



2012 International Convention General Business Session and Regional Caucuses Thursday and Friday – March 1 and 2, 2012

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 1) the chapter's Informal Regional Caucus (Thursday), 2) the General Business Session (Friday), and 3) the chapter's Regional Caucus (Friday), is eligible to receive a \$200 reimbursement (\$400 for chapters not in the continental U.S.A.).

WHY attend the General Business Session and Regional Caucuses?

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 on Friday and the Thursday and Friday 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**. S/he casts the chapter's vote in any elections and on any business decisions made during the General Business Session and 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.**

On Thursday after the Awards Ceremony and on Friday after the General Business Session, 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, all chapter members confer on each vote and the chapter's official voting student delegate casts the chapter's one vote.

WHEN are these sessions held?

The Informal Regional Caucuses will be held on **Thursday** afternoon following the Awards Ceremony. The General Business Session will be held on **Friday** morning, followed by the Regional Caucuses.

HOW does a chapter receive a reimbursement check?

The official voting student delegate must complete a form provided at the Informal Regional Caucus on Thursday and return it at the Regional Caucus following the General Business Meeting on Friday. The official voting delegate (a) must be a student member and (b) must attend and participate in 1) the chapter's Informal Regional Caucus (Thursday), 2) the General Business Session (Friday), and 3) the chapter's Regional Caucus (Friday). The same student must attend all three events. 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.).