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FIPG

Risk Management is Everyone's Responsibility



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I'm Dave Westol

My background includes nine years as an assistant prosecuting attorney; 18 years as CEO of my national's fraternity and 10 years as a consultant working with over 30 men's and women's national organizations and many campuses.



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I also have had the privilege of serving as
Director of Policy Interpretation for FIPG since
1995

That's a lot of questions!
But let's start with these.



How did FIPG start?

11 men's national fraternities

1987

“Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group”

They were clever, eh?



Liability insurance
Group purchasing
“Sixth worst risk”
Policy needed



Policy is drafted and approved
The policy addresses key liability points
Size of events: # of organizations
Size of events: # of people



Also

Restrictions on how people may access alcohol

No “open” events

Definition of event



Note how the authors of the policy:

Placed emphasis upon the event as opposed to
the venue

Addressed every possible way that chapters could
purchase alcohol



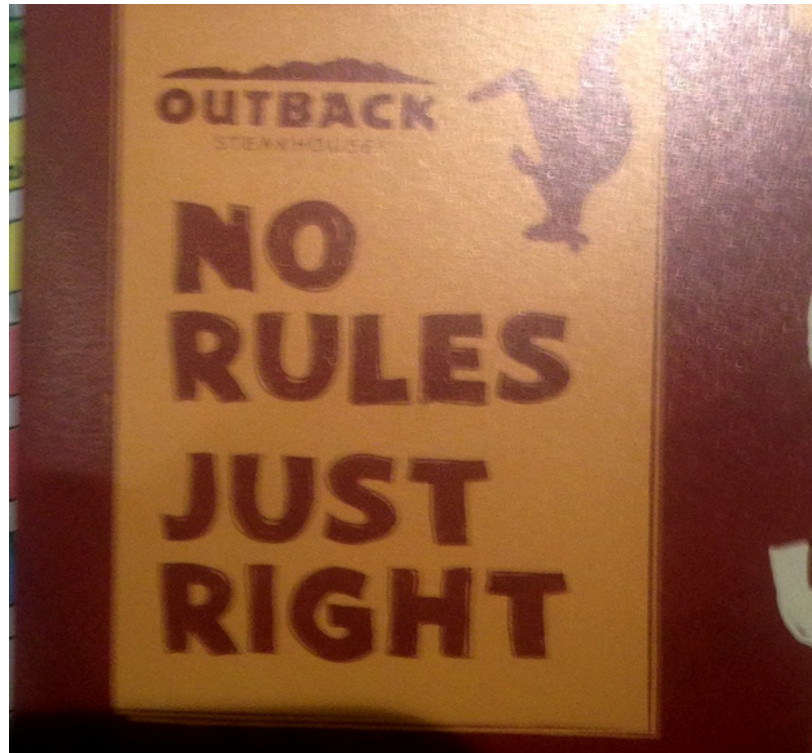
Caveat:

FIPG has never, ever served as a protection against litigation.

It is a means of helping our undergraduates reduce risk or engage in harm reduction.



Remember: Before 1987 there were...



FRATERNITY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION



FIPG evolves

Definitions—some in Manual

Areas such as firearms, sexist behavior,
fire safety, drugs

FIPG becomes Fraternal Information &
Programming Group in 1990s



Most national organizations

Either use FIPG or a similar policy

The policy becomes the standard and is utilized by many campuses



By 2012

Fifty women's and men's national organizations +
NIC & NAPA
Board of Directors
Dues, donations



By 2013

Discussions are being held at the Board level

Does FIPG need to exist as an association?

Or, can its important work be accomplished in other ways?



November 2015

Decision is made: We don't need a stand-alone association

“Policy” will become “Guidelines”

No membership

No meetings or bylaws



It takes time to wind up the affairs of a non-profit. Hills, curves.





October 2016

FIPG is now a resource of the Fraternity
Executives Association



All may access
All may implement
All may benefit



FEA Committee for FIPG

Committee of women's and men's executives +
Nicki Meneley and me.

Chairman: Jeremy Slivinski



Next Steps

Add definitions
Expand the Manual





Definitions such as?

When is an event an event?

BYOB: Six-pack

Third Party Vendor

Monitor system



Definitions such as?

How is “Premises” defined?

Specific mention of “satellite” or annex houses

Examples of guest lists



We have lots of work to do!

WORK
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Enforcement of Policy

Remains the province of national organizations

And our host institutions

Guidelines provide guidance



Contrary to popular opinion

FIPG never had an enforcement arm or procedure

Member orgs affirmed that they would
follow the policy



Resources

Policy interpretation

Website & Manual

FIPG Programming at AFA



Perspective I

FIPG Guidelines have never been
considered “Perfect”

But no one else has advanced a better version



The Board of Directors

Often asked itself, “Where would we be if we didn’t have the (Guidelines)?”



Perspective II

One may sum up the entire set of Guidelines in one word:

Care



Policy Interpretation '95-'16

- 1) How can we get around the policy?
- 2) Definition of “event”
- 3) “All Greekers”



Others:

The “What if” series

The “Why can’t we...” series



Your questions! Please!



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