

ZPAA 6/30/26 Meeting Minutes

 June 30, 2026	 7:03p – 8:04p	 Google Meet	
 Quorum <u>Not</u> Met: 8 of 36 members (22.2%)			
 Mike Szettella (Pres)	 Mike Hoskins (Sec)	Jeff Waite	Ted Maier
John Hendley	Cory Heck	Shawn Pence	Drew Waite
Ryan Marquis (Active VP)			

1. Officer & Committee Reports

No President or VP Reports

Secretary Report (Mike Hoskins)

- 36 current ZPAA members

Treasurer's Report (Ted Maier)

- **Baseball Outing:** Total revenue was \$1,170 against payouts of \$1,743. The net out-of-pocket budget spend was \$573.79, coming in \$146 better than the allocated \$720 budget.
- **Account Balance:** The current total bank balance sits at **\$14,138.42**, with housing and scholarship (\$2,170) funds remaining intact.

Baseball Outing Recap

- The event was highly successful with 31 attendees, marking the highest turnout in four years. ([see Hoskins' recap report](#)).
- Next year's outing is locked in for June 18, 2027. Hendley plans to coordinate a special 5-year anniversary gift for attendees.

Golf Outing (Oct. 3, 2026)

- First Saturday in October. Tee times begin at 10:50 AM.
- Capped at 28 players due to a subsequent group at noon. Pricing will remain similar to last year, though may not include the same ZPAA pricing discount as we've had. (~\$100 for ZPAA members/actives, \$125 for non-members).
- Cory will launch the Facebook event page ASAP. Exploring a player gift to appeal to all attendees.

Chapter Relations Update

- **Convo Recognition:** Undergraduates received formal recognition and praise at National.
- **Fall Rush:** The active chapter is planning for ~30 potential new members to extend bids by end of Rush period, with plans to get a pledge class of ~15-20. Chapter has already extended 1 bid at ZPAA baseball event.
- **2nd Annual Alumni BBQ:** Set for July 25 at 6:00 PM at the Grant House. The event will feature food, drinks, raffles, and potentially a live band. Hoskins will create and pin the Facebook event to ZPAA and coordinate with Active 4th Counselor JackG on communications.
- **Ritual:** Pinning scheduled to follow the August 25 in-person ZPAA mtg at Masonic. Jeff Waite requested that active E-board stagehands wear all-black clothing.

2. Business

Workspace Subscription

- Executive update agreeing ZPAA/treasurer will pay Google Workspace plan at \$16.80/month (\$201/yr) as a standard admin expense going forward, from ZPAA general fund. Maier confirms we can afford it.
- No objection to approval as an admin budget line item, w/o separate motion or vote needed. Clarified this was brought to full membership for financial transparency, beginning of year discussion follow-up. Was listed as Business on published agenda 10 days prior to mtg.
- **Benefits:** Removes the 1-hour Google Meet restriction vs free option; enables automated transcriptions/analysis for mtg minutes; provides 2TB of Google Drive/Photos storage vs 15GB; other benefits include newsletter creation, recordkeeping assistance + analysis. We had Google One previously at a Waite's personal expense; now in ZPAA control.
- **Execution:** Hoskins has been paying out of pocket since Feb will stop personal billing as of 8/1/26 invoice. Treasurer/President will provide an alumni debit card to transition to an annual payment plan for cost savings.

3. Discussion

Tiered Membership & Dues

- Introducing a non-local/out-of-state membership tier (hypothetically \$150–\$180) to engage the ~47 alumni living outside Michigan/Mitten who cannot attend local events, compared to the full \$240 dues and \$120 new alumni rates. Aim is to realign membership values, versus address pricing and discounts.
- Cory noted that ZPAA's aim has always been about growth and new, evolving membership. If we aren't reaching those beyond the typical 30-35, then we aren't best-aligned on membership value for the broader collective for the future.
- **Concerns Raised:**
 - *Slippery slope:* Local members who rarely attend events might downgrade, risking a loss in the operating income used to subsidize active chapter requests (e.g., Rush

assistance, chapter support, Orchid Ball). Discussion over tier being specific to geographic limitations or non-event attendance tier.

- If it's not based on geography and is open to any alumni who might not attend events, could lead to more
 - *Naming*: Shawn Pence advised using generic tier names (e.g., "Standard vs. Advanced") rather than geographic names to prevent local friction. Hoskins noted the need to avoid language that creates friction created by "lower tier/less valued" membership.
 - *Bylaw language*: Current bylaws restrict membership strictly to Zeta Pi chapter alumni. If tiered membership were to be considered, it would require a bylaw amendment.
- **Outcome**: Cory requested a proposal to keep discussion focused, action-forward. Topic tabled for August in-person mtg.

4. Closing

- **Alumni Night**: 3rd Tuesday returns for July (Informal non-ZPAA)
- **Next mtg**: July 28, 2026 (virtual).
- **August 25, 2026** (In-person meeting followed by Ritual pinning).
- *Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM with the reading of the Sigma Pi Creed.*

Action Items

Owner	Task	Deadline	
Hoskins/JeffW	Get ZPAA cards to ~7 members. Work w/JeffW to ID missing shirts/sizes.	July / End of summer	☐
Cory Heck	Launch the Fall Golf Outing FB event page.	Immediate	☐
Hoskins	Create/pin 7/25 Active BBQ on FB group.	Immediate	☐
Szettella/JeffWaite	Research how other alumni assocs handle tiered dues structures.	For 8/25 mtg	☐
E-board/Hoskins	Compile data on out-of-state alumni proximity; draft a formal tiered dues proposal.	For 8/25 mtg	☐
Hoskins/Ted	Include current bylaw dues breakdowns in 8/25/26 mtg agenda.	For 8/25 mtg	☐
E-Board	Create survey on alumni interest in multi-tiered dues.	For 8/25 mtg	☐
Szettella	Evaluate golf gifts	ASAP	☐