

Section 89 News

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Section Chair “Ed”itorial

Wow!!! I never thought I would get a crack at editorializing a newsletter for the section let alone being section chair. Last spring sectionals at St.

Bonaventure I was elected section chair. I am very excited about this position and hope to be of service to all the chapters in the section. Dave Gates and before him, Rick Bojko deserve a lot of credit for the jobs they did and I am honored to lead in the path they have built.

Well, here we are in this section designated 89. We have some enduring staff...Frank, Peter, Harry, Alex, Ed & Blondie and some current and new faces...Hector, Karen, Rusty, Jen, Lomey, & Ken. My present goal for staff is to provide “value added” to the chapters & expansion groups of Section 89. I encourage all brothers to meet section staff and seek to strengthen our ideals together in Leadership, Friendship and Service.

1998 Minneapolis National Convention Planning, News, and Updates

The National Convention is just around the corner. The past few months have been very busy for the crew of brothers planning on hosting the convention in Minneapolis. They assured us this summer that the roads would be clear, but there were no promises with regard to snow in the sky or burying your car.

Active brothers, alumni and staff are preparing for what might be the biggest conference to date. So far, reports state that the Hyatt Regency was completely booked, but a few more rooms were freed up. Additional accommodations are available at the Regal Minneapolis Hotel 800/522-8856 with the same convention rate, directly across from the Hyatt.

A number of brothers across the section have expressed interest in delegation and possibly being committee members or chairs. Warren has informed Pat Burke of the people interested in chairing committees in Region II. Brothers nominated as delegates and those interested in sitting on committee please contact me as soon as you can. I'll try to let you know where I am and I hope to know where you are when we get to Nationals.

Before leaving, there are three key items to ensure representation at Nationals. These include the AAMD's, advisor representation and dollars for good standing.

AAMD (Annual Active Membership Dues)

Presidents and e-boards make sure that everyone in the chapter is accounted for on your AAMD's, dues are up and everything sent in by November 15th. Make sure to have your advisors clearly listed as well.

Advisor Representation

This past summer the national board enforced a requirement in our Articles of Incorporation for chapters to have advisor representation in the sum of 3 faculty/staff advisors from the campus and 1 scouting

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Summer Recap - Section 89 Highlights, CPW and SRW

Fall 89 Sectionals in Rochester

Contributions provided by Joe Chen and Ed Varel

Every summer there are a number of activities, which allow brothers to keep in touch with each other as well as take part in a learning experience. Three such activities occurred within the last few weeks this summer. These included our Section 89 Summer Picnic, Region II Chapter Program Workshop (CPW) and National Section Resource Weekend (SRW).

The summer picnic came off after a few planning difficulties, but Epsilon Gamma at Alfred University was able to host a good Picnic down at Kanakadea Park right off of 17 in the Southern Tier. It was a good chance to catch up with brothers across the section, eat some food, play some sports and enjoy some stories and highlights from the past year.

The Region II CPW was a great experience. Not unlike the section picnic, it was a close call for the go/no-go decision at the beginning of July, but it came off anyway. There was definitely a good opportunity to learn from the workshop itself, as well as from the brothers of chapters spread out around the northeast.

A fun icebreaker Friday night with some seminars started off the CPW. Saturday began with good discussion with Warren Weidman, our region director. Smaller group exercises, reviews, lunch, and smaller group exercises occurred throughout the day. After dinner we had an amusing mock rush which always

benefits the people giving it as well as those playing prospectives.

Then after some evaluation and some more exercises, we adjourned outside for a lengthy roundtable discussion. We talked of many of things including the upcoming National conference and other matters relating to the fraternity. Then it was a night of beach volleyball, some Frisbee, and lots more talking to all hours of the morning.

Sunday ended with some exercises followed by a nice closing. All in all, a very fun and eventful weekend of discussion with many brothers that met for the first time, brothers that rekindled ties, and a lot of useful information for us to return to our chapters with.

So the CPW conference schedule for the summer has ended. We're



Collage of brothers at the section picnic

This fall the 89 sectional conference was held in Rochester hosted by two chapters, Xi Zeta (RIT) and Mu Lambda (U of R). Both chapters did an excellent job of coordinating the conference planning and execution. Despite a few "snafus" with registration and glassware, attendance at the conference exceeded 100 brothers.

Workshops ran smoothly including a healthy group of brothers interested in swing dancing and later a panel discussion on risk management. Service projects were very well attended and received. Thank you to all who helped out. The banquet was quite a hoot with all the table toys, but who was that keynote speaker that mixed cement for a living and can spot character when he sees it. Well we don't need to look for it anymore for those who were there ;-).

At the business meeting we discussed and voted to alternate sectionals with 88 in the Spring. We also voted to actively seek bids for SLeD, section service and fellowship events for each semester. Dates were set for this semester's SLeD and fellowship. Quite unexpectedly, brothers voted unanimously in favor of reinstating joint sectionals with section 88 in the Fall. Epsilon

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advisor. Make sure each advisor has filled out an advisor activation form (these are free) and it is sent to Nationals at the same time AAMD's are sent in (Nov. 15th).

Dollars

At sectionals I reminded some chapters of outstanding debts with the National office. Please make sure that you have resolved any debts you might have and avoid any new ones. I'll be contacting chapters that I have not seen resolutions for and you may check with Linda Secrist (National Accountant, apolinda@aol.com) to check your account to see if you are clear. Here again try to clear any account problems up as early as possible so that you don't have any convention crunches or crashes.

Make sure to bring your heavy clothes and some good snow boots if you plan on going outside. The Mall of America is also there for your end of the year shopping.

Huli (huli2000@aol.com) from Epsilon Sigma in Buffalo is still seeking individuals interested in group transportation. This may be a more economical way to get to Nationals if your still contemplating on going.

Travel safe and hope to see you there!

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now in full gear this Fall with classes and service (at least most of us), I hope everyone around the country who attended CPWs are working on the goals they set for themselves and their chapters. Special thanks to Rick Bojko, past Section 89 Chair and CPW coordinator. The SRW this summer was an equally rewarding experience designed for section chairs, staff and advisors. Among the National staff present were Jack McKenzie (Nat'l VP), Allen Wong (Nat'l LD), mrn Tomusiak (Nat'l Service), and of course Pat Burke (Nat'l Executive Director) right next door in the National Office. Friday began with an icebreaker and some role-playing. Later brothers talked, swam in the pool at the camp and retired to our *air-conditioned* cottages. Saturday started off with some more group discussion, a series of workshops and interactive learning exercises. We split the day with lunch and ended it with dinner with some treats from everyone in attendance's place of origin. Sunday we had a great preview of the upcoming National Convention, a pilgrimage and tour of the National Office, and a nice closer. Brothers shared rides and got car pools throughout the weekend and some of us even got to see the memoriam of H. Roe Bartle in Kansas City (Thanks mrn). Now, its time to apply all I learned and continue to learn from those I networked with at this fantastic event. Special thanks to Lisa Covi the SRW coordinator who recently moved to the Northeast and attended our recent sectional conference in Rochester.

Harry's Kids...A message from the Scouting and Youth Relations Chair

Welcome back to another year of service and fun. Its great to see that Ed Varel is out and about so quickly after being elected. I've been busy collecting a list of youth organizations in New York from a web search, so if anyone is looking for a new idea for a service project, I might have the resource you're looking for. There are several organizations on this list and I would appreciate some feedback if a chapter has had success with one or not. How do I get a copy, you ask? I have made it downloadable on my personal webpage in text format and as an access database in MS Office 97 format. This file includes all of New York, excluding NYC and Long Island areas. Just look for the Youth Relations link at this address; <http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/~hgill/apo.html> and I'll see you at Nationals with a hardcopy if your still in the internet darkages:)

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Nu (SUNY Oswego) was voted to host the joint sectional conference in the Fall of '99. Brothers of Section 88 were ecstatic over the joint vote and will attend in the fall at Oswego. Inquiries from Oswego to brothers of both sections, have opened Oct 22-24 (Conclave) and Nov 5-7 as available dates. Spring '99 conference bids currently are anticipated from only Section 88 chapters for this spring's conference. Section 88 has discussed some conference scheduling options and they will be presented at this Spring's Conference.

SLeD Fall '98

Section Leadership Day is being hosted by Alpha Beta Xi on the campus of SUNY Geneseo on Saturday, November 21st to tentatively run from 10 AM - 4:30 PM. The theme is Leadership Enhancement and Extension. Recently, Rusty Babani was appointed section LD person. Rusty and I are excited to be working together on leadership development and we think we have a great SLeD planned. Sample topics include conflict resolution, teaming and planning. Dont miss this opportunity.

Hope to see you there!!!

Calendar of Events

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK
Combating Domestic Violence
YOUR CHAPTER
Nov. 1 - 7

SLeD "LEADERSHIP ENHANCEMENT & EXTENSION"
SUNY GENESEO
NOVEMBER 21ST

SECTION FELLOWSHIP
INTER CHAPTER VOLLEYBALL
SUNY BUFFALO
DECEMBER 5TH

NATIONAL CONVENTION
MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL
DECEMBER 27 - 30

SPRING 88/89 JOINT SECTIONALS
SUNY ONEONTA
APRIL 9 - 11