House boys living in the chapter house

House Boys living in the chapter house is a rarely seen exposure in woman’s fraternities/sororities. Each situation is unique and should be very carefully analyzed. The exposures as we see them are enumerated below and should be considered by your House Corporation. Our position is that as long as the House Corporation is using good “risk management” we can support this practice.

- Male visitation restrictions are common in every facility
- Access to common areas must be limited and probably have only limited times during the day where it is possible
- Access to the sleeping rooms should be restricted at all times
- Security of the resident-members is of utmost concern
- The compensation of room and board becomes both a taxable and Worker’s Compensation exposure for the employer
- The House Corporation can ultimately have the confidence in the “men” abiding by the rules however any allowance for the men to have male or female guests creates a more complex situation. It would be our recommendation that guests not be allowed.

We can broach this exposure directly with the House Corporation if you wish and determine what steps they have taken to control this unusual exposure for a sorority house. Let us know if this is the course you wish us to take. Should you wish to engage your leadership on this matter, then we would like some follow-up communication of what they did uncover in their review with the local volunteers.