Risk Management is Everyone’s Responsibility
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My background includes nine years as an assistant prosecuting attorney; 18 years as CEO of my nationals 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…
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
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
How is “Premises” defined?
Specific mention of “satellite” or annex houses
Examples of guest lists
We have lots of work to do!
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
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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