



2011 International Convention General Business Session and Regional Caucuses Friday – March 25, 2011

ATTEND + VOTE = \$200

Don't miss this opportunity to participate on the regional and national levels of Sigma Tau Delta. The annual convention is where our chapters elect Sigma Tau Delta's next generation of leaders. To encourage your chapter to participate, every chapter with an official voting student delegate present at the General Business Session and at the chapter's Regional Caucus is eligible to receive a \$200 reimbursement (\$400 for non-continental U.S. chapters).

WHY attend the General Business Session and the Regional Caucus?

In addition to the financial incentive, this is an opportunity for students, Faculty Sponsors, and alumni **to participate in the governance of and planning for ΣΤΔ**. Participants will gain firsthand information on the Society's operations, meet the Board of Directors (Officers, Regents, Student Advisors) and the Student Representatives, and help shape ΣΤΔ's future.

WHO should attend?

All convention attendees are welcome and are urged to attend the General Business Session and the Regional Caucuses to get the inside scoop on who's who and what's happening in Sigma Tau Delta.

Each chapter gets one vote and appoints a **student** member as its **official voting delegate** to cast the chapter's vote in any elections and on any business decisions made during the General Business Session or the Regional Caucuses. All chapter members may confer on this vote.

WHAT happens at these sessions?

At the General Business Session an official roll-call of chapters is taken. ΣΤΔ Officers give various brief reports and make important announcements concerning the Society. The Society's Officers are elected at this meeting. **Chapter members confer on all votes and the**

chapter's official voting student delegate casts the chapter's vote.

Following the General Business Session the chapters meet in their respective Regional Caucuses with their current Regent, Student Representative, and Associate Student Representative. This is an opportunity for chapters in the regions to meet students and faculty from other schools in the region. Chapters make some important decisions about what they would like to do in the region and provide suggestions for how they can deepen and expand their resources. The Regents, Student Representatives, and Associate Student Representatives are elected at the Regional Caucuses. Again, chapter members confer on all votes and the chapter's official voting student delegate casts the chapter's vote.

WHEN is this session held?

The General Business Session and Regional Caucuses will be held on **Friday, March 25**.

HOW does a chapter receive a reimbursement check?

The official voting student delegate must complete a form provided at the General Business Session and return it at the Regional Caucus. The official voting delegate (a) must be a student member and (b) must attend and participate in the full General Business Session and respective Regional Caucus. The same student must attend both the General Business Session and respective Regional Caucus. Chapters should decide ahead of time whether or not the \$200/\$400 should be used by the chapter's student delegate for his/her expenses or whether the money should be returned to the chapter treasury. Checks will be sent from the Central Office shortly after the convention. It is customary for delegates to provide their home chapters with a report on the convention (the business, the sessions, etc.).