

September 18, 2009

Active Chapters of Sigma Gamma Epsilon
Members of the National Council

If you have been to the SGE website recently (www.earth.uni.edu/SGE), you may have noticed that the address for the National Office of SGE has changed. After 42 years, Dr. Charles J. Mankin, National Secretary-Treasurer and Betty Bellis, Secretary to the National Council, are stepping down. SGE is transitioning its office from the University of Oklahoma to the University of Northern Iowa. As a former Vice President of the Central Province and National President and currently co-advisor for a Chapter, I have agreed to take on the responsibility of National Secretary-Treasurer until our National Convention at Indiana University next spring. National President, Dr. Rick Ford, will mention more about this change in his letter to Chapters.

The purpose of this letter is to welcome all Chapters back to their respective campuses for the start of the new academic year and to provide details on supplying information to the National Office.

INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER:

- List of Active Members form. This list should be submitted along with annual dues and initiation fees and initiate data cards by November 1. If you have any transfer members, they should be listed with the initiating Chapter/university noted next to their name. This form is also available at the SGE website under the Chapters link.
- A Quick Information Sheet with some basic information on SGE that should help answer questions on national dues, initiation fees, where to send the dues, etc. This form is also available on the SGE website under the Chapters link.

National dues are due November 1. All returning members, associate members, and newly initiated members pay annual dues of \$15, and new members pay both the \$15 annual dues and the one-time initiation fee of \$25 (total of \$40 for new members). Please note that we appreciate receiving one check only from the Chapter as it expedites handling the money. And do not send cash! If an initiation is not scheduled until after November 1, then it is best to send the List of Members at this time with annual dues and send the new initiate data cards and money after your initiation has been held.

We have supplies such as Initiate Data Cards, Associate Member Data Cards, and copies of the Initiation Ritual. You can also download the data cards from the SGE homepage. Please have new initiates complete the Initiate Data Cards in ink and use their full name, or at least middle initial. SGE was founded in 1915 and there are many names in the file, so a middle name or initial is often the distinguishing factor when hunting for alumni members or transferring members.

Please bear with us as we move the National Office of SGE to the University of Northern Iowa. We will attempt to respond to your requests and inquiries as soon as possible. For the time being, you can contact me at 319-273-2707 or the Earth Science Dept. Office at 319-273-2759. Our fax is 319-273-7124 and my e-mail is james.walters@uni.edu.

Best wishes for the academic year! If you will be attending the GSA meeting in Portland, please stop by the SGE booth in the Exhibit Hall, participate in the SGE reception on Monday, and visit the SGE poster session on Wednesday.

Sincerely,

James C. Walters
National Secretary-Treasurer