



Alpha Epsilon Delta

National Honor Society for Health Pre-Professionals

What to Expect at the Biennial National Convention – Advisors

Why attend the biennial convention?

To help your chapter participate in the decision-making process for the national society! You should also attend for the bonding and networking with other chapter advisors from across the nation, access to professional school representatives and exhibitors, and to have a little fun!

What are the costs to attend convention?

REGISTRATION FEE: This fee covers meals and activities. Register early for the lowest fee. One option to cover the registration fee is to use part of the chapter's travel award (\$1000 per chapter after convention).

HOTEL ROOM: Conventioneers enjoy a reduced rate for each room. Make your reservation early!

TRANSPORTATION: Conventioneers are responsible for their own transportation. Work with your chapter for possible group rates on airfare or buses.

How do you prepare for convention?

HELP YOUR CHAPTER PLAN AND RAISE FUNDS TO ATTEND

REMIND CHAPTER TO:

CHOOSE A CHAPTER DELEGATE: Each chapter selects one delegate to vote on issues at the convention.

COMPLETE THE CHAPTER BIENNIAL REPORT: The Biennial Report is how they share their events and activities with the national society. This report is due to the national office at least 2 weeks before convention.

PACKING: Same as the students - bring business casual clothing and comfortable shoes for the daily activities and a more formal outfit (if you have one) for the final banquet and awards ceremony.

What happens when you check in on the first day?

CONVENTION CHECK IN: You will check in with the AED staff and get your credentials.

HOTEL CHECK-IN: If you arrive before the hotel check-in time or if the check-in line is really long, leave your luggage in the designated storage room and either A) report to your committee assignment, or B) familiarize yourself with the hotel layout.

What happens during convention?

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES: Attend your regional meeting and the national business meeting. Meet as many other members and advisors as you can at the convention.

ROLL CALL: Advise your chapter to be ready for the "Roll Call", in which all chapters convene and present themselves with a cheer. A cheer can be as simple as calling out your college's name and cheer (e.g., "Go, tigers!") or as elaborate as singing a chapter song.

ASSIST THE NATIONAL BOARD: Conventions require many hands "on deck". If possible, please volunteer to assist with whatever needs to be done.

SAFETY TIP: Remind your chapter members to check in with you periodically for safety. Exchange cell phone numbers and tell your members to be sure to let someone know where they are at all times.