

# **PHI THETA KAPPA NEW ENGLAND**

## **Campaign Rules and Regulations**

The following has been edited or adapted from the International Officer Candidate Information Packet

Six New England Officers will be elected during the 2012 New England Regional Convention

- President
- Northern Vice President
- Central Vice President
- Southern Vice President
- Two (2) Officers at Large

One voting delegate will be appointed to represent each chapter in attendance from the region at the Regional Convention. Each voting delegate will be entitled to one vote in each of the 6 officer elections.

The campaign for New England Regional Office is intended to be a fun, educational, and rewarding experience for every candidate. In order to accomplish this goal and provide each candidate with a fair opportunity to campaign, the following rules and regulations have been established.

The Phi Theta Kappa New England Regional Coordinator reserves the right to extend the application deadline if a race is uncontested.

In the event that all positions are not filled, a special election will be held during the Regional meeting at the 2012 International Convention. All campaign rules and regulations will apply. Runner-up candidates from the general election may run for an open position in the special election. All candidates will be required to complete and submit a Regional Officer Application by the deadline appointed by the Regional Coordinator prior to the International Convention to participate in the special election.

A candidate will be required to abide by the Regional Officer Honor Code during the period of his/her candidacy.

### **Prior to the election:**

- A candidate's application must be received by the Regional Officer Elections Committee on or before the deadline established on the New England Regional Officer Application. The date is approximately five weeks prior to the election.
- A candidate may communicate with members of his/her chapter who will be officially serving on the candidate's campaign team.

- A candidate is not permitted to campaign or distribute campaign materials, letters, e-mail messages, etc. prior to the New England Regional Convention.

### **Two weeks prior to the Regional Convention:**

- A candidate may approach members from other chapters to serve on his campaign.
- The candidate may officially announce his/her candidacy within the region.

### **Campaigning at Convention:**

- If at all possible, candidates are expected to arrive by 4:00 p.m. Friday for a candidate Orientation Session. Candidates will meet with the Election Committee, comprised of the Regional Coordinator, current Regional Officers, and persons selected to oversee the election process, to receive valuable campaign information and a schedule of campaign activities.
- T-shirts and/or campaign costumes worn by the candidate and/or campaign workers are acceptable.
- Campaign workers may begin to wear these items upon arrival at the Regional Convention on Friday for name recognition of their candidate but may not officially campaign or distribute campaign material.
- The official campaign period at Regional Convention is from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 12:00 p.m. Saturday.
- Each candidate may use only one distributable information piece. This piece may be a brochure, newsletter, or flier; which will be distributed during the campaign period.
- As a general rule, the New England Region has established a campaign-spending limit of \$75. For planning purposes, approximately 125 members and advisors attend Regional Convention.
- No campaign materials may be posted (walls, doors, etc.)

### **Campaign Speech:**

- This speech must not be presented as a “campaign speech.” The speech should address the current Honors Study Topic.
- Speeches will be presented on Saturday morning

- It is expected the content of the speech will be the work of the candidate; however, each candidate is encouraged to seek assistance from fellow members, advisors, and instructors.
- All Honors Study Topic speeches are limited to two minutes and are strictly timed. After one minute and thirty seconds, a candidate will be given a signal that only thirty seconds remain.
- Use of props or audio/visual is prohibited.
- Current New England Regional Officer will introduce the candidates.

**Candidate Attire:**

- Regional Officer Candidates are required to be dressed in business attire while officially campaigning, during candidate speeches, and at regional meetings/dinners.
- Regional Officer Candidates during social or outside events may wish to remain in business attire or change into business casual.
- Business attire includes suits, coat and tie ensembles, dresses, pantsuits, and skirt and blouse combinations. Also, don't forget your Golden Key Pin.

## **PHI THETA KAPPA NEW ENGLAND – Duties and Responsibilities of Regional Officers**

To serve as a New England Regional Officer is a privilege and an honor. With honor comes the responsibility to ensure the yearly success of the New England Region. You must be committed to the duties of office and be prepared to provide the time and support needed to fulfill the responsibilities of office. As one of six regional officers elected each year, your participation will make a difference in the region. You will be representing thousands of members in fifty-eight chapters within the region.

As a regional officer you will be required to but are not limited to:

1. Uphold the standards of membership and support the principles, ideals, and programs of the New England Region and Phi Theta Kappa Society.
2. Attend New Officers Orientation Session (the Sunday morning immediately following the election, approx. 2 hours); and all Regional Meetings including the Fall Leadership Conference, International Leadership Conference, Honors Institute the summer Regional Officer Team Training and the following year's Regional Convention.
3. The expense related to the above functions will be paid or subsidized by the Region at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator. In addition, it is expected that all Regional Officers will attend the International Convention, including the Regional Officer Academy, and the International Leadership Conference. The Region at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator may subsidize the expense to attend international events.
4. Must actively participate in the planning of regional events. It is expected that each officer will present a workshop during regional conferences & conventions.
5. Participate in monthly planning meetings either online or on location at various colleges. The purpose of the meetings is to establish New England Regional Officers' yearly goals and follow their progress through the year.
6. Work with fellow Regional Officers to develop and submit Regional Goals to Regional Headquarters, to be achieved during the tenure of office.
7. Work with fellow Regional Officers to develop Service Projects to be implemented during the tenure of office.
8. Serve as a host and facilitator of programs at the Regional Leadership Conference, Regional Honors Institute, and Regional Convention under the direction of the New England Regional Coordinator.
9. Prepare a speech for use at chapter inductions, orientations, and meetings.

10. Obtain the approval of the New England Regional Coordinator to attend chapter inductions, meetings, and/or events and non-required New England events.
11. Be prepared to travel to various regional/international meetings and serve in the following roles: Keynote Speaker, Master of Ceremonies, Workshop Teacher, and Society/Regional Ambassador.
12. Correspond with local chapter members and officers within your district/region.
13. Submit information, articles, and pictures of activities attended (via email) to the Regional Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and New England Webmaster for publication.
14. Continue to be an active member in your local chapter.
15. Communicate with International Headquarters, International Officers (especially the Region 1 Vice President) and regional officers from other regions.
16. Uphold the Regional Officers Code of Conduct.
17. Keep a travel log and expense receipts for all official travel within the Region. Complete and submit Regional Travel Vouchers to the Regional Coordinator in a timely manner for reimbursement.

## **Guidelines for New England Regional Team: (but not limited to)**

1. Set goals for upcoming year and make available to the region.
2. Set calendar for chapters for upcoming year and make available to the region.
3. Create meeting calendar for monthly team meetings, rotating chapter locations.
4. All officers must attend all monthly regional meetings, leadership conferences, inductions (for particular jurisdictions and officer at large if appointed or delegated), regional convention, and international convention.
5. Set dates for distribution of information either via newsletter or website.
6. Maintain and update website (designate 1 or 2 people to be in control of the website).
7. Maintain and update newsletter if necessary (designate 1 person for the layout and 1 person for content such as editor in chief).
8. All posted information must be approved by the team and Regional Coordinator.
9. Plan and complete service projects (naming and officer to chair each event).
10. Plan and complete honor study topic projects (naming an officer to chair each event).
11. Create a phone and email distribution list with the chapter officer information from each jurisdiction.
12. Support Regional Coordinator in whatever he/she needs done to increase chapter participation and communication.
13. Above all else this is a team. Everyone should work together and all projects should be agreed upon before the chapters know about them.
14. All emails to the region must cc the Regional Coordinator.
15. Continue to help the region grow and pass on your legacy to the next team or officers.

### **Guidelines for Regional President: (but not limited to)**

1. Oversee team and combine all ideas to achieve a common congruent answer that benefits the chapters.
2. Provide support by listening, talking, and understanding the personal visions of each officer.
3. Delegate responsibilities to the officers.
4. Create a detailed agenda using the format from previous teams; the agenda should include old business; as well as, upcoming events and topics.
6. Attends all monthly regional meetings, leadership conferences, regional convention, and international convention and must attend inductions in the region.
7. Chair an event or project campaign during time in office.
8. Stay in close contact with Regional Coordinator and make sure that he/she is getting responses from the officers.
9. Lead the team with professionalism, tactfulness, and be open-minded to suggestions from the officers and chapters.
10. Other duties as assigned by the Regional Coordinator.

### **Guidelines for Regional Vice President: (but not limited to)**

1. Chair an event or project campaign.
2. Support the president by accepting delegated tasks, contacting chapters and showing initiative in maintaining the regional website, newsletter, etc. .
3. Create a phone/email distribution list of chapter officers and members within your jurisdiction. Be sure to include the correct college address (may have to call the college to make sure the address from the International website is correct) using excel format.
4. Communicate weekly if not more with the chapter officers and members in the designated jurisdiction:
  - Northern Vice President: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont
  - Central Vice President: Massachusetts
  - Southern Vice President: Connecticut, Rhode Island

5. Attend all monthly regional meetings, leadership conferences, regional convention, and international convention and must attend inductions in the region.
6. When attending inductions or events within your jurisdiction, report back to the regional officers. Also write an article to be posted and shared with the region.
7. Promote communication throughout the region.
8. Other duties as assigned.

**Guidelines for Regional Officer at Large: (but not limited to)**

1. Supporting the team by making phone calls, sending emails, chairing projects and accepting delegated tasks that the others officers may not be able to complete.
2. Attend all monthly regional meetings, leadership conferences, regional convention, and international convention and must attend inductions in the region.
3. Promote communication throughout the region.
4. Write articles about regional news to be shared with the region.
5. Chair an event or project campaign.
6. Other duties as assigned.

## **PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR CODE FOR REGIONAL OFFICERS**

### **Mission Statement**

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

### **Introduction**

In support of the Society's Mission Statement, the Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors adopts this Honor Code as a declaration of the high standards of conduct to which Regional Officers are held. This Honor Code is not simply a set of rules and procedures governing Regional Officers academic conduct, nor is it a legal contractual obligation of Phi Theta Kappa or the Regional Officer; it is an opportunity to put personal responsibility and integrity into action. Regional Officers will abide by this code, which liberates them to serve the Region and the Society in an atmosphere of mutual confidence and respect. The success of the Code depends upon the support of the Region. Infractions should be reported to a chapter advisor, who may communicate this information to the Regional Coordinator.

## **HONOR CODE**

As a Regional Officer...

I will conduct myself at all times in a manner that reflects positively on myself, my chapter, my region and the Society.

I place as a priority continued academic excellence.

I am committed to maintaining an environment, which recognizes the dignity of each individual member and encourages appreciation of diverse backgrounds, opinions and goals in life.

I am committed to honesty and integrity in personal, social, and academic endeavors.

I recognize that a successful Regional Executive Committee (*or name of Regional Officer group*) requires a team effort, and I pledge to work together to promote the Society's Mission.

I will work with the Regional Coordinator and the Society's leaders in the same spirit of cooperation I display in my dealings with others.

I will respond promptly, courteously, and positively to the concerns and requests of the Regional Coordinator and other Society constituents.

I will fulfill my responsibilities in an effective, efficient, and timely manner.

I will conduct myself in a manner, which is respectful of others and worthy of respect from others.

I will dress appropriately for any and all occasions.

I will not engage in any conduct, which may bring shame or disrepute to myself or diminish the reputation of my Region or Phi Theta Kappa.

I will not engage in any illegal activity or violate any stated policies of the Region or the Society. I will not consume and will discourage the consumption of alcohol at Phi Theta Kappa functions.

I will not use or possess nor tolerate the use or possession of controlled substances.

**I have read, understood and agree to the terms and conditions of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Code. I further understand and agree that my continued service as a regional officer is a privilege, not a right, and that violation of this code will subject me to discipline determined appropriate by the Regional Coordinator or his/her designees. Additionally, I understand that pursuant to the procedures outlined by the Regional Bylaws, I have the right to appeal disciplinary action, which results in my removal from office.**

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**Officer or Officer Candidate (signature)**

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**(please print your name)**

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**Region and Office**

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**Date**