

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Alpha Mu Alumni OF THE Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Alpha Mu alumni at a virtual Open House, May, 2020, including an Alumni Association representative, a confused alumnus from Phi Sigma Kappa, and all our pandemic expressions because we had no warning to "say cheese."

Dear Brothers,

MIT is taking great care to protect its faculty and students from the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, they sent all students home last March and plan only a gradual return, in steps, this coming academic year. Of course, this creates financial and other problems for the fraternity alumni corporations, which have

buildings that may cost about \$200,000 a year to own.

While MIT will almost certainly provide financial support to these organizations to avoid driving them all into bankruptcy, there are issues about the amount and timing of that support. Your alumni corporation board of directors is currently working on plans to both preserve our assets in the short term and optimize our ability to preserve in the long term what we all valued so highly when we were there.

Our president, Keith Kallberg '68, realized recently that many of you might be interested to sit in on these deliberations, and that this is possible in our age of videoconferencing. Because our board now meets on the occasion of major new information on MIT's plans and the chapter's adaptation to them (rather than our previous fixed schedule of four times a year), and because it still is not safe to meet in person, we now meet using the Zoom internet application that allows us to see and hear each other.

Our next two directors' meetings are on Sunday afternoons starting at 4:00 PM EDT—**August 23** and **September 20**. If you might like to attend either or both of these meetings, please reply to mikus@alum.mit.edu (Tom) by August 20, giving your preferred email address so he can send you the link to join the meetings. We hope to see many of you then.

As shown in the accompanying candid screenshot (*above*), in May we had a Zoom meeting of interested alumni during the MIT Commencement and Reunion virtual ceremonies as our Open House. It was wonderful to see so many old friends again, especially knowing that many would not have been able to make the trip for an in-person reunion. The group wanted to have another Zoom meeting for Founders' Day in October, so put this on your calendar for **October 18** at 4:00 PM EDT.

Fraternally,

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Secretary

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