

KANSAS REGION
PHI THETA KAPPA

CAMPAIGN 2008

CANDIDATE GUIDELINES
PACKET

1. Application/Intent to run for Regional Office will be due to the regional coordinator by **Wednesday, February 20. A resume and brief biographical essay will be required at this time.**
2. Candidates will declare intention of running for a particular office. If a candidate runs for president, and is not elected in that position, he/she will not be allowed to run for vice president. Therefore, a chapter may have candidates for president and vice president, but if a chapter member is elected as president, unless there are no other candidates in that race, the vice presidential candidate will withdraw his/her candidacy.
3. At the first general session of the Kansas Region Conference, a fellow member must nominate you for candidacy and introduce you to the Kansas Region members. The candidates will not be allowed to make a speech at this time.
4. It is permissible to have a campaign manager.
5. It is permissible for you to have a campaign team and a theme for your campaign. The campaign team can consist of no more than five members, in addition to a campaign manager. This official campaign team cannot distribute items, but can actively support your campaign by wearing any type of theme-based costumes, t-shirts or buttons and through discussions with other members.
6. All candidates must attend the political rally/ice cream social on Friday evening after the First General Session.
7. At the political rally, you may use an easel to display your poster (please bring one with you). The poster must be standard size and may be any color and include any color. You may include any information pertinent to your candidacy.
8. During the political rally, you must stay close to the spot designated for you, so as not to impinge on the rights of other candidates.
9. At the political rally, you and your campaign manager may offer one distributable item to the members only. You and your campaign manager must hand out this item **only in front of your designated spot**. The distributable item must be a photocopied sheet of standard size paper (8 ½" x 11") of any color with **black ink** only. You may use the back and front, and fold in any manner. You may include information pertinent to your candidacy. You may not distribute your photocopies at any other time during the weekend. You should have between 100-150 copies.
10. Questions submitted by the region's advisors, will be shared with the candidates.
11. You will have three minutes to speak to the members. You will not be allowed to go over your allotted time. **You must speak on this year's Honors Study Topic: "Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power."** *Please do not use this speech to inform the membership of your personal qualifications; that is the purpose of the political*

rally. This purpose is for the membership to gauge your public speaking skills and familiarity with the honors topic.

12. In addition to a three-minute speech, each candidate will answer one question submitted by advisors (not to exceed one minute).
13. If elected, you must attend a meeting with the Regional Coordinator directly following the conference.

Offices open for candidates:

1. President of the Kansas Region
2. Vice President of the Western District of the Kansas Region
3. Vice President of the Southern District of the Kansas Region
4. Vice President of the Northern District of the Kansas Region
5. Vice President of Correspondence of the Kansas Region
6. Alumni Relations Officer of the Kansas Region (planning to attend a university within driving distance of Kansas chapters)

Please type or print clearly in black pen.

Office Sought:: _____

Chapter: _____

College: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Candidate, please read and sign:

I have read through the campaign packet and fully understand the campaign procedure, the benefits and duties of the position for which I am running, and if elected will attempt to the best of my abilities to fulfill the responsibilities of the Regional Office.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Advisor, please read and sign:

I have read through the campaign packet and understand the chapter's/college's responsibility for this candidate's travel expenses if elected. I further believe this candidate is a member in good standing of the chapter.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Benefits of Regional Office:

1. Tuition, room and board at the annual International Honors Institute.
2. Registration fee paid for annual International Convention.
3. Registration fee paid for annual Regional Officer's Academy pre-conference held at International Convention.
4. Registration fees paid for all regional meetings (Regional Planning Meeting, Regional Leadership, Regional Honors Institute, and Kansas Region Convention).
5. Registration & hotel expenses for the International Leadership Conference at the Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters in Jackson, MS.
6. A Regional Officer recognition medal.
7. A Regional Officer's training, planning, and leadership workshop conducted by the regional Coordinator.
8. Letters of recommendation from your Regional Coordinator.
9. The Regional President also receives a Regional President's gavel and, after leaving office, the honor of carrying the state flag of Kansas during the Opening Ceremonies of the annual International Convention.

General Requirements for Service as a Regional Officer:

1. Complete support of chapter advisor and other chapter officers/members.
2. Complete support of college administration.
3. An active e-mail address.
4. Capability of making long-distance phone calls from college or chapter office.
5. Capability of having postage paid for mailings by college or chapter.
6. Capability of having gasoline costs to visit regional chapters paid by college or chapter.
7. Willingness to travel to chapters in represented district and access to a car for such purposes.
8. Attendance at the Regional conferences.

9. Financial support from college/chapter for transportation and hotel accommodations for regional conferences and the International Convention, and transportation to the International Honors Institute.

10. The time and availability needed to perform the duties of the office.

Specific Responsibilities of Service as a Regional Officer:

1. Attendance at annual International Convention, including the Regional Officer's Pre-conference Academy and Regional Meeting.
2. Attendance at annual International Honors Institute.
3. Attendance at all regional meetings (Summer Planning Session, Honors Institute, Leadership conference, Regional Convention).
4. Attendance at the Regional Officer's Training Workshop.
5. Give speeches at all regional meetings, conduct workshops when needed, and help with other hosting and planning responsibilities at regional meetings.
6. Abide by the Regional Honor Code.

In addition (to the first six listed above) the District Vice Presidents shall also have the following responsibilities:

1. Represent the region at chapter induction ceremonies held in the district represented by the office held.
2. Monthly contact with all chapter advisors or chapter presidents in the regional district represented by the office held.
3. Monthly chapter reports sent to the Regional Coordinator, Regional President and Vice-President of Correspondence updating all activities of chapters in the regional district represented by the office held.

In addition (to the first six listed above) the Vice President of Correspondence shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Organize regional mailings and correspondence as needed.
2. Serve as Secretary for all Kansas Region Business Meetings.
3. Maintain the Kansas Region Web page with assistance from a committee if necessary.
4. Organize the publication of a Regional Newsletter.

In addition (to the first six listed above) the President shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Serve as Chair for all Kansas Region Business Meetings.
2. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees in the Kansas Region.