

September 18, 2006

Greetings Sigma Gams:

SGE at the Philadelphia GSA Meeting:

I just wanted to let everyone know about the various SGE activities that will be taking place in conjunction with the upcoming GSA meeting in Philadelphia.

1. The SGE Poster Session (session #22), highlighting student research, will be held Tuesday, October 24, 8 am to 12 pm, Exhibit Hall C. We have 44 student posters this year (booth #s 34-77)! The National VPs will judge those posters presented by SGE members and award two cash prizes for the best student research. Be sure to stop by and support this important event.
2. The Second Annual SGE Members Reception will be held Monday, October 23 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market Street, 5 to 7 pm in the Regency Ballroom (C1). As you cruise the various university alumni receptions, be sure to stop in and meet other SGE members and advisors from across the country. Last year's inaugural reception in Salt Lake City was a success and we hope for even greater attendance at this year's reception.
3. SGE will have a booth (#713) in the Exhibit Hall throughout the meeting. As we discussed at our last convention, Betty Bellis, Secretary to the National Council, would welcome help from SGE student members to help man the booth during the meeting. Of course this is also the place to touch base with National if your chapter has any questions or needs any SGE items or supplies.
4. Lastly, be sure to check out the "Hall of Fame" at the Philadelphia meeting that highlights all the awards given in the past year by GSA and its allied and affiliated societies. Last year's W.A Tarr Award recipients and the winners of the 2005 Austin A. Sartin and National Council poster session awards will listed in this forum.

Preliminary Call to Convention:

It is not too early to start making plans to attend Sigma Gamma Epsilon's 40th Biennial Convention. The Gamma Sigma chapter (University of Northern Iowa) will host this convention on their campus in Cedar Falls, Iowa, during Fall Semester 2007. The convention will run Friday through Sunday morning with a local geologic field trip on Saturday. I have found these events to be a lot of fun, in addition to their importance in setting policy for this student-run organization. Travel funds for one official delegate from each active (dues paid) chapter will be provided by the National office. Chapters are encouraged to send additional students to the convention, so plan your fund-raising activities now.

THE COMPASS

Have you been working on an undergraduate research project? If so, please consider publishing your research in **THE COMPASS**, the society's peer-reviewed scientific journal. Manuscripts should be sent to Dr. Donald Neal, our National Editor. He is also interested in publishing "Chapter News" items, so let us know about your chapter's activities.

Have a great semester and I look forward to seeing some of you in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Rick Ford
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The Society of Sigma Gamma Epsilon