative) The next **ICAPO meeting** will be held in December 2008 at our National Convention in Boston.

Thursday-Sunday, May 28-31, 2009: **APO-Philippines convention** on Boracay Island, province of Aklan, in Panay

Canadian Extension: GROW APhiO Goals: Establish Alpha Phi Omega of Canada

Goal #1: *Establish Alpha Phi Omega of Canada by 2015 to include:*

i) Chartering 5 chapters on Canadian campuses

We need a new plan. Following up with occasional leads from members hasn't resulted in any interest groups or significant leads over the past 5 years. We are failing in accomplishing this national goal.

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Extension Comments: Our biggest group of person-power resources in Canada are alumni from the Philippines, organized into a number of functioning alumni associations. At the ICAPO meeting in May, it was proposed that ACNA (Alumni Council of North America) members living in Canada would be trained in APhiO U.S. Extension Policies. The IR Director will work with the Membership & Extension Director and existing resources to plan for this training in the Fall of this year.

Upcoming ACNA Meeting: Thursday-Monday, **August 28-September 1, 2008:** APO-ACNA convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; to be hosted by APO-AA-Toronto, Canada; contact: Brod Lester and APO-Toronto

Canadian Extension Chair: The position of Canadian Extension Chair is currently open.

Canadian Extension Target schools:

Univ. Toronto Canada (Ontario)	Univ. British Columbia Canada (BC)
McGill Univ. Canada (Quebec)	McMaster Univ. Canada (Ontario)
Simon Fraser University, (Burnaby, BC)	University Of Waterloo, (Ontario)
York University (Ontario)	University Of Victoria, B.C. (BC)
University Of Alberta, (Edmonton, Alberta)	

Additional Objectives: By July 2008, establish a plan of increased communication involving APO-USA, APO-Philippines and ICAPO to facilitate rapid communications in the event of significant events requiring or resulting in media-sensitive events.

Rationale: With the availability of internet, the world is a much smaller place than it used to be. Any of us acting under the name of Alpha Phi Omega, whether in a good or bad context, will be under greater scrutiny of our fellow members as well as the press and public at large.

ICAPO Officers: Chair Felix "Chato" Marinas, Vice-chair Wilfred Krenek, Secretary Beth Tom MD

Respectfully submitted by: Dave Emery, International Relations Director