

START PLANNING NOW

While it may seem like the Convention is far off, your Chapter can save money by planning now:

- Have members who plan to attend, pay a deposit early in the year.
- Register before **February 23, 2007**, and take advantage of early registration fees.
- Make hotel reservations at the Hilton Pittsburgh by **March 6, 2007**, to get the group discount. Only a limited number of rooms are available at this rate. Call 1-800-HILTONS and ask for the $\Sigma\Delta$ discount.
- Find roommates: the more the merrier—and cheaper! Room rates are \$109 per night for single/double/triples/quads (excluding taxes).

TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD COME TO THE CONVENTION

1. Getting your chapter fired up and ready to be involved in the coming semester;
2. Making great friends and useful contacts;
3. Having the opportunity to present your work in a professional environment;
4. Listening to famous authors and poets;
5. Traveling to a new city;
6. Showing off your chapter's hard work;
7. Sharing ideas with chapters and sponsors from around the globe;
8. Competing for exciting prizes;
9. Adding one more kudos to your resume, and
10. Exploring Pittsburgh!

SIGMA TAU DELTA 2007 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Credit: VisitPittsburgh

HELPFUL TIPS FOR GETTING TO PITTSBURGH

VISIT WWW.ENGLISH.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

MARCH 28–31, 2007

SIGMA TAU DELTA

2007 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

HILTON PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

MARCH 28 – 31, 2007

FINDING WAYS TO GET TO THE

2007 SIGMA TAU DELTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH

Fundraising is a necessary activity for every Sigma Tau Delta chapter.

According to Dr. Robert Halli at The University of Alabama, “You increase your chances for success in soliciting funds from campus sources if you can convince these sources it is to their benefit to give you funds—that they will get more out of it in publicity and prestige than they invest in capital.”

Solicit Funds

Solicit funds from your English Department, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Student Government, Student Affairs, Dean, Provost, President, and alumni.

- **Be specific!** Make an itemized spreadsheet listing the projected costs (e.g., food, lodging, transportation, registration fees, etc.) People want to know where their money is going.
- Subtract the amount of money your chapter has raised to show that your chapter is making a strong commitment to going to the convention.
- Let the spreadsheet reflect the individual contributions made by students (e.g., deposits, fee payments, etc.) in order to demonstrate student commitment.

- Make a list of students presenting papers or serving on panels; include paper/panel titles.
- Make a list of students who are chairing sessions and include these titles as well.
- Make it clear exactly much money you need.

Have a Fundraiser

- Place a visible donation jar in your department office and let everyone know it's there!
- Sell T-shirts—design them for a campus-wide event.
- Hold a Book Sale, Bake Sale, or Yard Sale.
- Deliver poetry-grams for Valentine's Day.
- Tutor grade school, high school, or undergraduate students.
- Set up a Polaroid Picture booth at a local event.
- Collect recipes for a cookbook to sell to students and faculty. Give each dish a literary theme.
- Hold a “Vote for Your Favorite English Professor” (or Shakespearean play, or short story, etc.)—each coin in a jar counts as one vote.

Reimbursements and Discounts

- **Voting Delegate Reimbursement.** Each attending chapter will receive a reimbursement check of **\$200** (\$400 for chapters outside of the continental US) if the chapter sends a student delegate to the General Business Session and the Regional Caucus held on **Friday, March 30**. Checks are mailed shortly **after** the Convention.
- Registration fees are \$50 for student presenters and \$60 for student nonpresenters and faculty **if** registered before **February 23, 2007**. After this date, the registration fee is \$80 for everyone.

FUNDRAISING RESOURCES

See the Chapter Handbook, Section 6,
at

www.english.org