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Hello fellow members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon...

This is your **Call to Convention!!**

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season and are enjoying a robust start to your spring semester, in whatever form that is taking in these unusual times. This Spring Letter is devoted to inspiring you and your fellow SGE colleagues to come join us VIRTUALLY for our biennial National Convention on April 10th, hosted by Eastern Illinois University. This is a time for you to flex those student muscles and help shape **your** Honor Society. As it will be virtual, there is an even greater opportunity for more students to participate, so why not??

This year we will consolidate the Convention meeting into one partial day on Saturday, April 10th. Registration is **FREE** but does need to be done by March 15th. Once we have all of the Registrants, we will contact you with more specific details about the Agenda and navigating the virtual platform. Please do be sure, however, to indicate on the Registration Form what your role is (Advisor, Delegate – the voting member of a chapter, or Alternate – participant) and on what committee(s) you would be willing to serve. Register now on the SGE webpage and be sure to have your voice heard!

As you may know, your participation at the convention is supported and highly encouraged by the National Office. Each chapter is entitled to representation by their Advisor as well as a designated Delegate and any member who would like to participate as an Alternate. This time, because the Convention is virtual, only Delegates will receive a stipend for their active participation. To be eligible for this stipend, the Delegate needs to register by March 15th, provide a Compass-ready report of their chapter's activities since the last convention by March 25th, present this report at the Convention and attend the Convention from when it is convened to when it is concluded. Additional information is included in this email and on the homepage of the SGE website. Specific information regarding participation in the virtual convention will be mailed to registered individuals after March 15th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paula Even at even@SGEearth.org or 319-505-3391.

Chapters wishing to have business items brought before the delegates must notify the National Office of their intentions by March 15th. Please contact Paula Even at even@SGEearth.org.

In a totally unrelated subject, you may have been contacted by Numerade about sponsoring your chapter. Please do **not** pursue this offer. We are unsure of the legitimacy of the offer, but – more importantly – our honor society will not be sponsored by any outside agency except in relation to academia (eg GSA Societies).

See you at the Convention!

Diane Burns, President