

SIGMA GAMMA EPSILON - CALL TO CONVENTION

The 44th Biennial Convention of the Society of Sigma Gamma Epsilon will be held in Charleston, Illinois on the campus of Eastern Illinois University, September 22 – 24, 2017. The schedule is planned in hopes that delegates will not need to miss more than one day of classes. 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 run Friday afternoon through Sunday noon, with a field trip on Saturday. 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. For this Convention, the National Office will provide a \$400 stipend for one official delegate from each active Chapter. Alternates will receive stipends of \$50. Advisors participating in this meeting will receive \$200 stipends. These stipends are contingent upon full participation in the meeting and will be paid at the completion of the Convention. Meals and lodging during the meeting will be provided.

There is a \$50 registration fee for the Convention, and it will be fully refunded at the completion of the Convention, contingent upon our receiving your registration materials (postmarked and emailed) by the Sept. 8th deadline and your full participation at the meeting. Registration and Committee assignments (gray paper) for the Convention are included in this mailing. Please return these forms by mail as soon as possible and no later than September 8. Include the \$50 registration fee in your mailing, and we ask that you also submit them electronically to even@sigmagammaepsilon.com by September 8 (additional forms will be available on the website August 2017). A checklist for participants can be found on the gold-colored paper. Lastly, a registration reimbursement form (blue) must be completed and signed by the advisor and received by September 8 in order to receive reimbursement at the conclusion of the Convention. If preferred, reimbursement forms can be emailed by the advisor by September 8. Reimbursement for forms submitted after September 8 will be mailed out in the month following the Convention.

One of the important tasks the student delegates will undertake at this Convention is the election of the National President and Vice Presidents. If any Chapter advisor is interested in serving as a national officer of SGE, either as a Vice President or the National President, he or she should contact me (james.walters@uni.edu) by Sept. 8. I will be working with the student members of the Nominations Committee to identify a slate of officers to serve during the period 2017-2020. Please contact me or Paula if you have any questions about the duties and responsibilities of the national officers. In addition, if your Chapter has any business it would like to have discussed at the meeting, please email it to Paula (even@sigmagammaepsilon.com) by September 8 so that it can be added to the Convention agenda.

Please note that each Chapter's delegate is to prepare a typed summary of their Chapter's activities for the previous two-and-a-half-year period (since the last convention at the Univ. of Kansas in March 2015). This should be sent electronically to Paula by Sept. 8th and should be in publication-ready form for *The Compass* (the template for chapter reports is available on the home page of the SGE website). Each Chapter delegate will be asked to present a brief summary (5 - 10 min.) of their report at the opening session of the Convention on Friday or on Saturday morning. We encourage these to be presented as PowerPoints. The PowerPoints need to be emailed to even@sigmagammaepsilon.com by September 8. Full payment of delegate stipends is contingent upon the completion of the *Compass*-ready typed summary and the presentation of a chapter report at the Convention.

Questions about any aspect of the Convention can be directed to Paula at 319-505-3391 or even@sigmagammaepsilon.com.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Charleston.

Sincerely,

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