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OVERVIEW

Sponsor:

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is the oldest Greek letter society among African Americans. It was founded in 1904 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by a small group of professional men of achievement – physicians, dentists, lawyers and educators – for the purpose of providing "men of like qualities" the opportunity for close fellowship in an atmosphere of mutual respect and relaxing camaraderie. The emphasis has always been upon inviting to membership men of recognized achievement in their fields, who are of unquestionable character, and whose personality, while distinctive, is nevertheless of a type to blend in harmoniously with their fellows.

The Fraternity has broadened its interest from being a purely social organization, in which the highest standards of entertainment are observed, to include a vital Social Action Program. This is to say that the members of the Fraternity are committed, as an organized group of leaders, to contribute their talents and resources to raising the quality of life for all African American people.

The vision of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is to organize men of common values to take meaningful action to improve the quality of life of the African-American community.

Members of the Fraternity individually and collectively shall through dialogue, programs, and action utilize their resources to enhance and improve the socio-economic status of the African-American community.

The mission of the Fraternity is to implement programs and activities which will improve the quality of life in the African-American community.

Statement of Objective:

Our objective is to provide educational opportunities and implement programs. The Fraternity has announced sponsorship of the national essay competition, "The Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Award for Excellence in Written Communication."

The national essay competition demonstrates Sigma Pi Phi's commitment to education by encouraging college students to analyze important issues and rewarding individuals who demonstrate intellectual development, critical thinking, creative ideas and outstanding communication skills.

Title of Competition:

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Award for Excellence in Written Communication.

Grand Boulé Social Action Committee Competition Themes:

Choose one of the following:

1. Does Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream (To be judged by the Content of our Character not the Color of our Skin) Remain Just That – A Dream?
2. The Most Important Challenges Facing African American Children and Youth.

The paper must be typewritten and double-spaced, a minimum of 1,500 words and not to exceed 2,000 words. The commentary should demonstrate

ALPHA PI BOULE'
2000

OFFICERS

SIRE ARCHON -- JOHN HOUSTON

SIRE ARCHON-ELECT -- WILLIAM CHAPMAN

GRAMMATEUS -- HOWARD CARY

THESAURISTES -- LARRY SADLER

GRAPTERS -- DWIGHT MALONE
HACKLEY WOODFORD

RHETORICUS -- GENE MOORE

AGOGOS -- HAROLD TUCK

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

MEMBERSHIP -- DAVID WYNN

SOCIAL -- JAMES HATCHER

SOCIAL ACTION -- CECIL STEPPE

SUNSHINE -- ROBERT COVINGTON

REGIONAL BOULE -- ROBERT COUNTRYMAN (INTERIM)

REGIONAL BOULE REPRESENTATIVE - SQUIRE CLEMONS

REGIONAL OFFICERS

REGIONAL SIRE ARCHON -ELECT- - SQUIRE CLEMONS

E-MEETINGS

GOAL:

TO MAKE COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS MORE FOCUSED AND EFFECTIVE.

PROCESS:

CIRCULATE MEETING AGENDAS BEFORE THE MEETINGS, REPORTS AND MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS OF, AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY, THE COMMITTEE AFTER THE MEETINGS; ALONG WITH CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARIZED AS RECEIVED.

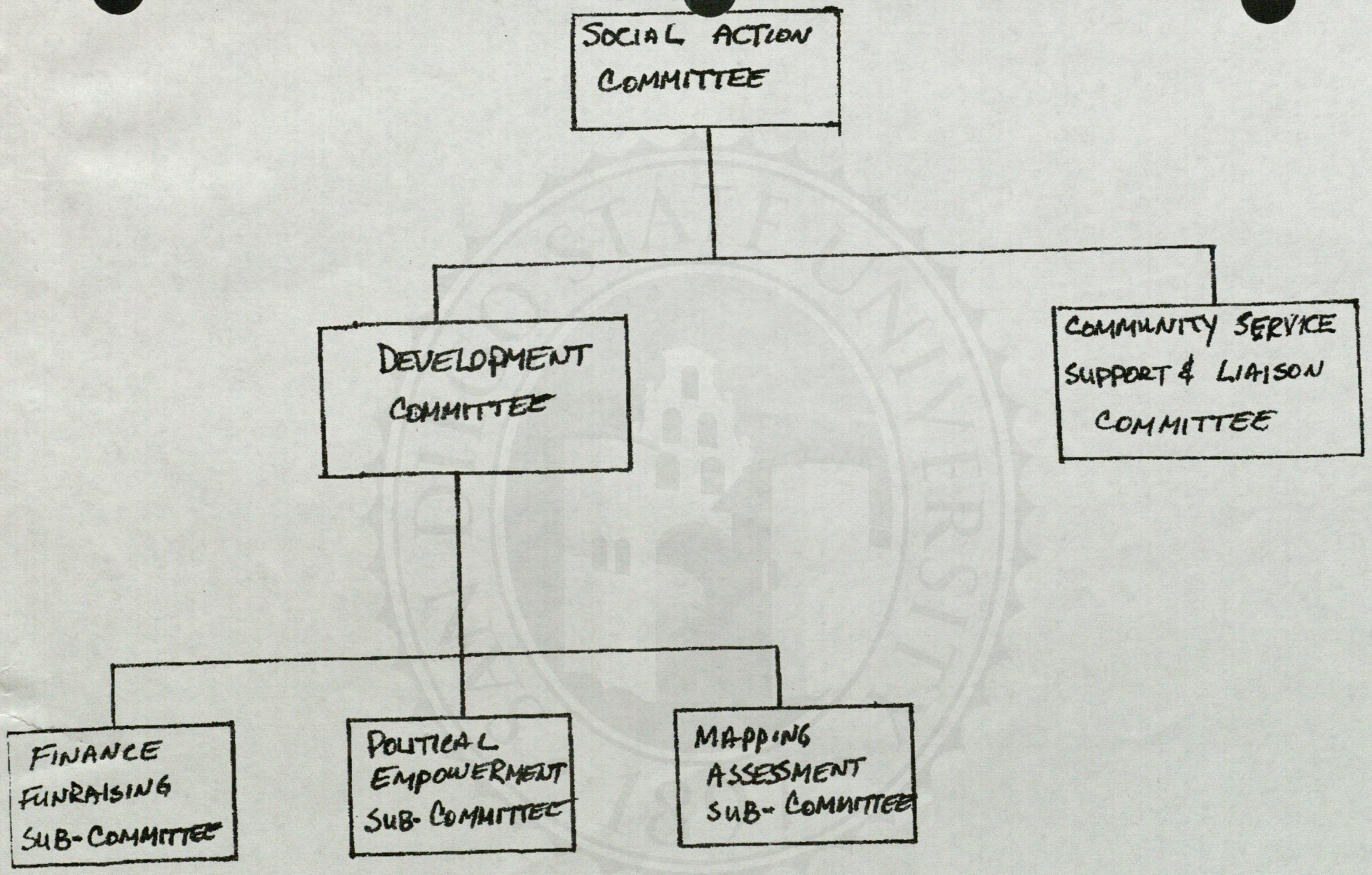
COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF ARCHONS CAN BE EXPRESSED AND ADDRESSED (OR ANTICIPATED FOR EFFECTIVE HANDLING) BEFORE THE ACTUAL MEETING THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS. AFTER MEETINGS, MINUTES CAN BE POSTED TO BE REVIEWED BY THOSE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND WITHOUT WAITING UNTIL THE TIME NOTICE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS PROVIDED.

THOSE NOT ON E-MAIL COULD RECEIVED HARD COPIES OF ALL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION BEFORE THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING.

E-MEETINGS

BENEFITS:

LESS BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETINGS; MORE EFFICEINT MEETINGS; MORE TIME FOR GUEST LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS ,SELF-ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AND FELLOWSHIP DURING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS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