PI PHI PANHELLENIC

FRATERNITY VALUE: HONOR AND RESPECT

SUGGESTED FACILITATOR: VICE PRESIDENT OF FRATERNITY DEVELOPMENT; VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Goals:

- To educate members on our founding role within the National Panhellenic Council (NPC)
- To enhance members’ appreciation for NPC by sharing unique stories of NPC’s impact throughout history
- To allow members to gain a deeper understanding of how NPC and Pi Phi’s mission, vision and core values align

Room setup/materials needed:

- Depending on the presentation style you choose, make sure you have enough room for participants to either sit comfortably as a large group or as small groups.
- This seminar requires some preparation work on behalf of the facilitator. This is a great seminar to utilize the help of the Fraternity Heritage Committee. See the “Getting Started” section below for more information.

Getting Started

Talking points are indicated with a callout bullet (•). Please use these as speaking guidelines, but be sure to jazz up the presentation with your own personality. Facilitation instructions are indicated with an arrow (►) and serve as hints you might find helpful when administering the material. Most importantly, have fun!

► As mentioned above, this seminar will take some previous planning on behalf of the facilitator. Make sure to utilize your committees to support this. If your chapter utilizes a points system for participation, consider asking for chapter volunteers to help facilitate as well.

► Once you have decided who will be facilitating the seminar, start gathering information. You’ll be looking for information regarding the founding of NPC, Pi Phi’s role within NPC, and Panhellenic Tower. The following are some great resources to help your search:

- The Fraternity Heritage Manual, specifically Module XI: National Panhellenic Conference
- Pi Phi’s Fraternity Historian and Archivist Fran Becque’s blog, www.franbecque.com
- The NPC website, www.npcwomen.org/resources
- Pi Phi’s blog, www.piphiblog.org
- Bound copies of The Arrow®
- Books such as Baird’s Manual of American College Fraternities, A Century of Friendship in Pi Beta Phi

► Review “Questions to Guide Your Research” below.

After gathering the information, choose how you will present it. You could present in front of a large group, utilizing Microsoft PowerPoint®, posters or other visual aids. You could break the information up into sections and present to smaller groups, having each group rotate to a new “station” at the end of each presentation in a Round Robin type seminar. The options are endless. Get creative, and choose the one that will best engage your chapter!
Questions to Guide Your Research

- When and where was NPC founded?
- Who were the seven founding organizations?
- What topics were discussed during the initial NPC Conferences?
- Who were some famous Pi Phis who served as NPC delegates, and what were their major contributions to NPC?
- What is the Panhellenic Tower? What was its mission?
- When did the Panhellenic Tower open? How long did it operate for?
- How did NPC work together to achieve the realization of the Panhellenic Tower?
- How much did it cost to build the Panhellenic Tower? How was financial support raised?
- What makes the Panhellenic Tower unique?
- Where is the Panhellenic Tower located now?

Instructions

After all the information has been gathered and compiled into the style of presentation you have chosen, introduce the seminar. See the “Getting Started” section for more information on presentation styles.

Pi Beta Phi was a pioneer among women’s organizations in being the first to do many things. Who can name some of Pi Phi’s ‘firsts’?

- Yes, that is correct. Pi Beta Phi was the first women’s organization to be modeled after the men’s fraternities, to organize a national philanthropic project, to form an alumnae department and establish an Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) for each collegiate chapter.

Another important ‘first’ is that Pi Beta Phi was one of the founding members of the National Panhellenic Conference, or NPC. Our seminar today will help us understand a little bit more about our history within NPC. We’ll learn when NPC was founded as well as notable Pi Phi contributions to NPC. Most importantly, we’re going to learn about the amazing way Pi Phi worked together with other NPC groups to build the Panhellenic Tower after World War I.

Discuss how you will present the information you have gathered in whichever format you have chosen.

Present the information about NPC founding and timeline, notable Pi Phi’s service to NPC and the Panhellenic Tower.

Discussion Questions

After you have completed presenting the information, continue the seminar by asking participants to respond to the following questions.

- What new information did you learn about Pi Phi’s involvement with NPC today?
- Does this change your perspective on NPC at all?
- Why is it important to know our history with NPC?
Final Wrap-Up

After the discussion questions, close the seminar.

Pi Beta Phi has played an important role in the formation and activities of NPC. When we work together with other members of NPC, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. Hopefully the stories we’ve shared today will help inspire us to keep the Panhellenic spirit alive.

Thank members for coming.

Evaluation: Don’t forget to help the Fraternity assess this program. The program facilitator, as well as a member of each class, should be asked to visit the Leading with Values® pages on the website, www.pibetaphi.org/leadingwithvalues, to fill out a quick survey. Remember, the name of this seminar is Pi Phi Panhellenic.

The chapter’s Vice President of Member Development should remember to record the presentation of this program in the chapter’s monthly regional report.