

**Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Northeastern Region**

Report of the Northeastern Region Recommendations Committee
73rd Northeastern Regional Conference ~ April 2015
Soror Dawne Stanton, Committee Chair



March 13, 2015

Greetings Sorors of the Northeastern Region,

The following summarizes the activities and services provided by the Northeastern Region (NER) Recommendations Committee for the 2014-2015 sorority year. As of the date of this report:

- This Committee was in receipt of five recommendations. Three recommendations received from chapters pertaining to regional and national Bylaws were immediately forwarded to the NER Bylaws, Policy, and Procedure Committee.
- The committee met four times between November 2014 and March 2015 to compile, review and draft committee recommendations. All three recommendations pertain to the Regional Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).
- One (1) recommendation was received from the Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter (Charlotte, NC)
- One (1) recommendation was received from the Northeastern Region Executive Board.
- One (1) originated from this Committee.
- The committee made motions on all recommendations based upon a democratic vote of the committee.

The seven members of the 2014-2015 Northeastern Region Recommendations Committee are as follows:

Soror Dawne Stanton, Life Member, Committee Chair
Lambda Delta Sigma Chapter – Annapolis, MD (Area 1)

Soror Tahir Thomas Kinsey, Life Member, Northeastern Region Parliamentarian
NER Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Committee Chair
Kappa Chi Sigma Chapter – Montgomery County, PA (Area 6)

Soror Theresa Leeke, Life Member and Cultured Pearl
Phi Sigma Chapter – Washington, DC (Area 1)

Soror Nkemjika Ofodile
Zeta Tau Sigma Chapter – Mount Rainier, MD (Area 1)

Soror Amber Hudson
Eta Iota Sigma Chapter – Chevy Chase, MD (Area 1)

Soror Karissa Garmon
Theta Lambda Sigma Chapter – Cary, NC (Area III)

Soror Courtnee Jordan-Cox
Alpha Nu Sigma – New Castle, DE (Area VI)

This Chair sincerely appreciates the time, service and hard work of the committee members; and humbly thanks the Regional Syntaktes and regional leadership for trusting me with the opportunity to serve the wonderful Northeastern Region for another sorority term in this capacity.

In Sigma Service,

Soror Dawne Stanton, Life Member
Chair, Northeastern Region Recommendations 2014-2016
Lambda Delta Sigma Alumnae Chapter
Annapolis, MD

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1	Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter (Charlotte, NC)	Northeastern Region Standard Operating Procedures, Section 7.300 Process for Handling Recommendations	No current language	Each chapter can submit no more than three (3) recommendations for consideration at a Regional conference	Each conference the membership spends time debating matters that chapters have not considered carefully. If a chapter believes in a recommendation they should understand the issue fully and be able to intelligently articulate its concern. If there is a cap of three (3) recommendations per chapter, then chapters would discuss, debate, and build a strong case in support of their recommendation before submitting it to the Region therefore not wasting its three recommendations on trivial matters. If a chapter has more than three recommendations they are passionate about, they would then have to lobby another chapter to represent the recommendation.	Postpone Indefinitely Committee rationale: <i>The recommendation limits the voice of the membership. Further, as this rule would only apply to the NER, the region would thus become "noncompetitive" in the influence for change with regards to the National body as a whole.</i>	

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2	Northeastern Region Executive Board	Northeastern Region Standard Operating Procedures, Section 2 Duties of Officers, #5 Regional Anti-Grammateus, Detailed Work Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare reports about office duties, accomplishments for board meetings and regional conference as requested both written and verbally; • Present highlights of the activities at the subsequent business session; • Keep an accurate roster of board members, chapter Basilei and chapter addresses; • Distribute recommendation cards for accurate recording of actions taken; • Set up recording software or tools that will assist in accurate recording of minutes, and • Distribute meeting information to Regional Board for conference calls as requested by Region Syntaktes. 	<p><i>Add:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the minutes of the regional conference available to the region by 90 days after the closing of the regional conference. <p><i>Amendment</i></p> <p><i>The Committee moves to amend and replace 90 days with 60 days.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the minutes of the regional conference available to the region by 60 days after the closing of the regional conference. 	<p>Ensures that the region receives the minutes of the regional conference in a timely manner.</p> <p><i>Amendment rationale:</i></p> <p><i>A 60-day timeline would 1) ensure delivery prior to new administrations being installed (chapter or regional) preventing documentation from being lost between outgoing and incoming officers and 2) allow for regional affairs to be closed out prior to a new sorority year.</i></p>	AMEND; Adopt with amendment	

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3	NER Recommendations Committee	Northeastern Region Standard Operating Procedures, Section 2, Duties of Officers and Job Descriptions	No current language	Add new #17 Regional Programs Coordinator The Regional Programs Coordinator shall: A. Plan and coordinate all regional initiatives relating to International Programs and Projects; B. Serve as Chair of the Northeastern Region Programs Committee; C. Submit all reports to the International Programs Chair; D. Provide a workshop at regional meetings on the implementation of new International programs; E. Make available to the Region an advanced schedule of programs to be implemented at regional meetings; F. Provide implementation and reporting guidance for national programs to local chapters; G. Perform those duties in these Standard Operating Procedures and outlined in the Northeastern Region Bylaws, any applicable duties in the National Bylaws and National Standard Operating Procedures, and H. Perform other appropriate duties as determined by a vote of the Regional Conference or the Northeastern Region Executive Board.	The duties and job description for the Regional Programs Coordinator are currently missing from the Regional SOPs. The Regional SOPs provide the detailed duties and job descriptions for every regional officer except for the Regional Programs Coordinator. Therefore, the specific duties and job description of the Regional Programs Coordinator need to be added to the Regional SOPs.	ADOPT	