

DELTA CHI FRATERNITY

ALUMNI CHAPTER QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: What is an alumni chapter & what does it do?

A: An alumni chapter is a group of Delta Chi alumni in a specific metropolitan or geographic area. The alumni chapter serves as a vehicle for area Delta Chis to meet on a social as well as a professional level. The alumni chapter plays a limited role with undergraduate chapters and exists primarily for the benefit of alumni.

Q: Who can join an alumni chapter?

A: Any Delta Chi alumnus may join the alumni chapter irrespective as to what undergraduate chapter he is from.

Q: What is the difference between an alumni chapter and an alumni association?

A: An alumni association is made up of Delta Chi alumni from one particular undergraduate chapter. An alumni chapter is composed of members from a wide variety of undergraduate chapters. Alumni associations concentrate their efforts on keeping ties to their undergraduate chapter active while alumni chapters operate to support the needs of all Delta Chi alumni in a given area. Furthermore, alumni chapters are chartered organizations of the Fraternity (similar to the undergraduate chapters) and, therefore, have rights and responsibilities as such.

Q: What are some examples of social and professional activities sponsored by an alumni chapter?

A: Alumni chapters can organize a variety of events or activities. Dances, receptions, card games, golf tournaments or other sporting events are a few of the more popular of these. However, the activities of an alumni chapter are limited only by the imagination and enthusiasm of the members.

Q: What are some common problems confronted by alumni chapters?

A: There are a few issues that consistently cause problems in alumni chapters. The first issue deals with the expectations of the officers. If the elected officers are expected to do everything, problems will surely surface. Every member must do his part. Another problem area is related to the activities of the alumni chapter. If the group tries to do too much, members might feel the time commitment is too great and back out. Or if activities are not diverse enough, if they are not meeting the needs of the members, then there is a chance the members will lose interest and withdraw from the alumni chapter as well. A delicate balance is necessary.

Q: How much time will I need to commit to the alumni chapter?

A: Time commitments will vary depending on your level of involvement. Obviously, if you assume one of the elected positions, your time commitment will be greater than if you were simply an active member. Either way, time commitments are small, perhaps as little as a few hours a month.

Q: Is there money involved? How much?

A: Yes. There is a one time chartering fee of \$150 (this pays for the initial mailing and charter). Delta Chi Law also requires that alumni chapters (not members) pay annual dues of \$100 for administrative costs. It's realistic to assume that the group will set some local dues as well, but this figure should be relatively small.