

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc - The Gulf Coast Region



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Welcome

GREETINGS BROTHERS!

On March 27, 1974, the very first Gulf Coast Regional Conference was called to order at the El Tropicana Hotel in San Antonio, by then Regional Director, Hon. Lewis W. Engram. On April 11-14, 2024, we gather at the Le Meridien Hotel in New Orleans, to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. As a reflection of this celebration, our conference theme will be "50 years of Excellence, 50 years of Brotherhood.

The objective for this conference is to position the Gulf Coast Region, its chapters, and its members to make a positive impact on the communities that we serve and to prepare for the 2025 International Conclave in Tampa, Florida. To do so, the conference planning team is working diligently to provide a conference experience like no other, and to provide the tools needed to get the work done, celebrate our region, our chapters, and our members.



This is your 2024 Conference Planning Kit. It contains all

of the necessary information and forms that your chapter will need to fully prepare to participate in the Regional Conference including conference hotel details and planned entertainment highlights.

Also included are the forms needed for proper registration for the conference, competitions, citations, and recognitions. Please review the forms carefully and submit them in a timely manner according to the deadline dates. For your convenience, these forms are also available online at our website, <u>www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org</u>.

The Executive Board, Conference Planning Team, and Host Chapters are eagerly working to assure that members, chapters, and guests will enjoy a positive conference experience as we gather in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Brother Earl V. Gamble Gulf Coast Regional Director



PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY INCORPORATED GULF COAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE DEADLINE SUMMARY

All items must be received by the corresponding deadline dates

2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference Deadlines		
Item	Deadlines	
Early Bird Gulf Coast Regional Conference Registration Rate Cut-Off	January 7, 2024	
Annual Chapter Report and Annual CSAF Report Cut-Off Dates	February 9, 2024	
Chapter Performance Awards	February 25, 2024	
Grievance Consideration Form	February 25, 2024	
Conference Delegate Registration	February 25, 2024	
Regular Gulf Coast Regional Conference Registration Rate Cut-Off	March 3, 2024	
Last Day to Reserve for Hotel Rooms for the Regional Conference	March 10, 2024	
Resolution Form	March 11, 2024	
Membership Assessment Cut-Off Date	March 11, 2022	
Registration Refund Cut-Off Date	March 11, 2022	
Late Gulf Coast Regional Conference Registration Rate Cut-Off	March 17, 2024	
C.Y. Thomas Gulf Coast Adopt-a-School Grant Application	March 17, 2024	
Outstanding Sigma Awards Applications	March 17, 2024	
Gulf Coast Regional Awards	March 17, 2024	
Lewis Engram and John Westberry Scholarship Applications	March 17, 2024	
Collegiate and Chapter GPA Awards Applications	March 17, 2024	
Military Affairs Awards	March 17, 2024	
Sigma Beta Club Chapter and Advisor of the Year and Grant Applications	March 17, 2024	
Individual and Chapter Awards Applications and Packages	March 17, 2024	
GCR Military Demographic Survey	March 17, 2024	
Last Day to Register for the Gulf Coast Regional Conference	March 17, 2024	
Gulf Coast Regional Citation for the Omega Chapter	March 24, 2024	
Vendor Registration	March 24, 2024	

Note:

Conference host hotel rates are available through <u>March 10, 2024</u>. We cannot guarantee the hotel room availability or rate if you register after that date.



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- Chapter Presidents and Chapter Advisors, please disseminate a copy of this packet to your respective Alumni and Collegiate chapter members.
- The Regional Conference is a delegate assembly, and each Chapters is required to send a delegate to the conference.
- Delegates are required to register via the Conference Delegate Registration Form.
- Only delegates that meet the delegate registration deadline will be allowed to vote.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please refer to the conference registration link to complete registration information.

There are two ways to register:

- 1. Online at <u>www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org</u>
- 2. By mail: All official checks and money orders should be made payable to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and mailed with the appropriate registration form(s) to the attention of:

Bro. Paris Taylor, Gulf Coast Regional Secretary P.O. Box 561330, The Colony, TX. 75056

ATTIRE

Thursday, April 11, 2024:	(Opening Session) Sigma Business Attire – Dark Suit, White Shirt, and Royal Blue Tie. Appropriate business attire will be enforced.
Friday, April 12, 2024:	(Daytime) Sigma Business Attire – Dark Suit, White Shirt, and Royal Blue Tie. Appropriate business attire will be enforced.
	(Evening) Sigma Blue and White – Sigma Paraphernalia
Saturday, April 13, 2024:	(Daytime) Business Attire – Dark Suit, White Shirt, and Royal Blue Tie for Omega Chapter and Rededication Ceremonies. Sigma Casual for General Session. Appropriate business attire will be enforced.
	(Evening) Sigma Blue and White – Sigma Paraphernalia



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GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

This document includes information key to the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference registration process. Not all the scheduled conference events and activities are included in this packet. Entry into some events will require purchasing additional tickets. Continue to check <u>www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org</u> for information updates.

Refund Policy

Registrants who must cancel their registration for reasons will receive a refund of their/guest fees, minus the service fee of \$40.00; this covers the cost of the 2024 Conference gift item. Registration refund requests must be received in writing by the Regional Secretary no later than March 11, 2024.

Conference Materials

2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference materials will be available at the member and delegate check-in section during the scheduled check-in times.

Attendee Special Considerations

The 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference Planning Committee requests that registered members with any allergies please indicate so on the Special Needs and Consideration Registration Form, including the nature of their special allergenic/medical considerations (e.g., nut allergy, seizures, etc.). This information is needed for the 2024 Regional Conference Planning Team to work with the hotel to ensure proper assistance.

Gulf Coast Regional Life Members, International Distinguished Service Chapter Members, and Gulf Coast Regional Distinguished Service Society Members are permitted to register at the Early Bird Registration Rate until February 12, 2024.

Registration Stipulations

All Brothers desiring to register for the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference as a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. must be financially active and in good standing at the International and Regional level levels. All Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma registering for the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference must do so at the approved Alumni and Collegiate non-guest rates.



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Registration Rate Information

Registration Rates are below. This information is also available on the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Website at <u>www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org</u>. There will be no on-site registration open.

- Early Bird Registration Rate: •
- Regular Registration Rate: •
- Late Registration Rate:

Collegiate: \$175 Alumni: \$300 Collegiate: \$175 Alumni: \$325 \$150

Alumni: \$275

- Guests (non-Sigma): \$175 Guests (non-Sigma): \$175
 - Guests (non-Sigma): \$175

International Officers

Gulf Coast Region eForms

Collegiate: \$175

Guii Coast Region eForms		
Resolution Form	Click to Complete	
Bylaws Amendment Notification Form	Click to Complete	
Primary Delegate Registration Form	<u>Click to Complete</u>	
Alternate Delegate Registration Form	<u>Click to Complete</u>	
Citation for the Omega Chapter Form	<u>Click to Complete</u>	
Grievance Consideration Form	Click to Complete	
AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS		
GCR Chapter Awards Submission Form	<u>Click to Complete</u>	
Sigma Beta Club Advisor of the Year Form	<u>Click to Complete</u>	
Sigma Beta Club Chapter of the Year Form	Click to Complete	
Sigma Beta Club Grant Application Form	Click to Complete	
GCR Military Sigma of the Year Application	<u>Click to Complete</u>	
GCR Distinguished Service Society Application	Click to Complete	



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Online Registration is preferred and available at <u>http://www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org/</u>.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION FORM

	(Please type or print)		
Name:		School	:	
Region:	State: M	ember #:	1 st GCR Confe	erence? Yes No
Organization (if non-sigm	a) and Chapter:			
Int'l/Reg'l/State/Chapter	Officer Position:			
Address:Street				
				Zip
Cell Phone Number:		Email:		
Employment:				
Are there any special need	ls or medical consid	erations that the	planning committe	ee should be aware of?
	Emergeno	cy Contact Info	rmation	
Please list emergency con	tact name:		R	elation:
Cell Phone Number:		Email:		
	Please	check all that a	pply:	
Collegiate Member		umni Member		icipating in Golf Outing
□ Int'l Life Member	□ Int	'l DSC Member		R DSC Member
□ Military/Federal Experi	ience 🗌 Bu	isiness Owner	🗆 Edu	cator/Teacher
Registration Fees: Include, b admission to select events, a				
Delegate Registration: All au	thorized delegates mu	ist also complete a	a primary or alternat	e delegate registration form.
Registration Rates: E	arly Bird ends 1/07/2	4 Regular	ends 3/13/24	Late ends 4/01/24
Collegiate Alumni Guests International Officers	\$175.00 \$275.00 \$175.00 \$150.00	\$3	75.00 00.00 75.00	\$175.00 \$325.00 \$175.00
THE	RE WILL BE N	NO ONSITE	REGISTRA	ΓΙΟΝ
U.S. postmark required within t		iod to qualify for th mpleted non-digital	-	egistration rates.
Gulf Coast Region • F	hi Beta Sigma Fraternity		O. Box561330	The Colony, TX. 75056



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VENDOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please type or print **Registration Fee: \$325.00 Registration Deadline: March 24, 2024 Please type or print:** Name: _____ Company Name: _____ Type of Merchandise to sell: Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____ Work Phone Number: _____ Evening Number: _____ Email: _____ Cell Number: _____ Please check any items that apply: □ Tables: list quantity ____ (maximum #: 5) □ Electricity (outlet access) Wi-Fi Access □ Storage Location for items ☐ Member of Phi Beta Sigma ☐ Member of Zeta Phi Beta □ Other: _____ Are you a certified Phi Beta Sigma paraphernalia vendor? _____ Yes No Payment: Online Registration is preferred and available at http://www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org/. Please

Payment: Online Registration is preferred and available at <u>http://www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org/</u>. Please make your non-online payment payable to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. - Gulf Coast Region at the below address (Please do not send cash).

____Money Order ____Cashier's Check

Return completed form, check/money order, & any hard copy of documents to:

Attn: Earl Gamble

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Gulf Coast Region P. O. Box 561330 The Colony, TX 5606



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SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADVERTISING FORM INFORMATION (Please type or print)

ADVERTISING OPTIONS	COST
Back Cover – Color: (7" width x 10" depth)	\$400.00
Inside Front Cover – Color: (7" width x 10" depth)	\$300.00
Inside Back Cover – Color: (7" width x 10" depth)	\$300.00
Full Page – Color: (7" width x 10" depth)	\$100.00
Half Page – Color: (7" width x 10" depth)	\$ 75.00

DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Full Page Bleed Ads: 8.75" x 11.25" – Trim size of the page is 8.5" x 11" (must include crop marks to show bleed)

Full Page Ads: 7"x10" LIVE AREA. A white border will print around the entire ad.

The trim size of the page is 8.5" x 11" (no bleed)

Half Page Ads: 7.5" x 5" LIVE AREA (no bleed)

Finished Edition Format: 8.5" x 11", glossy, saddle sticking, with pictures, profiles, and advertisements.

IMAGE FORMAT

All ads must be submitted camera-ready. A 25% premium will be charged to advertisers who require art or graphic reproduction of their advertisements.

The preferred file format is a high-resolution PDF file. (No image compression, embed all fonts and include crop marks).

Additional acceptable image formats are high-resolution JPG (300 DPI or higher), PNG, and WORD.

Advertisements should be submitted electronically to the attention of Daryl Miller at <u>daryl.miller@outlook.com</u> and marked with the subject line: GCRC 2024 Ad.

The sponsorship & Advertisement Agreement is attached for you to reserve your ad.



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SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADVERTISING FORM

(Please type or print)

ORGANIZATIONS NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE ZIP
CONTACT PERSON	TITLE
EMAIL ADDRESS	
I agree to be included as an advertiser/sponsor in the P Conference Journal.	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Gulf Coast Regional
Name	Signature
The publisher reserves the right to refuse any advertise the organization. No cancellations. Payment in full is n	sement or editorial deemed inappropriate. All rates are net to required to reserve space.
Please select chosen payment option: CHECK M	IONEY ORDER / CASHIERS CHECK 🗆 PAYPAL.
The organization representative agrees he has the auth and is bound by the terms of this agreement.	hority to execute this agreement on behalf of the organization
Total Amount Due: \$	
Signed Organizational Representative	
Gulf Coast Regional Conference Agent	
ADVERTISING OPTIONS	COST: (check one) _
Back Cover – Color: (7" width x 10" depth)	\$400.00
Inside Front Cover - Color: (7" width x 10" dept	th) \$300.00
Inside Back Cover - Color: (7" width x 10" depth	h) \$300.00
Full Page – Color: (7" width x 10" depth)	\$100.00
Half Page – Color: (7" width x 10" depth)	\$ 75.00
Total Advertising Amount Enclo	osed \$

For any questions regarding souvenir Journal Ads, please contact Bro. Daryl Miller at <u>daryl.miller@outlook.com</u>.

The Deadline for all ad images and payment is March 10, 2024

Payment: Online payment is preferred and available at <u>http://www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org/.</u> For personal checks, money orders, or cashier's checks, make payment out to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (please do not send cash).

Submission: Email a copy of this form to <u>gc.regionalsecretary@gmail.com</u> or mail it to Gulf Coast Region, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., P. O. Box 561330, The Colony TX. 75056.



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PRIMARY DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please type or print)

Note: All Alternate Delegates must be financially active to represent a chapter during the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference. Additionally, the Chapter must be in good standing to include all Financial Assessments having been met in full. Any chapter not meeting any of the above requirements will be refused representation for the duration of the conference procedures.

Name	Chapter:			
Primary Delegate:	Member #:			
Phone/Cell #: Emai	l:			
Chapter President:	Member #:			
Phone/Cell #: Emai	1:			
Chapter Secretary:	Member #:			
	l:			
I hereby confirm that my position as a delegate receiv	ed approval from my chapter president and chapter.			
Alternate Delegate Signature:	Date:			
Chapter Secretary Signature:	Date:			
(This Section to Be Completed by Credentials Committee)				
Date:				
Chapter Secretary: Yes No	Primary Delegate: Yes No			
Chapter Tax Paid: Yes No	Chapter Insurance Paid: Yes No			
	DN/A Chapter Report Submitted:YesNo			

This form must be received no later than February 25, 2024.

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Submit a completed digital copy of this form to Bro. Paris Taylor at gc.regionalsecretary@gmail.com



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ALTERNATE DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please type or print)

Note: All Alternate Delegates must be financially active to represent a chapter during the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference. Additionally, the Chapter must be in good standing to include all Financial Assessments having been met in full. Any chapter not meeting any of the above requirements will be refused representation for the duration of the conference procedures.

Name	Chap	oter:	
Alternate Delegate:		Member #:	
	Email:		
Chapter President:		Member #:	
	Email:		
Chapter Secretary:		Member #:	
Phone/Cell #:	Email:		
I hereby confirm that my position as	a delegate received approval f	rom my chapter president and chapter.	
Alternate Delegate Signature:		Date:	
Chapter Secretary Signature:		Date:	
(This Section to Be Completed by The Regional Secretary Only)			
	Date:		
Chapter Secretary:YesNo		Alternate Delegate: Yes No	
Chapter Tax Paid:YesNo)	Chapter Insurance Paid: Yes No	
		Chapter Report Submitted:YesNo	
This form must be received no later t			

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Submit a completed digital copy of this form to Bro. Paris Taylor at gc.regionalsecretary@gmail.com



Notice of Amendment(s)

Amend Article, Section, Section Heading Name Amendment action				
(striking/inserting/adding)				
CURRENT	PROPOSED	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ		
Section, Section	Section, Section Heading	Section, Section Heading		
Heading Name.	Name.	Name.		
A. Bylaws language as it	A. Proposed bylaws language	A. Bylaws language with		
appears in the most	with amended changes in	amended changes.		
recent bylaws version.	track changes.			
Proposed By: First and Las	t Name, Board Position (if applic	cable), Board Committee (If		
Applicable)				
Rational: Reason(s) for am	ending the bylaws.			
Bylaws Committee Recommendation: To be completed by the Bylaws Committee.				



Notice of Amendment (EXAMPLE)

AMENDMENT 1

Amend Article III - MEMBERS, Section1., A., Active Members., by striking out college or university between a and course and inserting college, university, or technical school.

CURRENT	PROPOSED	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
Section A, Active	Section A, Active Members.	Section A, Active Members.
Members.	Active members shall be	Active members shall be
Active members shall be	individuals who have given	individuals who have given
individuals who have	evidence of a basic	evidence of a basic knowledge of
given evidence of a basic	knowledge of computer	computer science by having
knowledge of computer	science by having enrolled in	enrolled in or successfully
science by having	or successfully completed a	completed a college, university,
enrolled in or successfully	college, university, or	or technical school course in
completed a college or	technical school course in	computer science. Applicants
university course in	computer science. Applicants	shall submit a transcript of
computer science.	shall submit a transcript of	grades with their application.
Applicants shall submit a	grades with their application.	The dues for active members
transcript of grades with	The dues for active members	shall be \$15 annually. Active
their application. The	shall be \$15 annually. Active	members shall have the right to
dues for active members	members shall have the right	vote and to hold office.
shall be \$15 annually.	to vote and to hold office.	
Active members shall		
have the right to vote and		
to hold office.		

Proposed By: Membership Committee

Rational: Rationale: Technical schools are an important source of quality education in computer science. By widening the scope of membership, all members will benefit from new ideas, techniques, and backgrounds in the field of computer science.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation: The Bylaws Committee recommends Adoption.



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REGIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

(TENTATIVE)

Thursday, April 11, 2024			
Event	Time		
Conference Check-in / Delegate Check-in	3:00 pm - 8:00 pm		
Sigma Marketplace / Vendor Exchange	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm		
Opening Reception / Opening Session (Public)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm		
Committee Meetings	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm		
Welcome Hospitality	6:00 pm - 12:00 pm		
Friday, April 12, 2024			
Event	Time		
Conference Check-in / Delegate Check-in	7:30 am - 2:00 pm		
Sigma Marketplace / Vendor Exchange	8:00 am - 6:00 pm		
Opening Processional Line-up / Opening Processional	8:50 am - 9:15 am		
Plenary Session I	9:15 am – 11:30 am		
Gulf Coast Regional Awards Lunch	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm		
Development Workshops / Committee Meetings	2:15 pm - 4:15 pm		
Plenary Session II / Conference Photo	4:30 pm - 6:15 pm		
Host Chapter Event / A Night in the French Quarters	7:00 pm - 12:00 am		
Saturday, April 13, 2024			
Event	Time		
Conference Check-in / Delegate Check-in	8:00 am - 10:00 am		
Sigma Marketplace / Vendor Exchange	8:00 am - 6:00 pm		
Omega Observance & Rededication Ceremony	8:00 am - 8:45 pm		
Development Workshops / Committee Meetings	8:50 am - 10:00 am		
Plenary Session III / Adjournment and Fraternity Hymn	10:15 am - 11:30 am		
Fellowship Around New Orleans	12:30 pm - 5:30 pm		
Sunday, April 14, 2024			
Event	Time		
Regional Executive Board Meeting	9:00 am - 10:30 am		



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REGIONAL CONFERENCE GUESTS AGENDA

(TENTATIVE)	
Thursday, April 11, 2024	
Event	Time
Conference Check-In	3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sigma Marketplace / Vendor Exchange	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Opening Reception / Conference Opening Session (Public)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Welcome Hospitality	6:00 pm - 12:00 pm
Friday, April 12, 2024	
Event	Time
Conference Check-In	7:30 am - 2:00 pm
Sigma Marketplace / Vendor Exchange	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Conference Guest Orientation	9:00 am - 9:30 am
Free Time	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Gulf Coast Regional Awards Luncheon	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Guests Day Out Around New Orleans Tour	2:15 pm - 5:15 pm
A Night in The French Quarters	7:00 pm - 12:00 am
Saturday, April 13, 2024	
Event	Time
Conference Check-In	8:00 am - 10:00 am
Sigma Marketplace / Vendor Exchange	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Development Workshops / Committee Meetings	8:50 am - 10:00 am
Free Time	10:15 am - 12:15 am
Fellowship Around New Orleans Event	12:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 14, 2024	
Event	Time
Conference Departure	12:00 am - Until



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CHAPTER PREPARATIONS INFORMATION

General Information

Each chapter and chapter delegate must be prepared administratively to attend the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference and maximize the opportunity to position their chapter for follow-on operations as best as possible. This portion of the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference Chapter Kit will provide some information for each chapter to consider as you prepare to complete your 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference information and competitions forms and send your chapter representatives to the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference. The submission of all information, where applicable, must be by the most current editions of the international bylaws Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Gulf Coast Region bylaws, along with all applicable conference deadlines and procedures where appropriate. All submissions, requests, and recommendations for consideration must be sent to all designated reception centers and the attention of Bro. Paris Taylor, Gulf Coast Regional Secretary at gc.regionalsecretary@gmail.com or Gulf Coast Region, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., P. O. Box 561330, The Colony, TX 75056. Please contact Brother Paris Taylor at gc.regionalsecretary@gmail.com or 832-443-7272 if you have any questions.

2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference Attendance:

All Gulf Coast Region Chapters are required to, at a minimum, have a representative registered at the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference. This may be in the form of a Primary 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference Chapter Delegate. Any chapter that does not have a representative check-in for credentialing and conference accountability will not be counted as having sent representation to the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference and will be assessed an absentee fee. Chapter Presidents, Collegiate Advisors, and Sigma Beta Club Advisors are expected to attend the Regional Conference.

Chapter Financial Assessments:

Ensure that your chapter has fulfilled all chapter financial obligations at least 30 days before the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference. This includes the chapter's annual assessment fee and insurance fee. Ensure that all absentee fees for the previous Conclave and Gulf Coast Regional Conference have been paid.

Reporting Submissions:

Ensure that your 2023 Chapter Report is complete, submitted to the proper recipients, and available before the first plenary session of the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference (preferably by the designated deadlines). Ensure your 2023 CSAF and all 2023 PIAs are submitted to the proper recipients and available before February 9, 2024.



Chapter Delegate Representation:

Ensure that your chapter has voted on and approved all primary and alternate delegates. Ensure that the Conference Delegate Form has been submitted to the attention of Bro. Paris Taylor, Gulf Coast Regional Secretary at gc.regionalsecretary@gmail.com, by the designated deadline. Only the delegates coordinated with the regional credentials committee will receive approval to represent their chapter during the regional conference. Your chapter may not exceed the number of applicable delegates based on your chapter's membership strength as assessed 30 days (Monday, March 11, 2024) before the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference. All chapters are reminded that a Conference Attendance Registration Form does not suffice as the completion and submission of a delegate registration. Any Brother registering as a delegate without the approval of their chapter/president will be refused that opportunity to represent their chapter as a delegate and will be reported to their chapter.

Chapter submissions:

Ensure all chapter and Brother submissions are completed and submitted before the first plenary session of the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference (preferably by the designated deadlines). Deadlines must be met for competition submissions to be valid. It is recommended to submit a copy of the Annual Report and all related documents via flash drive and email. Each chapter should have at least one hard copy of their chapter report available and on hand at the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference. If applicable, send flash drives and hard copies to Gulf Coast Region, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., P. O. Box 561330, The Colony, TX 75056 by the designated deadlines. Send digital copies via email to the Gulf Coast Regional Director at gcregionaldirector@gmail.com. Chapter submissions, registration information, a souvenir journal advertisement and sponsorship information, and any other relative information to the Gulf Coast Regional Director and appropriate regional committees.

2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference Information:

Ensure your chapter reviews the 2024 Gulf Coast Regional Conference Information at <u>www.pbsgulfcoastregion.org</u>. Additionally, ensure that your chapter examines the information they desire to return from the conference with the chapter delegates.



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GULF COAST REGION.AL CONFERENCE SPIRIT AWARDS

The following awards are presented by the Regional Conference Credential Committees based upon registration information.

Longest Traveled Chapter

This award is given to the chapter that has traveled the longest distance. This award is given at each regional conference and conclave. The Regional Conference or Conclave Credentials Committee presents this award.

Requirements:

• A minimum of 5 registered attendees are required to be considered for this award.

Chapter with the Most Registered Members

This award is given to the chapter with the largest registered delegation at the Regional Conference. Host chapters are not eligible to compete in this award category. This award is based on registration information compiled by the Credentials Committee.

The Oldest Sigma in Attendance.

This award is presented to the brother in attendance at a Regional Conference with the most Sigma Service Years. This award is based on registration information compiled by the Credentials Committee.

The Youngest Sigma in Attendance

This award is presented to the newest brother in attendance at a Regional Conference. This award is based on registration information and is presented by the Regional Conference Credentials Committee.

A completed digital copy of these forms may be submitted to Bro. Paris Taylor at gc.regionalsecretary@gmail.com

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