

THE SOCIETY OF SIGMA GAMMA EPSILON

Quick Sheet

Sigma Gamma Epsilon Members!

As the fall semester gets in full swing, there are many questions we receive from the various chapters and/or their officers. We hope some of these are addressed here in a quick reference sheet.

An updated Constitution and By-laws will be printed very shortly and distributed as Vol. 79, No. 4 of *The Compass*. Membership requirements and financial obligations are addressed in the brochure we distribute as well as in the Constitution.

Current Membership Requirements:

At least 10 semester hours or 15 quarter hours in Earth Science courses completed;

A minimum G.P.A. of 2.67 in all college courses

A minimum G.P.A. of 3.00 in all Earth Science courses

Do you have a new Advisor?

If so, please let us know so we can note the new advisor in the Chapter Directory in *The Compass*. If your new Advisor is not a member of SGE, he/she may be initiated as an Associate Member for the same initiation fee (\$25) and annual dues (\$15). Associate Member cards should be used for the advisor and can be obtained from the National Office.

What does an Advisor do?

Article III, Sec. 7, states "Each chapter shall elect a Faculty Advisor, who is a Sigma Gamma Epsilon member, for a term of two (2) years." The Advisor provides continuity to the chapter as officers usually change on a yearly basis. Vol. 76, No. 3, of *The Compass* contains articles by three National Officers on "the role of the faculty advisor." Your library should have a copy of that issue, or contact the National Office if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

Where is the National Office?

The National Office is located in the offices of the Department of Earth Science on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Dr. James C. Walters is the National Secretary-Treasurer of SGE. Send all correspondence, inquiries, payments, and requests to him at:

Sigma Gamma Epsilon
Department of Earth Science
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0335



Initiation Fees: a one-time fee of \$25; for regular and associate members. Each member receives a membership card and a shingle. **Initiation Fees (\$25) plus Annual Dues (\$15) for a total of \$40** should be sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer's Office along with a list of names and their initiate data cards as soon as possible after the initiation.

Annual Dues of \$15 per year provides regular issues of the journal, *The Compass*. All new and returning members should pay these on a yearly basis. **Annual dues are due on or before November 1.**

Half-year Dues of \$8 are due for only those new members initiated **after February 1**. This payment is combined with the initiation fee of \$25, totaling \$33, for new members initiated after February 1.

Helpful Hints to Expedite Receipt of Membership Cards and Shingles:

- Have members complete initiate data cards with a pen or by typing
- Complete the List of Active Member to send with the cards and money
- Ask members to use their full or legal names [with over 50,000 members since the inception of SGE in 1915, many names are similar or the same].
- Send money order or chapter check rather than individual checks. [If your chapter does not have an account, take the checks to a bank and purchase a money order for the total.]

The National Council

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