

Hi brothers,

Please forward this email onto all exec members & advisors listed in OP as soon as possible. Feel free to add any details specific to your section programs as well! It is a long read, but compiles a lot of vital information during this week's changes due to the COVID-19 situation happening nationally.



The national office and our Region H staff volunteers are working diligently to compile resources for chapters continuing virtually for the remainder of the semester. These will become available starting Monday through early next week. We are only within the 1st week of school closures beginning, so there is still a lot of uncertainty on each campus. In the meantime for the next couple weeks, we ask that every chapter president continue communication as best as possible to avoid leaving actives, pledges, and advisors out of touch. If you are unable to do so, please let your advisors & SC know so that we aren't leaving any members in the dark.

It is paramount to keep the communication channels open with your chapters during times of emergency, especially to ensure the safety of our members & to provide assistance to any students in need. Health & safety is our number 1 concern for everyone, and we know that university announcements this week have created a very overwhelming situation for many. Please keep us updated if we can provide assistance to our brotherhood in any way this spring.

If your spring pledge classes want the opportunity to be initiated in the semester they joined, the national office is creating a Pledge Education program (available on demand) that they can complete. Your Membership VPs could also use our free Zoom service to host their own educational meetings if they prefer. We are also creating a guide for running a virtual ceremony for spring pledge classes, and then chapters can host an in-person option again in the fall. One thing to consider for your overall chapter membership program is making sure we're not taking away the opportunity from anyone to initiate - especially if you have senior pledges. I know a lot of pledges have reached out this week wanting to ensure this is still possible & your advisors/SCs can assist your exec if you need help figuring out how to lead a ceremony online.

Please see attached graphic with a list of the virtual resources we're compiling just in the next couple days. These will be available on the national website and on the free APO app. Our RH Staff will continue to provide daily updates, and we're asking all our SCs, chapter officers, and Advisors for their continued support in communicating all this information to actives, associates, pledges, petitioners, and volunteers. I am compiling a calendar for the rest of the semester with optional RH webinars for our students, staff, and advisors (Ex: Officer Roundtables, Advisor Roundtables, SC Check-Ins, Senior Roundtables, and region-wide virtual LFS & membership events).

We announced that the Sectional Conference next month will be postponed to a future semester due to the state's restrictions on large events. The section business meetings will still take place virtually on the original April 18th date. Chapters will still need to have voting delegates elected or appointed to approve the annual section budgets & elect their Section Chairs. We are working with the national office to determine an electronic voting system. More details on this process to come in the following weeks.

I want to take a moment to thank all of our students, advisors, and volunteers for your support over the past few days. I know we are all handling this situation in our personal and professional lives along with our roles in APO. I'm confident our region can pull together for the upcoming weeks until we see how this situation continues to develop. This spring will definitely call for all of us to be flexible, patient, and creative inside and outside of APO.

Stay safe brothers! We can get through this together. H is Home, and our family is here to take care of one another. You can always reach me via email or by phone anytime. Love & LFS always!

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