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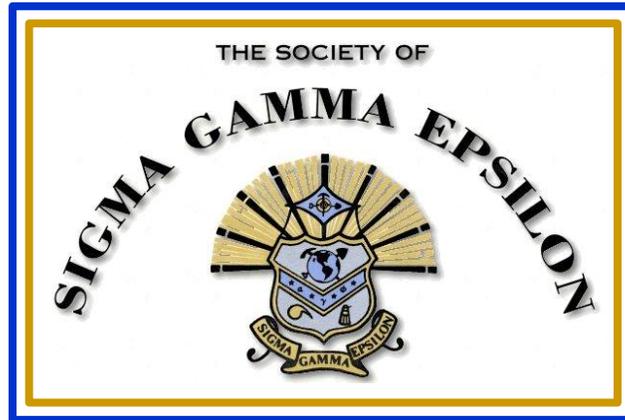
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## **Sigma Gamma Epsilon-News and Information**



### **CALL TO CONVENTION**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> 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.sigmagammaepsilon.com>. Please return these forms, either by mail or electronically to [even@sigmagammaepsilon.com](mailto: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.

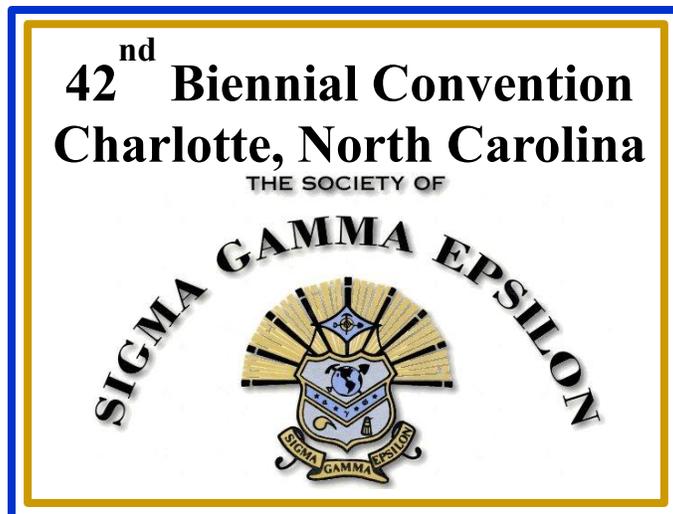
One of the important tasks the student delegates will undertake is the election of the National President and Vice Presidents. Current SGE President, Dr. Erika Elswick, at Indiana University is eligible for re-election, as are all of the SGE Vice Presidents. If any Chapter advisor is interested in serving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



### Convention Agenda

#### Friday, November 2

Arrival; Check into hotels

#### Saturday, November 3

8:00 – Meet in the The Westin Charlotte (see map), Providence Ballroom 1 on the Lobby Level

Introductions; start of Convention

Officer/Chapter reports

9:00 – Continental breakfast

9:30 – Officer/Chapter reports continued

11:30 – Break into committees

12:00 – Working lunch; committees

1:00 – Continue with Chapter/Officer reports if needed; committee deliberations

2:30 – Committee reports/discussions/decisions through delegate voting

4:30 – Activities conclude

Location of the The Westin Charlotte: 



**Sigma Gamma Epsilon**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention**  
**November 3, 2012**  
**The Westin Charlotte**  
**Providence Ballroom I**  
**8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**



**REGISTRATION**

*Please Print Clearly (One Name per Form)*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter** \_\_\_\_\_ **Institution** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position** (please circle one): Delegate      Alternate      Advisor      National Officer

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax Number** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Advisor Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the student listed above is eligible to participate in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention of Sigma Gamma Epsilon.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Advisor Signature)

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY October 1, 2012 to:**

**Mail**  
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*(Please complete committee form on the reverse side)*

# COMMITTEE FORM

(One Name per Committee Form)

***Deadline is October 1st***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Position (please circle one): Delegate      Alternate      Advisor      National Officer  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

All active members attending can serve on committees; however, only an official delegate can serve as chairman of a committee. These committees and their duties are as follows:

**Chapter Affairs:** Recommends programming, service projects, and fund-raising activities that Chapters can use to become more active, solvent, and of service to their department and members.

**Finance:** Makes recommendations regarding change of dues and initiation fees and dates of submission.

**Compass:** Makes recommendations regarding publication policies concerning THE COMPASS and means of soliciting more manuscripts for submission.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Makes necessary changes in the Constitution and Bylaws required by legislation passed by the Convention.

**Membership:** Recommends any change in qualifications to become a member such as GPA, hours of Earth Science courses, etc. This committee also recommends changes to the Society's webpage.

**Nominations:** Draws up a slate of nominees for the National Officers and presents slate to the Convention. The Committee makes certain each nominee has been contacted personally and has agreed to serve.

**Ritual:** Recommends any change in content, format, or styles of presentation of the Initiation Ceremony. This Committee also recommends any change in design of our insignia.

**Awards:** Reviews requirements and monetary awards for the W.A. Tarr Award, Quality Chapter Award, Austin A. Sartin Best Poster Award, the National Council Best Poster Award, and other forms of recognition as appropriate.

Committee assignments will be made prior to the convention. If your chapter has a special interest, please indicate below. Please indicate first, second, and third choices. All individuals attending the convention participate in committee membership but only the official delegates may vote:

_____ Chapter Affairs	_____ THE COMPASS
_____ Constitution and Bylaws	_____ Scholarship and Membership
_____ Nominations	_____ Finance
_____ Ritual and Insignia	_____ Awards