

CALL TO CONVENTION

The 42nd Biennial Convention of the Society of Sigma Gamma Epsilon will be held in Charlotte, NC on November 3, 2012, prior to the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting. The schedule is planned in hopes that this will be a convenient and reasonable time slot for those planning to attend GSA. We welcome and urge Chapters to send more than one member if possible. Chapter Advisors are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Convention will be a somewhat abbreviated SGE business meeting (no field trip). It will run from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and be held in the Providence Ballroom 1 of the Westin Charlotte Hotel. In addition to being a lot of fun, these Conventions are very important because they provide an opportunity for Chapters to set policy for this student-run organization. Your national officers advise and carry out the policies established at the national Conventions. The SGE National Office will provide a stipend of \$200 to each Chapter delegate and National Officer, and a stipend of \$25 for each Chapter alternate and Chapter Advisor. Stipends will be paid at the conclusion of the Convention, so full participation in the Convention is required. All participants will also be provided a continental breakfast and money toward purchase of your lunch. Each active Chapter can send only 1 delegate but any number of alternates. All attendees can participate in committees and discussions, but only delegates are permitted to vote.

The Registration form and Committee form are included in this mailing. They can also be accessed at the SGE Website at <http://www.sigmagamaepsilon.com>. Please return these forms, either by mail or electronically to even@sigmagammaepsilon.com, as soon as possible and no later than October 1. There is no registration fee for the 2012 SGE Convention. If your Chapter has any business it would like to have discussed at the meeting, please e-mail it to me so that I can add it to the Convention agenda.

One of the important tasks the student delegates will undertake is the election of the National President and Vice Presidents. Current SGE President, Dr. Erika Elswick, at Indiana Univ. is eligible for re-election, as are all of the SGE Vice Presidents. If any Chapter advisor is interested in serving as a national officer of SGE, they should contact Erika (eelswick@indiana.edu) in advance of the convention

Please note that each Chapter is to prepare a typed summary of its activities since the last SGE convention in spring 2010 at Indiana University. National Officers are to prepare a summary of overall activities in their Province since the last convention. You are also asked to bring an electronic copy of your report, or e-mail it to prior to the Convention to even@sigmagammaepsilon.com. Each Chapter delegate and National Officer will present a brief summary of his or her report at the Convention. These reports will be published in the *Compass* at a later date.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Charlotte!

Sincerely,

James C. Walters
National Secretary-Treasurer