*In Attendance*:   
Nat, Bernard, Olga, Manny, Julia, Michael, Karthik, Jay, Sid, Margo, Miko

VPA:

* Lock-in Debrief
  + Reconsider Service component
  + Possibly have a large-scale social event as first event of semester
* ACR – E-board will help put together reports and documents to submit to Nationals for ACR points
* Leader-to-Leader debrief (Penn State)
  + Idea from another chapter: Yellow Rose -> similar to Brother Spotlight

Pledging:

* No report

Membership:

* Rush starts next week
  + 1st event September 4th
  + As many bros as possible at each event and at activities fair
* Activities Fair: rush t-shirts or letters
* Hand out the business cards outside of classrooms
  + A lot of professors have been saying no to classroom pitches
* Posters have been sent to Student Life; work on ensuring lots of FB groups see the FB event (put in Class of 2017 group, etc.)
* *Follow up*: make sure rush schedule is on website

Finance:

* 28.30% decrease in budget ($9,907.50 this semester from $13,817.50 last fall)
* Fall 2013 number of brothers: 55
* Will present budget at GBM tomorrow (9/2)

Alumni:

* Alumni at rush event (alumni panel)
* Add alumni to industry groups
* 30 alumni volunteered for alumni pledge interviews
* Lots of responses from alumni willing to get more involved

MOR:

* Deliberations – Wednesday the 18th
  + 5 minute cap on rushee discussion
  + Don’t focus too much on rushee’s business interest, but people who are passionate, able to have a conversation with people, etc.
  + Mention characteristics to look for (how to gauge genuine interest)
  + During interviews: keep asking “why?”
* Initiation – Saturday, Sep 21st, G.E. Aud
  + Check number of pins
* Mid Court – Sat. Oct 26
* Honor Court – TBD – Dec 1st, 2nd, or 6th

Secretary:

* Secret # to keep track of attendance; will send out e-mail with secret #s and Google doc soon
* Need Lock-In attendance (Sanika is e-mailing attendance)
* Taking away 48-hour rule may cause problems with quorum (it was put in place so that, if we realize we cannot make quorum, we have time to reschedule, etc.)
  + If it does cause problems with quorum, 48-hour rule is coming back
  + Send out reminder e-mails, bros only need to respond if they cannot come

Bylaws:

* Considering getting rid of pro-con-pro
  + First thing must be positive
  + Vote tomorrow at GBM

Historian:

* Chloe took Lock-In pictures
* Working on composite (bros will request orders)
* Continuing to update wiki

President/Discussion Items:

* Ideas from Leader-to-Leader
  + Ensure you document how to do events
  + Thursday or Friday afternoon e-mails: highlight what’s coming up that weekend, important events, etc. (Monday GBMs – people forget what’s going on by end of week)
* Groopt
  + Nationals set us up with Groopt – add the app to your phones (hopefully will make voting easier)
  + Jay will write up quick directions about signing up, downloading app, etc.
* Voting discussion
  + Current voting problem: Abstains don’t count (to get a bid: <25% of all votes must be “No”)
  + New systems:
    - 50% of votes cast must be **yes** [or another percentage]
    - 33% **No**’s to get a bid [or another percentage]
  + Qualities:
    - Abstaining should mean something
    - Denominator is all non-abstaining votes
  + Do a test run?
  + Possible numbers
    - **66/33**, 60/40
  + Too many abstains? Consider an automatic re-open
    - Re-open abstained people before announcing bids
  + Ensure that this is allowed, bylaw-wise (e-mail Sash – include picture of Lock-In)
  + This will be brought up at GBM tomorrow