

# ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

*Sorority, Incorporated*

## 79<sup>th</sup> MID-WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE



**WE'RE STILL THE ONE!**  
**EXCELLING, SERVING, AND PROGRESSING INTO OUR SECOND  
CENTURY  
1908-2009**

March 26-29, 2009  
Hilton Omaha Hotel  
Omaha, Nebraska

Soror Barbara A. McKinzie, Centennial Supreme Basileus  
Soror Vicki Miles-LaGrange, Mid-Western Regional Director

Hosted by: Cluster B

Soror Mary Mudd, Conference Chairman  
Soror Joanne Bluford, Conference Co-Chairman  
Soror Phyllis Harris, Conference Co-Chairman  
Soror Monica Miller, Conference Co-Chairman  
Soror Sherl Taylor, Conference Co-Chairman

## REGISTRATION MATERIAL

Registration materials available at [www.akamidwestern.com](http://www.akamidwestern.com)



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**Vicki Miles – LaGrange**  
27<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western  
Regional Director

January 5, 2009

Conference Chairman  
Mary Mudd  
Delta Epsilon Omega

Conference Co-Chairmen

Joanne Bluford  
Beta Omega

Phyllis Harris  
Xi Tau Omega

Monica Miller  
Kappa Chi Omega

Sherl Taylor  
Gamma Epsilon Omega

Cluster B Hostess Chapters

Delta Epsilon Omega  
Omaha, NE

Beta Omega  
Kansas City, MO

Kappa Chi Omega  
Columbia, MO

Gamma Epsilon Omega  
Jefferson City, MO

Xi Tau Omega  
Grandview, MO

Delta Tau  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, MO

Pi Xi  
University of Central Missouri  
Warrensburg, MO

Rho Alpha  
University of Missouri -  
Kansas City, MO

Mu Tau  
Truman State University  
Kirksville, MO



Dear Sorors of the Motivated Mid-Western Region:

The date has been set and the planning is underway as Cluster B (Missouri and Nebraska Chapters) prepares to host you for the 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference, March 26 - 29, 2009 in Omaha, Nebraska. Our theme is *"We're Still the One - Excelling, Serving, and Progressing into Our Second Century 1908-2009"*.

You are invited to join us as we celebrate sorors and chapters of the Mid-Western Region who *Exemplify, Serve, and Provide service to all mankind*. Come prepared for a spectacular experience in Omaha.

Our Conference Chairman, Soror Mary Mudd and our Conference Co-Chairmen Sorors, Joanne Bluford, Monica Miller, Sherl Taylor and Phyllis Harris have tirelessly worked to ensure that your visit at the Hilton Omaha is *Easy, Sensational, and Positive* as we enter into our sisterhood's second century.

The entire conference is fun-filled from beginning to end as we honor our community members during the Public Program on Thursday night. Friday we will embrace our grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, and seasoned sorors as we gather for the Legacy Breakfast and Diamond, Golden, and Silver Soror luncheon. On Friday night the banquet hall will be lit with pink and green during our Formal Gala cocktail hour and awards ceremony. We will say thank you to our leaders and crown an emerging leader during the Barbara A. McKinzie Leadership Appreciation Breakfast. Our undergraduates are dear to our hearts; they too will have a chance to shine during the Undergraduate Awards Luncheon. Both undergraduate and graduate sorors will showcase their stepping and talent skills during the Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Saturday night. We want you to come relax, learn, have fun and savor the sisterhood.

"In Omaha, the center of the country, you are the center of attention. It's Mid-Western's hospitality with the excitement and spirit of a city at full throttle." Enjoy yourself in Omaha! After all, you are the center of attention. See you in March 2009.

Sisterly,

Soror Vicki Miles-LaGrange  
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Truman State University  
*Kirksville, MO*

Dear Sorors of the Magnificent Mid-Western Region:

It is an honor and a privilege for Cluster B Chapters (Missouri and Nebraska) to serve as hostesses for the 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference at the Hilton Omaha Hotel in downtown Omaha. Our theme is "We're Still the One! Excelling, Serving and Progressing into Our Second Century 1908-2009."

We extend to you a warm invitation to join in the activities, the educational opportunities and the fun. The metropolitan Omaha area offers a vast array of sites and activities for you and your family, and among them are the world renown Girls and Boys Town and Henry Doorly Zoo; Love's Jazz and Arts Center; several casinos; the newly completed \$22 million pedestrian bridge across the Missouri River; and the historic *Old Market* shopping, art, and restaurant district that is within walking distance from the conference hotel.

A number of interesting and informative workshops will be presented to enhance your leadership skills. In addition, various workshop topics will help you facilitate the implementation of the program platforms of our Extraordinary Service Program.

The registration booklet provides you with everything you need to finalize your conference plans. Feel free to download the registration packet at [www.akamidwestern.com](http://www.akamidwestern.com) or each chapter basileus will receive a copy to duplicate for her chapter. A Conference Deadlines Checklist is also provided for your convenience. The Cluster B hostess chapters look forward to you joining us as we continue Excelling, Serving and Progressing into our second century.

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*Soror Mary Mudd*  
*Conference Chairman*

*Soror Joanne Bluford*  
*Conference Co-Chairman*

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**CONFERENCE DEADLINES CHECKLIST**

ITEM/FORM	RECIPIENT	POSTMARK DUE DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel Reservation	Hilton Omaha	Beginning January 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. until filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration Forms Due WITHOUT LATE FEE- money orders, chapter checks, certified checks accepted	Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration Forms Due, (from February 10-February 20) WITH \$60 LATE FEE. No personal checks	Registration Committee	February 20, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Advisor Re-Certification/Certification Forms	Soror Jo Ann R. Clark	February 27, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Conference Committee Forms	Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution Form	Regional Director /Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond, Golden, and Silver Recognition Form	Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Souvenir Journal Advertisement Forms	Soror Sherl Taylor	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> New Initiates Waiver Form	Registration Committee	February 28, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop Facilitator/Recorder Participation Forms	Regional Director /Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Recommendation Form	Regional Director /Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> 1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition Form	Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter Bus Form	Soror Deloris Gines	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Choir Sign Up Form	Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Ivies Beyond the Wall Memorial Service Form	Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Form	Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate Certification Form	Regional Director /Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Constitution/Bylaws Amendment Form	Regional Director /Soror Donna White	January 26, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Optional Leisure Activities Registration Form	Registration Committee	February 9, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Refund Request	Registration Committee	February 28, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> 2009 Regional Awards Fee	Regional Awards Committee/Regional Director	February 9, 2009

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**GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

The Cluster B chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated eagerly await your arrival to this year's 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. We encourage you to register early to secure your spot to enjoy the wonderful events we have planned for you. In Omaha, the center of the country, you are the center of attention. It offers Mid-Western hospitality with the excitement and spirit of a city at full throttle. We look forward to welcoming you to Omaha and promise that your experience will be memorable.

**Conference Headquarters**

The **Hilton Omaha** in the heart of Downtown Omaha will be the host location for the 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference.

**Hilton Omaha Hotel**

**1001 Cass Street,**

**Omaha, Nebraska, 68102**

**Tel: 1-402-998-3400 Fax: 1-402-998-4242**

(8a.m.-5p.m., Central Time Zone) 1-800-445-8667

[http://www1.hilton.com/en\\_US/hi/hotel/OMACVHH-Hilton-Omaha-Nebraska/index.do](http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/OMACVHH-Hilton-Omaha-Nebraska/index.do)

**Conference Registration**

Registration materials should be postmarked by **February 9, 2009!** A \$60 late fee must accompany registration fees after this date. No registrations will be accepted if postmarked after **February 20, 2009.** All registration materials should be mailed to:

**AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**

**Attn: Soror Evetta McMillian**

**Registration Chairman**

**P.O. Box 470355**

**Aurora, CO 80047-2002**

**Phone: 303-888-2731**

**Email: [Mwrcevetta1908@hotmail.com](mailto:Mwrcevetta1908@hotmail.com)**

- Only financial sorors may participate in conference activities. Neither financial nor non-financial sorors may be guests of financial sorors at the conference.
- Registered sorors unable to attend the conference should make arrangements with the Registration Chair for materials to be picked up from the registration area. No registration materials or souvenirs will be mailed. If a soror does not attend and has another soror pick up her materials she is not eligible to receive a refund.
- Tickets are required to be admitted to all events. Lost tickets will not be replaced.
- Please contact the conference hotels directly for special room accommodations.

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**GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**On-line Registration**

In 2009, Mid-Western Region was one of the four regions to pilot a new on-line registration for members to register for regional conferences. Mid-Western Region is excited that we will once again have the opportunity to use the online registration system. **The on-line registration will be available starting January 10<sup>th</sup>.** The on-line registration deadline without a late fee is February 9th. The on-line late registration fee of \$60 will start February 10th and end on February 20th. Members are asked to have the following information accessible in order to register for the conference:

Financial card number

Credit card number and billing address

E-mail address used for the national website

As a reminder members must use the email address that is currently on file with the corporate office in order to login to online regional registration. Members who do not have an email address on file or who wish to update their email address should do so at their earliest convenience. Members can update their email addresses in their profiles at [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com) under Members Login>Members Only Home (Profile) > Edit > Email Address (update the email address) > Save. Members may refer to the Mid-Western Regional website at [www.akamidwestern.com](http://www.akamidwestern.com) for the latest online registration updates.

**Individual Registration**

Individual sorors may complete the enclosed registration form and pay by cashier check or money order. Please make all checks payable to **AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**. No personal checks will be accepted. Registration information must be mailed to the Registration Committee by February 9, 2009, for registration, without a late fee. Registration materials received through February 20, 2009 will be considered late and will require a \$60 late fee.

**Chapter Registration**

One registration form should be included for each soror. Please duplicate forms as needed. The individual registration form and any accompanying forms should be forwarded with the completed Summary of Registration Remittance Form. When a chapter submits registration materials as a group, the chapter is required to send one check to cover the multiple registrations made payable to **AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**.

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**Basic Individual Registration Fees**

Graduates                      \$150.00

Undergraduates              \$85.00

The registration fee for graduate sorors includes the Formal Gala. The registration fee for undergraduate sorors includes the Undergraduate Luncheon (the 1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition and Formal Gala is not included). Special activities and ticket prices are listed on the registration form.

**Late Registration**

A \$60 late fee must accompany registration postmarked after February 9, 2009. No registrations postmarked after February 20, 2009, will be accepted. **There is no onsite registration.**

**Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation of registration and request for refund must be submitted in writing to the Registration Chairman and **postmarked by February 28, 2009**. All monies, minus a \$35.00 handling fee, **will be mailed to the soror after the regional conference.**

**Vendors**

Vendors approved by the International Headquarters will be located in a designated area. Sales from hotel rooms or in any other undesignated areas are strictly prohibited. For further vendor information please contact Jamie Braden: [Jamie\\_braden1@hotmail.com](mailto:Jamie_braden1@hotmail.com) or call 816-308-0353.

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### Hotel Information

#### Hilton Omaha

1001 Cass Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska, 68102  
Tel: 1-402-998-3400 Fax: 1-402-998-4242

#### Reservations

Attendees can make reservations in one of two ways:

- **Phone:** Contact Hilton Reservations at 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) and ask for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. –Mid-Western Region room block.
- **Internet:** Go to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Mid-Western Region's Web Site, <http://www.akamidwestern.com>, and click on the "2009 Regional Conference" link.

Please note: When making your reservation, a first night's non-refundable deposit (including tax) will be charged to your credit card for each guestroom you reserve. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties.

#### Guest Room Rates

The special conference rate for the hotel rooms is **\$137.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. This rate is for single, double, triple or quad occupancy (one to four persons in a room).** The hotel rooms held by Alpha Kappa Alpha Mid-Western Region will be released on February 25, 2009 OR upon the room block being sold out. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!** Also note that the negotiated room rate is available three days prior to and subsequent to the conference dates, based on hotel availability. You may wish to plan an early or extended stay.

**UNDERGRADUATE SORORS** please let your Regional Director know if you will be staying at the Hilton Omaha. You may be eligible for the Undergraduate Student Rate of \$115.00 per night.

#### Guest Rooms

As a guest of the Hilton Omaha, you'll enjoy the spacious luxury and comfort Nebraska's ONLY four diamond property. Its 450 guestrooms feature both wired and wireless high-speed Internet access, two-line phones, Hilton's Serenity Bed®, 27-inch televisions, irons and ironing boards and coffee makers. The hotel is connected to the new Qwest Center Omaha, just blocks from the historic Old Market. The Henry Doorly Zoo, Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha Children's Museum, the Durham Western Heritage Museum, Joslyn Art Museum, SAC Space and Air Museum are only minutes away. Only three miles from the airport (Eppley Airfield), the **Hilton Omaha** hotel offers complimentary 24-hour shuttle service to and from the airport.

#### Reservation Cut-off Date

The Alpha Kappa Alpha room rate is guaranteed if your reservation is made before February 25, 2009 and the Alpha Kappa Alpha room block has not been sold out. After that date or upon the Alpha Kappa Alpha room block being sold out, the hotel will accept a reservation based upon availability.

#### Check-In

Check-in time to the hotel is 3:00 PM CDT on the day of arrival. Guests arriving before 3:00 PM will be accommodated as rooms become available. The Guest Services Department (Bellman) can arrange to check baggage for those arriving early when rooms are unavailable. You may wish to leave your bags at the bell stand and take time to visit the Old Market or other sites.

#### Check-Out

Check out time on the day of departure is at 12:00 p.m. NOTE: If you check out prior to your reserved checkout date, the hotel will add an early checkout fee (currently \$50) to your individual account. If your departure date changes, please advise the **Hilton Omaha** at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay.

#### Time Zones

Omaha, NE is on Central Daylight Time (CDT).

#### Parking

- Self parking: \$9.00
- Valet parking: \$15.00

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**SCHEDULE AT-A- GLANCE**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
<b>Wednesday, March 25, 2009</b>	Set-up Cluster B Only (Registration, AKA Regional Office, First Aid Clinic, and Hospitality Suites)	12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
	<b>Conference Registration/Delegate Certification (Cluster B Sorors Only)</b>	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	<b>Meeting of Host Chapters with Regional Director</b>	8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.
	Welcome Rehearsal (Cluster B Chapters)	9:15 p.m. – 10:15 p.m.
<b>Thursday, March 26, 2009</b>	<b>Conference Registration/Delegate Certification</b>	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Authorized Vendors' Registration & Set-Up	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
	Awards and Exhibit Setup	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
	<b>Graduate Advisor's Certification Level I</b>	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	<b>Graduate Advisor's Certification Level II</b>	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	AKA Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Authorized Vendor Sales	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
	<b>Constitution Express (for Basilei and Parliamentarians)</b>	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	<b>Regional Heritage Committee Training</b>	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	Judges' Orientation for Exhibits	2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	General Members Meet With Regional Director (Delegate Election)	4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	First Timer Conference Attendees' Orientation	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	MWRC Choir Rehearsal	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Thursday, March 26, 2009</b>	<b>Conference Regional Committee Meetings</b>	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
	Archives	
	Basilei	
	Connection	
	Constitution and Bylaws	
	EAF	
	Evaluations	
	Graduate Advisor	
	Membership	
	Philacters	
	Program	
	Protocol	
	Recommendations	
	Resolutions	
	Rules	
	Standards/Regional Heritage	
	Time and Place	
	Technology	
Undergraduate Activities		
Workshop Facilitators and Recorders		
AKA Hospitality Suites Open	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	
<b>Public Program</b>	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	
<b>Public Program Reception</b>	8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	
Regional Steering Committee Meeting	10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	
Casino	10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.	
2010 Cluster D Invitational Rehearsal	10:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	
<b>Friday, March 27, 2009</b>	ESP Sunrise Walk	6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.
	Conference Registration/Delegate Certification	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	AKA Office Open	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	<b>LEGACY BREAKFAST</b>	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

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<b>Friday, March 27, 2009</b>	AKA Hospitality Suites Open	7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
	Scrapbook and Exhibit Display	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	<b>(**Attire for First Plenary Session: Continuous white, no pants**)</b>	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
	<b>FIRST PLENARY SESSION</b>	
	• Rededication	
	• Ivies Beyond the Wall Memorial Service	
	<i>Authorized Vendor Sales</i>	12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
	<b>LARZETTE G. HALE DIAMOND, GOLDEN, AND SILVER SOROR LUNCHEON</b>	12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
	<b>SECOND PLENARY SESSION</b>	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
	MWRC Choir Rehearsal	5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
	Cluster D Invitational Rehearsal	10:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
	Undergraduate Stroll/Chant Exchange	7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
	<b>Formal Gala Cocktail Hour</b>	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	<b>Formal Gala</b>	8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
	Casino Trip	10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
	Card Party	10:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
	2010 Cluster D Invitational Rehearsal	10:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Regional Steering Committee Meeting	10:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	
<b>Saturday, March 28, 2009</b>	ESP Sunrise Workout	5:30 a.m. – 6:30 a.m.
	<i>Pink and Green Day</i> <b>BARBARA A. MCKINZIE LEADERS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST</b> (For all Leaders including Undergrad and Graduate Basileus, Graduate Advisors, Cluster Leaders, Regional and National Representatives)	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Saturday, March 28, 2009</b>	AKA Office Open	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	Authorized Vendor Sales	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
	AKA Hospitality Suites Open	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
	<b>Regional Director's Undergraduate Caucus</b> (Undergraduate attendance required)	8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
	Final Conference Registration	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
	Scrapbooks and Exhibit Display	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION I</b>	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION II</b>	10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
	<b>UNDERGRADUATE WORKSHOP SESSION I</b>	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
	<b>UNDERGRADUATE WORKSHOP SESSION II</b>	10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
	<b>UNDERGRADUATE HONORS AND AWARDS LUNCHEON</b>	12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
	<b>THIRD PLENARY SESSION</b>	2:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.
	Dismantle Chapter Exhibits	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	Dinner on your own	5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	<b>Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition</b>	8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
	Casino Trip	10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Undergraduate Mixer	10:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	
<b>Sunday, March 29, 2009</b>	Ecumenical Service	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
	Complimentary Breakfast	9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.
	Authorized Vendor Sales	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Sunday, March 29, 2009</b>	79th MWRC Debriefing (Cluster B Planning Committee)	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
	79th MWRC Briefing (Cluster D Planning Committee)	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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**2009 SPECIAL TRAINING INSTITUTES**

**Thursday, March 26, 2009**

**Graduate Advisor's Certification Program – Level I:**

This workshop is for sorors who have never been certified and plan to serve on the Undergraduate Advisory Committee or as a Graduate Advisor. Applications including transcript and affidavit are required to register for this seminar. (Must complete the 2009 Graduate Advisor Certification Program Application).

**Graduate Advisor's Certification Program – Level II:**

This workshop is for sorors who require re-certification and plan to serve on your Undergraduate Advisory Committee or as a Graduate Advisor. Applications including transcript and affidavit are required to register for this seminar. (Must complete the 2009 Graduate Advisor Certification Program Application).

**First Timers' Forum:**

This workshop is for sorors including: first-time conference attendees, newly initiated sorors, and newly reactivated sorors. It is expected to be an orientation for regional conference including a discussion of proper conference protocol.

**Regional Heritage Committee Training:**

Except Successful Performance: Regional Heritage Committee Evaluation Training:

This workshop is for Heritage Committee Members Only. The purpose of this workshop is to train members of the Regional Heritage Committee regarding the proper way to conduct chapter evaluations.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Investigation Guide:

This workshop will train Regional Heritage Committee members regarding the use of the investigation guide and the proper way to conduct Fact-Finding investigations.

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**2009 WORKSHOPS**

SESSION I WORKSHOPS-Saturday, March 28, 2009	
<b>WK A-1</b>	<b>Leadership Development &amp; Certification Forum</b>
	This open forum will be hosted by a member of the Economic Leadership Through Service committee. Take time out to get clarification on the current certification process. Help determine which track is right for you. Take this opportunity to chat, clarify & plan your track to success.
<b>WK A- 2</b>	<b>Making ESP Work</b>
	Information will be shared on best practices, resources and partnerships supporting the Heart of ESP: An Extraordinary Service Program and provide suggestions for engaging sorors and assisting chapters in developing the ESP platforms on a chapter level.
<b>WK A-3</b>	<b>Standards: The Essence of Excellence</b>
	Attend this workshop to ensure your chapter knows how to remain compliant. Tools to help your chapter achieve effective, efficient, and productive chapter operations will be discussed.
<b>WK A-4</b>	<b>Chapter Finances 101</b>
	Keep your chapter finances in order and report financial information to the national office. Know the reports required to comply with the national office, including understanding the need to electronically submit per capita and other fees.
<b>WK A-5</b>	<b>Conference and Event Planning</b>
	An overview of how to properly make a Request For Proposal (RFP), engage in effective contract negotiations, and the pro's and con's of hotels vs. convention centers.
<b>WK A -6</b>	<b>Membership</b>
	Designed for chapter membership representatives, this workshop will focus on: a) our sorority's reactivation and retention activities, b) recognition/awards for Boulé, 3) MIP survey data, and 4) will include a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the Centennial Membership Committee.
<b>WK A-7</b>	<b>Making the Connection: ESP for 2010 Census</b>
	This workshop will be the roll out for Alpha Kappa Alpha's involvement in Census 2010. The plan is a collaborative effort with the National Pan Hellenic Council.
<b>WK A-8</b>	<b>Constitution Express: ESP</b>
	This workshop is designed to provide information on the history, purpose, and examples for effectively utilizing our keystone documents, <i>The Constitution and Bylaws</i> and <i>Manual of Standard Procedures</i> .
<b>WK A-9</b>	<b>Knowing Your Rituals</b>
	Alpha Kappa Alpha has revised her rituals. Attend this practicum to cover step by step guidance to execute our ceremonies as intended.
<b>WK A-10</b>	<b>Protocol 101: Protocol Stepping Out!!! Every Soror Practices Protocol</b>
	The session will review basic information all sorors should know. Our newest sorors and sorors who need a refresher will enjoy this workshop. Bring a copy of <i>The Official Guide to Alpha Kappa Alpha Protocol</i> to follow along with the presenter.

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<b>SESSION II WORKSHOPS-Saturday, March 28, 2009</b>	
<b>WK B-1</b>	<b>ESP Campaigning: An Exceptional Selection Process</b>
	This workshop is designed for sorors interested in running for regional and international office. This workshop will focus on the criteria for becoming certified and the campaign guidelines. Any new/revised criteria will be highlighted.
<b>WK B- 2</b>	<b>Communication: Every Source Penetrated</b>
	This workshop will provide effective strategies on how sorors can penetrate the media network to help transmit their message. The session will also provide valuable tips on how to form a partnership with the media that will help in their publicity mission at the chapter, cluster, and regional levels.
<b>WK B-3</b>	<b>Technology Toolkit 101</b>
	This workshop is for those members who are first time users of AKA technology. It teaches how to access online services and documents, especially the website.
<b>WK B-4</b>	<b>Board Responsibility/Code of Conduct</b>
	Leadership in an action, not a "position." As a part of the leadership development and certification program, this session provides information regarding the duties, responsibilities, and code of conduct of a board member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.
<b>WK B-5</b>	<b>EAF: How to Be an Effective EAF Captain</b>
	Workshop will provide information and programs to equip you to be efficient on the Foundation and the services EAF provides. Captains will be able to share with chapter member's ways they can support EAF financially and educate them on the programs that the Foundation has to offer.
<b>WK B-6</b>	<b>Making ESP Work</b>
	Information will be shared on best practices, resources and partnerships supporting the Heart of ESP: An Extraordinary Service Program and provide suggestions for engaging sorors and assisting chapters in developing the ESP platforms on a chapter level.
<b>WK B-7</b>	<b>The Archiving Bee – The Sequel</b>
	This interactive workshop is a must for all chapters. The Archives chair/your representative will learn how to energize your Archives Committee; collect, store and preserve Alpha Kappa Alpha's history; and write your chapter's story.
<b>WK B-8</b>	<b>Membership</b>
	Designed for chapter membership representatives, this workshop will focus on: a) our sorority's reactivation and retention activities, b) recognition/awards for Boulé, 3) MIP survey data, and 4) will include a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the Centennial Membership Committee.
<b>WK B-9</b>	<b>"I Move" Basic Parliamentary Procedure</b>
	This workshop is designed to provide information and examples and an opportunity to discuss the proper behavior for executing the business of the sorority.
<b>WK B-10</b>	<b>Advanced Protocol</b>
	This advanced protocol session should include all regional protocol team members and other sorors interested in learning appropriate protocol for cluster and regional meetings.

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<b>UNDERGRADUATE WORKSHOPS-Saturday, March 28, 2009</b>	
<b>UG-1</b>	<b>Welcome to the Good Life: New Undergraduate Initiates Only</b>
	<b>(Fall 2007 – present)</b> Are you newly initiated? Well, this workshop is for you! IN this session, we will address pertinent information for new initiates such as: interaction with chapter members, navigating sorority life, and maintaining academic excellence.
<b>UG-2</b>	<b>Pieces of the Puzzle: Moving Past the “Me and My” Mentality (Undergraduates)</b>
	Every puzzle piece contributes to a larger image. Sorors make chapters, chapters make regions, and regions together form our great sisterhood. This workshop is designed to aid undergraduate sorors connection with the bigger picture of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

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**EVENT AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

**THURSDAY EVENTS**

**Graduate Advisors' Certification**

Graduate Advisors, members of the Graduate Advisor's Council and sorors who want to serve as a Graduate Advisor or be a member of the Council must attend this Certification course. We strongly encourage chapters to have at least 5 percent of their members certified so that we will be able to effectively assist our undergraduates. This training is designed in two parts: Level I Certification and Level II Re-Certification. Both sessions run concurrently on Thursday, March 26, 2009. Registration is \$10 and includes materials.

**First Timer Conference Attendees' Orientation**

This informational meeting will be held for sorors who are attending their first Regional Conference. During the meeting there will be a discussion of pertinent information to help first time attendees understand the Regional Conference process.

**Committee Meetings**

**Public Program and Reception (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)**

The public meeting and reception for the 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference will feature awards that will be given to leaders and corporations/businesses that have significantly impacted their communities.

**Casino Trip**

There will be a different casino each night from among **Harrah's, Horseshoe and Ameristar.**

All the casinos are located across the Missouri River from downtown Omaha in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Each casino provides a **free** shuttle service from the hotel to and from the casino.

**Cost: No charge, however, pre-registration is required so that the casinos are prepared to provide transportation for the number of persons desiring to go.**

**FRIDAY EVENTS**

**ESP Sunrise Walk**

Don't forget your tennis shoes. Here is an opportunity to continue your efforts to Enthusiastically Shed Pounds.

**Rededication**

Rededication will be held during the First Plenary session. Please see Conference Attire & Additional Information.

**Ivies Beyond the Wall Memorial Service**

The Ivies Beyond the Wall Memorial Service will be held on Friday. This solemn and sacred ceremony is the final and lasting tribute to those sorors who have passed away. Please be mindful of the dignity of the occasion. Once the ceremony has begun, no one will be admitted into the room. Please see Conference Attire and Additional Information.

**Larzette G. Hale Diamond, Golden, and Silver Sorors Luncheon** An elegant luncheon will be hosted to celebrate the milestones of individual sorors and chapters, as we recognize them for achieving 25, 50, and 75 years of membership and "service to all mankind."

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### Undergraduate Stroll/Chant Exchange

#### Formal Gala

The Formal Gala is a formal banquet that will begin with a cocktail hour. The cost is included in the registration for graduate sorors only. Tickets for undergraduate sorors and guests are \$65 and must be purchased with registration.

#### Card Party

If you are looking for something fun, challenging, a chance to meet new people, then the Card Party is for you.

#### Casino Trip

Please see previous description.

### SATURDAY EVENTS

#### Barbara A. McKinzie Leaders Appreciation Breakfast

This breakfast will focus on the sorors who lead us in this region and on a local chapter level. All sorors are leaders and are welcome to attend. Chapters will have the opportunity to say thank you to your chapter Basileus and other officers. Plan to be present to gain inspiration to continue the work of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in this region. All chapter officers are encouraged to attend.

#### Undergraduate Honors and Awards Luncheon

Undergraduate awards and recognition will be given during this annual luncheon. Undergraduate sorors will receive priority seating during the Undergraduate Luncheon.

#### Shopping at Westroads Mall

Large department stores include Younkers, Von Maur, Penney's and Dick's Sporting Goods. Also, there is a large food court with several restaurants surrounding the mall. **Cost: \$10.00 per person roundtrip** (A minimum of 4 persons per van need to pre-register in order for the committee to schedule transportation.)

#### 1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition/Mixer

You are cordially invited to attend the Midwestern Region's 1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition. The ticket price is \$15 per person and must be purchased at the time of registration.

Undergraduate Sorors are encouraged to step and Graduate Sorors are encouraged to show off their talent. **Note: Graduate sorors will not be permitted to step or stroll in the Undergraduate Step show. Only undergraduates will be permitted to step in the 1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition.**

#### Casino Trip

Please see previous description.

### SUNDAY EVENTS

#### Ecumenical Service

Sorors gather to end the conference on a high spiritual note with a Sunday worship service.

#### Complimentary Continental Breakfast

#### Cluster B Debriefing

#### Cluster D Briefing

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### CONFERENCE ATTIRE & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### ATTIRE FOR CONFERENCE EVENTS



- **Ivies Beyond The Wall Memorial Service and Rededication**

Conservative, solid (without embellishment or adornment), seasonal white dress with sleeves, or suit with coordinated blouse appropriate for the occasion; coordinated white shoes; white or flesh-toned hosiery are mandatory. Please remember that hats, sleeveless dresses or tops, slacks, pants, and pant suits are unacceptable attire for any ritual. *You will not be permitted to participate in any of these rituals without proper attire.*

- **1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition/Mixer**

AKA paraphernalia and casual attire.

- **Undergraduate Mixer**

AKA paraphernalia and casual attire.

- **Plenary sessions**

Business attire.

- **Pink and Green Day-Saturday**

Pink and Green business attire is acceptable.

- **Undergraduate Honors and Awards Luncheon**

Pink and Green Business attire.

- **Formal Gala**

Formal attire.

#### **SEATING FOR DIAMOND AND GOLDEN SORORS, AND SORORS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Diamond and Golden Sorors, and sorors with special needs will have reserved seating at all plenary sessions and meal functions. If you require special accommodations or have special needs, please indicate this on your registration form. We will make every effort to accommodate you.

#### **AKA HOSPITALITY SUITES**

Undergraduates and Graduate Sorors are welcome! Open each day and evening during "off peak" conference hours to relax, network, laugh, talk, eat and just enjoy yourselves after meetings and learning new information. You're invited to come by for a few moments to meet new friends and to catch up with the old ones. The Hospitality Committee will welcome you with open arms!

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**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Postmarked deadline for registration is **Monday, February 9, 2009**.
2. Please bring your financial card and photo identification. You will need these in order to complete registration and check-in.
3. Registrations **postmarked after February 9, 2009**, will be considered late registration. A **late fee of \$60.00** will begin at 12:01 a.m. MDT on February 10, 2009. **Late registration postmarked after February 20, 2009, will be returned and will not be processed.**
4. Request for refunds must be submitted in writing and postmarked **by February 28, 2009**.
5. All cashier's checks, money orders, and chapter checks are to be made payable to: **AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**.
6. Registration forms are to be mailed to:  
**AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**  
**Attn: Soror Evetta McMillian**  
**Registration Chairman**  
**P.O. Box 470355**  
**Aurora, CO 80047-2002**  
**Phone: 303-888-2731**  
**Email: [Mwrcevetta1908@hotmail.com](mailto:Mwrcevetta1908@hotmail.com)**
7. Please contact the hotel directly if special accommodations are needed for persons who have special needs. Please indicate any special dietary requirements for each meal function on the registration form.
8. Graduate Advisor Certification forms need to be notarized.
9. Please duplicate Registration Information and distribute to all sorors in your chapter.
10. Registration confirmations will be emailed or mailed to each soror prior to the conference.

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**GRADUATE SOROR REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Please type or print:**

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**  Graduate  Delegate  General Member  
 First Time Attendee  Directorate  Alternate  Diamond Soror  Golden Soror  Silver Soror  National  
 Committee Representative  Legacy (Complete Legacy Form)  National Committee Chair  Special Needs  
 (Complete Special Needs Form)  Leisure Activities (Complete Leisure Activities Form)

REGISTRATION TYPE	Price	Qty	Amt. Enclosed
Graduate Registration-Includes Formal Gala	\$150.00		
Public Program (Thursday)	NC		
Graduate Advisor's Certification Level I (Thursday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$10.00		
Graduate Advisor's Certification Level II (Thursday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$10.00		
Casino Trip (Thursday)	NC		
Legacy Breakfast (Friday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$35.00		
Larzette G. Hale Diamond, Golden, and Silver Luncheon (Friday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$50.00		
Formal Gala -Additional tickets for guests (Friday)	\$65.00		
Casino Trip (Friday)	NC		
Card Party (Friday)	NC		
Barbara A. McKinzie Leaders Appreciation Breakfast (Saturday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$35.00		
Saturday - Undergraduate Honors and Awards Luncheon (Saturday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$50.00		
1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition/Mixer (Saturday)	\$15.00		
1908 Graduate Talent Show Competition Participant (Saturday)	NC		
Shopping at Westroads Mall (Saturday)	\$10.00		
Casino Trip (Saturday)	NC		
Ecumenical Service/Continental Breakfast (Sunday)	NC		
Late Charge (If postmarked after (2/20/09)	\$60.00		
<b>Total</b>			

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**Refunds**

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**UNDERGRADUATE SOROR REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Please type or print:**

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

- MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION – CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**  Undergraduate  Delegate  General Member  
 First Time Attendee  Directorate  Alternate  National Committee Representative  
 Legacy (Complete Legacy Form)  National Committee Chair  Special Needs (Complete Special Needs Form)  
 Leisure Activities (Complete Leisure Activities Form)

REGISTRATION TYPE	Price	Qty	Amt. Enclosed
Undergraduate Registration-Includes Undergraduate Luncheon (Saturday)	\$85.00		
Public Program (Thursday)	NC		
Casino Trip (Thursday)	NC		
Legacy Breakfast (Friday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$35.00		
Larzette G. Hale Diamond, Golden, and Silver Luncheon (Friday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$50.00		
Formal Gala (Friday)	\$65.00		
Undergraduate Stroll/Chant Exchange (Friday)	NC		
Casino Trip (Friday)	NC		
Card Party (Friday)	NC		
Barbara A. McKinzie Leaders Appreciation Breakfast (Saturday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$35.00		
Shopping at Westroads Mall (Saturday)	\$10.00		
1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition/Mixer (Saturday)	\$15.00		
1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step Show Competition Participant (Saturday)	NC		
Casino Trip (Saturday)	NC		
Ecumenical Service/Continental Breakfast (Sunday)	NC		
Late Charge (If postmarked after (2/20/09)	\$60.00		
<b>Total</b>			

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**CHAPTER REMITTANCE SUMMARY FORM**

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**\*Each chapter must complete this form and submit with conference forms and payments. An individual registration form must be attached for each soror/guest attending. Please type or print:**

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Basileus: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Amt. Enclosed</b>
<b>Conference Registration*</b>			
Graduate Registration per soror	\$150.00		
Undergraduate Registration per soror	\$85.00		
<b>Conference Registration after February 9, 2009 until February 20, 2009</b>	\$60.00		
Late charge per registration submitted			
Graduate Advisor's Certification Level I (Thursday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$10.00		
Graduate Advisor's Certification Level II (Thursday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$10.00		
Casino Trip (Thursday)	NC		
Legacy Breakfast (Friday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$35.00		
Larzette G. Hale Diamond, Golden, and Silver Luncheon (Friday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$50.00		
Undergraduate and Additional Formal Gala Tickets (Friday)	\$65.00		
Undergraduate Stroll/Chant Exchange (Friday)	NC		
Casino Trip (Friday)	NC		
Card Party (Friday)	NC		
Barbara A. McKinzie Leaders Appreciation Breakfast (Saturday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$35.00		
Undergraduate Awards Luncheon (Saturday) <i>Sorors Only</i>	\$50.00		
1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition Participant (Saturday)	NC		
Shopping at Westroads Mall (Saturday)	\$10.00		
1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show Competition/Mixer (Saturday)	\$15.00		
Casino Trip (Saturday)	NC		
Ecumenical Service/Continental Breakfast (Sunday)	NC		
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**SPECIAL NEEDS AND HEALTH HISTORY FORM**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Hotel while in Omaha \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person in case of emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Past/Present Medical History \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Primary Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Any other health concerns:

FOR SPECIAL NEEDS, PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: Special Diet Meals (check all that apply):

- Vegetarian    Sugar Free    Larzette G. Hale Diamond/Golden/Silver Star Luncheon  
 Undergraduate Luncheon    Formal Gala    Legacy Breakfast    Leadership Breakfast

Prohibited Foods or Drinks (such as food allergies, etc)

Physically Challenged Sorors: <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Special Room Facilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scooter	
Other, Please be specific	
Arrival Time:	Date
Departure Time	Date

\*\*If a wheelchair or scooter is needed please contact Kim Hora @ Kohlls Pharmacy and Home Care at phone number (402)-306-6507. Please call one week in advance, if possible.

**Please submit with Soror's registration**

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Attn: Soror Evetta McMillian

Registration Chairman

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**2009 REGIONAL AWARDS FEES**

In accordance with the directive of the Regional Conference, we hereby submit the Regional Conference Awards fee (cashiers check, chapter check, or money order) as indicated below. *Make checks payable to AKA - 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference.*

GRADUATE CHAPTER \$60.00

UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER \$45.00

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Basileus

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Grammateus

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Advisor Signature (If Applicable)

**Please return this form with payment, postmarked by February 9, 2009:**

AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Awards

Attn: Soror Hope Richardson

P.O. Box 11463

Overland Park, Kansas 66207

And

A COPY only of this form to:

Soror Vicki Miles-LaGrange

Centennial Midwestern Regional Director

PO BOX 742

Oklahoma City, OK 73101

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**OPTIONAL LEISURE ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION FORM**

DEADLINE: **Postmarked by Monday, February 9, 2009**

PLEASE SEND A DUPLICATE OF THIS FORM WITH THE SOROR REGISTRATION FORM - KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Thursday, March 26, 2009	Time	Adult	Senior	Child	Note	Subtotal
Casino Trip	10:00 PM – 2:00 AM	NC	NC	N/A	N1	\$
Friday, March 27, 2009	Time	Adult	Senior	Child	Note	Subtotal
Casino Trip	10:00 PM – 2:00 AM	NC	NC	N/A	N1	\$
Saturday, March 28, 2009	Time	Adult	Senior	Child	Note	Subtotal
Shopping at Westroads Mall	5:45 PM – 9:15 PM	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	N2	\$
Saturday, March 28, 2009	Time	Adult	Senior	Child	Note	Subtotal
Casino Trip	10:00 PM – 2:00 AM	NC	NC	N/A	N1	\$

**Additional Notes**

N1	<b>Casino Trip</b> -(There will be a different casino each night from among Harrah's, Horseshoe & Ameristar) All the casinos are located across the Missouri River from downtown Omaha in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Each casino provides free shuttle service from the hotel to and from the casino. Cost: No charge, however, pre-registration is required so that the casinos are prepared to provide transportation for the number of persons desiring to go.
N2	<b>Shopping at Westroads Mall</b> -102 <sup>nd</sup> & West Dodge Road Large department stores include Younkers, Von Maur, Penney's and Dick's Sporting Goods. Also, there is a large food court with several restaurants surrounding the mall. Cost: \$10.00 per person roundtrip (A minimum of 4 persons per van need to pre-register in order for the committee to schedule transportation.)

**Please note that transportation is included for shopping and casino trip.**

Liability Waiver - I agree and acknowledge that my participation in tours, events, and activities of the 2009 Mid-Western Regional Conference is of my own free will, and I am aware that possible personal injury, death, and property loss or damage might occur as a result of my participation in these tours, events, and activities. I give this acknowledgement freely and knowingly and certify that I am, as a result, able to participate in these tours, events, activities and do hereby assume full responsibility for my own well-being. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the tours, events, and activities of the 2009 Mid-Western Regional Conference, the undersigned hereby holds harmless, releases, and forever discharges ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., its officers, agents, representatives, and employees from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind or nature that result or may in the future develop from participation in the tours, events, and activities of the 2009 Mid-Western Regional Conference. I accept all terms and conditions listed above and understand that they are binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity. I agree not to allow any individual to participate in my place, and I assume all liability for any minors, family members or guests who accompany me during the tours, events, and activities of the 2009 Mid-Western Regional Conference and have not signed a separate liability waiver.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed Leisure Forms and Fees, along with the Registration Form to:

**AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference Registration**

**Attn: Soror Evetta McMillian**

**Registration Chairman**

**P.O. Box 470355**

**Aurora, CO 80047-2002**

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**OMAHA NEBRASKA**

**EXCEPTIONAL SITES & PLACES TO GO**

Photos are courtesy of the Omaha Visitors Bureau.

Omaha is the center of America and the heart of the Midwest. At the crossroads of the country, Omaha is close to everything. Whether you're flying or driving getting here is a breeze. From the minute you arrive, you'll also find it's easy to get around the city.

Founded in 1854, Omaha has always been a dynamic, energetic city continually transforming itself. Whether it was the Native American Indian tribes, pioneers, railroad laborers or meatpackers, everyone who came to call Omaha home helped shape its current cultural diversity, hard work ethic and friendly demeanor.



In the last few years Omaha has transformed itself again with two billion dollars in new development along the riverfront and downtown. A one-of-a-kind \$22 million pedestrian bridge is starting to S-curve its way across the Missouri River. Completed in 2008, the signature, cable-stayed pedestrian bridge over the Missouri River in Omaha is one of the longest pedestrian bridge projects ever constructed, with an overall project length of nearly 3,300 feet, including a record main span length of 506 feet. It will be sure

to give Omaha visitors a breathtaking experience.



Omaha is packed with things to do. Experience world class attractions and museums, enjoy fine or casual dining and indulge yourself with unique shopping. Don't miss

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, home to the world's

largest indoor rainforest, the world's largest indoor desert under the world's largest geodesic dome. Visit the Joslyn Art Museum, a Smithsonian affiliate, get on the Harry S. Truman Press train at the Durham Western Heritage Museum or take an awe-inspiring walk through the Lauritzen Garden Botanical Center. Or if you're simply looking for the best steak you've ever eaten, you've come to the right place, Omaha has it all.

Omaha is a fresh, dynamic city, merging the best in Midwestern hospitality with the energy of a city at full throttle. There is something here for everyone, make a point to visit Omaha.

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**Attractions**

Imagine walking over a swinging bridge in the largest indoor rainforest in the world, climbing on board a vintage bomber from World War II or doing a science experiment with a giant Gravitron ball. Picture yourself surrounded by an incredible arboretum and bird sanctuary, taking a cultural walk through the first Latino art and history museum in the Midwest or enjoying a romantic gondola ride. Imagine no more, visit Omaha, it's all right here.

**Arts & Entertainment**



Broadway, Smithsonian, U2, three words that show the eclectic mixture Omaha offers. Qwest Center Omaha has become a key tour stop for music legends and pop

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stars. The Joslyn Art Museum is a Smithsonian affiliate offering an impressive range of art work including permanent exhibits from Monet, Pollock, and Chihuly. The historic Orpheum Theater provides a stage for local and Broadway productions like the Lion King, Chicago and Jesus Christ Superstar. Omaha is rich culture at every turn.

**Shopping**

Suitcase alert! Bring an empty one; you'll be able to fill it after shopping in Omaha. Indoor and outdoor malls, quaint shopping centers and unique boutiques cater to the shopaholic in all of us. If you're in the mood for some bling, one word—Borsheim's, America's largest independent jewelry store, owned by Billionaire Warren Buffett. Another Buffett gem, Nebraska Furniture Mart, you won't believe the size of this place. Good luck getting that new couch in your spare suitcase. Don't worry the Mart delivers and so does Omaha.



**Nightlife**

Sipping "Watermelons" on the riverfront, laughing with comedians like Lewis Black and Larry the Cable Guy or dancing the night away at one of the city's many clubs, there is lots to do in Omaha after dark. Sokol Hall and The Waiting Room have become popular hot spots for Omaha's prominent Indie music scene. Irish and Micro Brew Pubs, country and disco dancing, live Rock and Jazz

bands, the Omaha nightlife is music to your ears.

**Golf Courses**

Arnold Palmer, big enough golf legend for you? He chose Omaha for one of his signature courses. He knows golf is Omaha's 5th season. The Golf Channel gives Omaha wall to wall coverage during the PGA Cox Classic, held here. With a total of 18 public and semi-private clubs Omaha has so many golf courses, wives rarely see their husbands, one of the many reasons women love Omaha.(see shopping for others)



**Sports & Recreation**

Whether you're watching, playing, or arm-chair quarterbacking, Omaha is one sports crazy city. Professional baseball and arena football attract fans from all over. In 2008 Omaha hosted Olympic swimming, March Madness, NCAA Championships and PGA golf. If you're the athlete there are plenty of hockey rinks, tennis courts, hiking and biking trails, swimming, boating and loads of fishing. Is fishing a sport? Walleye think it is. (Omaha humor)



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**DELEGATE CERTIFICATION**

**DEADLINE: Postmarked by Monday, February 9, 2009**

List the names of your chapter's delegates to the 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference on the Delegate Certification Form. The number of delegates for each chapter is based on the number of sorors as of the chapter's year end report.

All delegates and alternates must be certified by the Basileus prior to registration for the conference.

Any changes in the list of official delegates must be sent by mail to the Registration Committee. The sorors who may authorize a change in delegates or alternates are the Basileus or the Grammateus (Graduate Advisor for the undergraduate chapters), and the change must bear one of their signatures.

Changes during the conference must be submitted to the Conference Registration Chairman.

**Note: Failure to submit the Delegate Certification Form by the deadline will disqualify the chapter from voting during the conference.**

**Please mail a copy of this completed form to the Registration Committee and a duplicate copy to:**

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Attn: Soror Evetta McMillian  
Registration Chairman  
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Aurora, CO 80047-2002**

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**OFFICIAL DELEGATE CERTIFICATION REGISTRATION FORM**

DEADLINE: Postmarked by Monday, February 9, 2009

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Active Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (Include name of college, if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Every financial chapter is entitled to not less than two (2) delegates. The formula for determining delegate strength is as follows:

- 1 to 10 active members.....2 delegates
- 11 to 25 active members.....3 delegates
- 26 to 40 active members.....4 delegates
- 41 to 55 active members.....5 delegates
- 56 to 70 active members.....6 delegates
- 71 to 85 active members.....7 delegates

- 86 to 100 active members.....8 delegates
- 101 to 115 active members.....9 delegates
- 116 to 130 active members...10 delegates
- 131 to 145 active members...11 delegates
- 146+ active members.....12 delegates

**DELEGATES**

**ALTERNATES**

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Basileus Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grammateus Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Archives** - This committee shall establish and make recommendations for the implementation of a method of receiving, preserving, and storing of materials of historical significance to the Motivated Mid-Western Region.

**Basilei Council** - This committee is composed of all Basilei. The primary focus is to assist Basilei in carrying out the leadership responsibilities for their chapters. The Basilei Council will assist in developing suggested topics for upcoming Cluster Workshops.

**Connections** - The committee identifies regional and national issues which impact upon the quality of life and design strategies to mobilize chapters to affect change in public policy locally and nationally. The committee sends such issues to the International Connection Committee.

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee** – This committee will consist of chapter Parliamentarians. The Constitution Committee will propose needed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws.

**Educational Advancement Foundation** - This committee will be composed of chapter EAF Captains. The committee will assist the EAF Regional Coordinator in the implementation of EAF activities at the regional conference.

**Evaluations** - This committee will develop the evaluation survey that will be distributed by email to each soror in attendance after the conference has ended.

**Exhibit Judging** - This committee shall be responsible for judging all chapter exhibits and scrapbooks during the Regional Conference. Other awards will be judged prior to the start of the conference.

**Graduate Advisors' Council** - This committee is composed of all Graduate Advisors. The primary focus is to develop strategies for organizing graduate advisors as mediators throughout the region. This council should meet at least once a year to determine the direction and goals for all Graduate Advisors in guiding undergraduate chapters.

**Philacters** - The Philacters Committee will serve as the doorkeepers during the closed sessions of the Regional Conference. They will be responsible for admitting registered sorors to the sessions, collecting late fees, and ascertaining knowledge of the current password prior to admittance to each session. During the ceremonies, the Philacters Committee will admit only those sorors properly attired. Once the ceremonies have begun, the Philacters Committee will ensure no additional sorors are admitted.

**Program** - This committee presents and interprets the National Program. It also assists chapters with implementation of programmatic activities.

**Protocol** – This committee assists with implementing protocol, policies, and procedures during the regional conference.

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**Recommendations** - This committee edits, compiles, and presents conference recommendations received from chapters during the regional conference. With approval of the regional conference, proposals are submitted to the Directorate and or Boule Recommendations committee.

**Resolutions** - This committee will receive, recommend, and edit resolutions from chapters and committees. Resolutions are binding. Therefore, this committee must evaluate the relevance and appropriateness of resolutions received. The committee should consult with the Regional Director if there are questions concerning recommended resolutions.

**Rules** - The Rules Committee will establish the standing rules to govern the proceedings of the Mid-Western Regional Conference. This committee must report to the conference at the first plenary session.

**Standards/Regional Heritage** - This committee determines the criteria for chapter and officer evaluations.

**Technology** - This committee will develop strategies to assist chapters in the utilization of technology for the distribution of information within each chapter and among the chapters of the region.

**Time and Place** – This committee will establish the time and place for future Mid-Western Regional Conferences.

**Undergraduate Activities** - This committee assists the International Undergraduate Activities Committee in fostering the suggested activities for undergraduate implementation.



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**WORKSHOP FACILITATOR/RECORDER PARTICIPATION FORM**

DEADLINE: Postmarked by Monday, February 9, 2009

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of sorors in your chapter who would like to participate as a workshop facilitator. The Regional Director will contact the sorors selected. Please duplicate form as needed.

Please type or print:

**Workshop Facilitator:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Recorder:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES ORIENTATION**

*(Please type or print clearly)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Basileus \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the completed First Time Attendee Orientation Form to:**

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**Registration Chairman**

**P.O. Box 470355**

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**STEPS FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTION  
& BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

1. Proposals for changes to the Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted on the Proposed Constitution/Bylaws Amendment Form.
2. A chapter soror must submit recommendation(s) for consideration to her chapter.
3. After approval by the chapter, recommendations must be sent to the Regional Representative to the International Constitution Committee for consideration by the Regional Conference.
4. Recommendations from General Members should be submitted directly to the Regional Director.
5. The envelope must be postmarked sixty (60) days prior to the date of the conference (must be postmarked on or before January 26, 2009).
6. If the recommendation is approved by two-thirds of the votes cast during the Mid-Western Regional Conference, the Regional Director must forward the recommendation along with the transmittal form to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Headquarters and to the chairman of the International Constitution Committee within thirty (30) days following the conference.
7. A copy must be retained by the Regional Director.
8. Please mail the following form to and a duplicate copy:

**Soror Vicki Miles-LaGrange  
Mid-Western Regional Director  
P.O. Box 742  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101**

**Soror Donna White  
Regional Representative  
International Constitution Committee  
1609 Paddle Wheel Circle  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109**

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS AMENDMENT FORM**  
**FOR CHAPTERS, CHAPTER MEMBERS, AND GENERAL MEMBERS**

**DEADLINE: Postmarked by January 26, 2009 - THIS FORM MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN**

Name of Soror Submitting Proposed Change: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Basileus/General Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Vote Tally: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Votes Cast: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Section of Constitution/Bylaws: \_\_\_\_\_

Article: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Amendment (Please state exactly the wording as you wish the amendment to appear):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Rationale (Please provide rationale in the space provided):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will this proposal have any fiscal impact on the sorority? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Basileus/General Member

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Grammateus

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**RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS GUIDELINES**

**RESOLUTIONS DEFINITION**

Resolutions (Motion) – Method by which business is brought before an assembly. A motion (resolution) is a formal proposal by a member that the assembly acts on. When a motion is a more important or complex question, or when greater formality is desired, the motion is presented in the form of a resolution. Resolutions mandate action.

Resolutions (Main motions) – Not in order:

1. A resolution is not in order if it conflicts with national, state, or local law or with the bylaws (or constitution) or rules of the organization or assembly. If such a motion is adopted, even by a unanimous vote, it is null and void.
2. A resolution is not in order if it presents substantially the same question as a resolution previously rejected during the same session. A resolution is not in order if it conflicts with a resolution previously adopted at any time and still in force. (See Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised for ways to reconsider.)
3. A resolution is not in order if it conflicts with or presents substantially the same question as a resolution that has been temporarily disposed of. This rule applies regardless of whether the resolution was disposed of in the same session or a preceding session (see Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised) as long as the resolution remains within the control of the assembly.
4. A resolution that proposes action outside the scope of the organization's objective, as defined in the bylaws or corporate charter, is out of order unless the assembly (by two-thirds vote) authorizes its introduction.

Resolutions should be handled by a separate committee and should be submitted in the proper form, that is "Resolved, that..." It is usually advisable to include reason for the adoption of a resolution within the resolution itself incorporated in a preamble. A preamble consists of one or more clauses beginning "Whereas." It should be emphasized that neither rule nor custom requires a resolution to have a preamble, and a preamble should not be used merely for the sake of form.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS DEFINITION**

Recommendations – A proposal for action, usually following a committee report. There should be clarity on whether the adoption of a recommendation authorizes action or only has the force of a declaration of intent (requiring the adoption of subsequent resolution(s) for implementation).

Recommendations – Not in Order:

1. Same basic tenets as for resolutions.
2. A recommendation is not in order if it does not speak to how it should be carried out.

Recommendations should come through a committee report. The regional director may wish to have all reports given with recommendations. Then the Regional Director would refer all recommendations to one committee without action when they are presented by committee reports. This would aid in screening and avoiding duplications. Alternatively, the committee recommendations may be given to the recommendation committee, but it would act on committee recommendations only.

If a proposal for changing the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Constitution and/or Bylaws is submitted, it should be forwarded to the recommendations committee (not resolutions). It should refer to the exact place in the constitution and/or bylaw by article, section, and page. The recommended changes and wording must be given exactly as the submitting member or chapter wishes the change to appear in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Constitution and/or Bylaws.

Forms - Members, chapters, or committees must use the forms adopted by the Directorate.

**CONFERENCE REPORTING**

Resolutions and Recommendations Committee must report to the body on all resolutions and recommendations received whether the committee is in agreement with the proposal or not. The committee must reject a resolution or recommendation only if it is in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws. However, if it is a proposed change through the “recommendations” process, it must be reported to the body. The committee may report “no recommendation” or may recommend adoption or rejection.

**COURTESY RESOLUTIONS**

Courtesy resolutions express the appreciation of the convention to those who arranged accommodations or rendered Service. The committee should be careful not to overlook any individual or group that has contributed to the conference. Letters containing the courtesy resolution should be sent to the person(s) to whom they are directed. This is the responsibility of the Conference Grammateus.





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### 2009 Graduate Advisors' Certification Program

## General Information – 2009 Regional Conferences/Leadership Seminar

### Authority:

Given in Article III, Section 22 of *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Constitution and Bylaws* (New wording, Proposed Amendment #2, passed at 2006 Boule) and the results of the California lawsuit.

### Who should receive Graduate Advisor Certification?

- Candidates for advisor to an undergraduate chapter
- Members of the Graduate Advisory Committee

### What is the Graduate Advisors' Certification Training?

- Level I – for candidates for Graduate Advisor and Graduate Advisory Committee members who have **never** been certified.
- Level II – for candidates for Graduate Advisor and Graduate Advisory Committee members who are seeking re-certification.
- **Level III (only at 2009 Leadership)– for Sorors who have been Graduate Advisors for 10 years AND who want to train to be “trainer-assistants” in their region.**

### What attachments are required with the application for GA Certification?

- Form #GACT0610-02 (the Affidavit) must be filled out **AND** notarized by a notary public.
- **One** of three documents must be attached to verify that the Soror meets the 5-year criterion—**sealed official** transcript OR a **notarized** copy of the diploma OR an **official** letter from the college from which the Soror graduated with the degree received and date received.
- The Application (Form #GACT0610-01) must be attached for demographic information.

### Who must attach the required affidavit and a 5-year criterion document?

- All sorors who receive Level I or Level II training in 2009. **If Sorors who are applying for Level III at Leadership Seminar were re-certified in 2007 or 2008, they need ONLY send in the Application page – Form #GACT0610-01; otherwise, Level III applicants must send in all required documents.**

### Why must Levels II and III applicants attach the affidavit and 5-yr document?

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority must document that all Graduate Advisors and Graduate Advisory Committee members have the required documents for the database.

### How will the Soror know she has been approved for the GA training?

- Each applicant will receive a confirmation email. **If the Soror does not have email, SHE must call Soror Jo Ann Clark for the results (405-306-7557).**
- Documents that are received after the **absolute postmark deadline (February 27, 2009)** OR are incomplete OR do not certify eligibility for training will be returned to the applicant. An email will be sent acknowledging the Soror's ineligibility to receive GA training at this time.

### What is the deadline for sending documents for GA training in 2009?

- The postmark deadline is **February 27, 2009**. **ALL documents must be mailed in ONE PACKAGE to Soror Jo Ann Clark. If mailing in advance, use the P.O. Box #; if mailing overnight, use FED-EX or UPS (not U.S. Postal Priority) to the physical address (See #GACT0610-01). NO DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE FEBRUARY 27 POSTMARK!!**
- **Send the required fee for materials with your conference registration; DO NOT SEND THIS FEE TO SOROR JO ANN CLARK!!!**
- **No documents will be accepted ON-SITE. Do not include unnecessary documents in the packet; i.e., copies of financial cards, previous certification, life membership certificates, etc. SEND ONLY WHAT IS REQUIRED. No Paperwork—No Training!!**

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**APPLICATION for 2009 Regional Conferences/Leadership Seminar**

**DIRECTIONS: Read "General Information for 2009 Regional Conferences/Leadership Seminar" before completing information and mailing documents.**

Part I. Demographics

Soror: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print full name)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/P O Box) (City – State – Zip code)

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Part II. Sorority Information

Training Level Requested: (**check one**)  Level I  Level II  Level III  
Soror's Current Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Site Preferred for Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Part III. Attachments Needed

With this application (#GACT0610-01), the Soror must enclose the following documents:

- (1) Form #GACT0610-02 – Affidavit which verifies that the Soror has
  - at least two years' membership in current graduate chapter
  - never been suspended for hazing
  - attended **one** of the last two Boules (2006 or 2008) **OR one** of the last two Regional Conferences (2007 or 2008)
- (2) A document that verifies that the Soror is at least a five-year postgraduate from an undergraduate college or university program. Documentation must be **Either**
  - a **sealed** official transcript (sent in the same packet with other documents)
  - OR
  - a **notarized** (by a Notary Public) copy of the college or university diploma
  - OR
  - a letter on college/university stationary with embossed official seal from the Soror's college/university Records official. Letter gives degree and date received.

Signature of Soror \_\_\_\_\_ (Soror has read all information)

Send Application, Affidavit, and 5-yr document in **ONE** package to  
Soror Jo Ann R. Clark  
P O Box 505, Langston, OK 73050

**Only FED-EX or UPS (No Postal Priority) to 505 North M.L. King, Langston, OK 73050**  
Home=405-466-9970; Work=405-466-6046; [Email=jlark@lunet.edu](mailto:jlark@lunet.edu)  
**ABSOLUTE POSTMARK DEADLINE = FEBRUARY 27, 2009**

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I, Soror, \_\_\_\_\_, by my notarized signature below hereby certify and affirm the following to be true:

- ◆ that I have been a member of \_\_\_\_\_ graduate chapter for AT LEAST two years;
- ◆ that I have never been suspended for hazing;
- ◆ that I have attended ONE of the last two Boules (2006 or 2008) OR ONE of the last two Regional Conferences (2007 or 2008);

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name the Conference attended)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of conference)

- ◆ that I have enclosed **EITHER** a sealed official transcript, a notarized copy of my diploma, or an official letter from my college/university from which I received my degree (see form #GACT0610-01, Part III-2) verifying that I am at least a five year post graduate from an undergraduate college or university program. **This notarized affidavit only satisfies the above three criteria; it does not satisfy the 5-year postgraduate criterion.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Soror

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of signature

Acknowledgement (To be completed by a notary public with appropriate seal/stamp)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a notary public in and for the state of \_\_\_\_\_

do certify that (name of Soror) \_\_\_\_\_, who is known to me as the named person

or proved by reliable documentation to be the person

who executed this form (GACT0610-02) bearing the signature date of \_\_\_\_\_  
(month) (year)

appeared before me in person and acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires: / /

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**DIAMOND, GOLDEN, AND SILVER SORORS RECOGNITION**

The Mid-Western Regional Director would like to pay special tribute to our **first-time honored** Diamond, Golden, and Silver Sorors and Chapters during the 79<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference in Denver. This special luncheon will be held on March 27, 2009.

In order to facilitate this recognition, we need to know the number of **first-time honored** Diamond, Golden, and Silver Sorors and in your chapter who will be attending the conference. We are requesting your assistance in identifying Sorors and Chapters who:

1. Plan to attend the 79th Mid-Western Regional Conference and luncheon
2. Meet the membership requirements (75, 50 and 25 years respectively)
3. Have not been recognized at a previous regional conference

Please note that if you have met or will meet your milestone year at any time in 2009, you will be recognized at the luncheon.

Please complete the enclosed form and mail to the registration committee at the following address **no later than February 9, 2009**. To ensure **first-timers** are included in this celebratory event, please adhere to this deadline.

**Please mail the completed form to:**  
**AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**  
**Attn: Soror Evetta McMillian**  
**Registration Chairman**  
**P.O. Box 470355**  
**Aurora, CO 80047-2002**



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**IVIES BEYOND THE WALL MEMORIAL SERVICE FORM**

**DEADLINE: Postmarked by Monday, February 9, 2009**

*Please type or print legibly, the names of sorors that became Ivies Beyond the Wall since the 2008 Mid-Western Regional Conference.*

Honoring Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Location (City/State): \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Name of Soror</u>	<u>Chapter of Initiation</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

A brief biographical sketch or personal tribute may be given for each Soror by a chapter representative, for a time not to exceed 2 minutes.

Chapter Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and mail this form no later than **\*\*February 9, 2009** to:

AKA 79th Mid-Western Regional Conference Registration

Attn: Soror Evetta McMillian

Registration Chairman

P.O. Box 470355

Aurora, CO 80047-2002

\*\*Names of Sorors who become Ivies Beyond the Wall after this date should be submitted to the Regional Conference Office by noon of March 26, 2009.



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**Vicki Miles – LaGrange**

27<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western  
Regional Director

Conference Chairman

Mary Mudd  
Delta Epsilon Omega

Conference Co-Chairmen

Joanne Bluford  
Beta Omega

Phyllis Harris  
Xi Tau Omega

Monica Miller  
Kappa Chi Omega

Sherl Taylor  
Gamma Epsilon Omega

Cluster B Hostess Chapters

Delta Epsilon Omega  
*Omaha, NE*

Beta Omega  
*Kansas City, MO*

Kappa Chi Omega  
*Columbia, MO*

Gamma Epsilon Omega  
*Jefferson City, MO*

Delta Tau  
University of Missouri  
*Columbia, MO*

Pi Xi  
University of Central Missouri  
*Warrensburg, MO*

Rho Alpha  
University of Missouri  
*Kansas City, MO*

Mu Tau  
Truman State University  
*Kirksville, MO*

Date: January 2009

To: Mid-Western Region Sorors

From: 2009 Undergraduate Activities Committee

The Undergraduate Members of the Mid-Western Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated cordially invites you to participate in the 1908 Undergraduate Exhibition Step/Graduate Talent Show competition to be held Saturday, March 28, 2009. All sorors participating must pay to attend the event and submit the following:

1. A completed Undergraduate Exhibition Step Show registration form (only undergraduate sorors may participate)
2. A completed Graduate Talent Show registration form (only graduate sorors may participate)
3. Undergraduate Exhibition Step Show contract

**The deadline for these materials is February 9, 2009.**

This year's show will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2009 and comprise of events for both undergraduate and graduate sorors: (1) the Undergraduate Exhibition Step Show is for undergraduates only. Undergraduate chapters will perform their favorite steps and (2) the Graduate Talent Show is for graduate sorors only. Graduate sorors may showcase their many talents through playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, and others, except stepping. There is no participant fee, but all participants must purchase a ticket to the event.

Five (5) judges will judge teams in nine (9) different categories:

- |                                  |                                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1). Introduction (Step & Talent) | 6) Appearance (Step & Talent)          |
| 2) Transitions (Step Only)       | 7) Vocal Clarity (Step & Talent)       |
| 3) Complexity(Step Only)         | 8) Crowd Appeal (Step & Talent)        |
| 4) Creativity (Step & Talent)    | 9) Overall Performance (Step & Talent) |
| 5) Synchronization(Step Only)    |                                        |

**Questions or inquiries can be directed to Soror Marlene Vann at 816.763.3073 or via e-mail at [marlenevann@hotmail.com](mailto:marlenevann@hotmail.com).**

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**UNDERGRADUATE EXHIBITION STEP SHOW TEAM REGISTRATION FORM**

Fraternity/Sorority: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name, City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Chapter of Graduate Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Step Team Captain or Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please have all exhibition step show competition participants sign their name below (use the back of the page if necessary). By affixing his/her signature below, the participant assumes all risk and liability involved in the performance and all activities/actions associated with the performance of the team that may cause harm or injury to persons or property during the competition.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Alternate Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Graduate Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Exhibition step show team registration form must be postmarked by February 9, 2009*

**Please mail a copy of this completed form to:**

**AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**  
**ATTN: Marlene Vann**  
**P.O. Box 11463**  
**Overland Park, KS 66207**

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**GRADUATE TALENT SHOW REGISTRATION FORM**

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Performance: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Performance: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your talent and special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: ALL talent performances are limited to 6 minutes*

Performer (individual performance only): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (group performance only): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
(group performance only)

*Please have all talent competition participants sign their name below (use the back of the page if necessary). By affixing her signature below, the participant assumes all risk and liability involved in the performance and all activities/actions associated with the performance of the talent that may cause harm or injury to persons or property during the competition.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Performer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(individual performance only)

Signature of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(group performance only)

Signature of Chapter Basileus \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(group performance only)

*Graduate talent registration form must be postmarked by February 9, 2009*

**Please mail a copy of this completed form to:**

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**MID-WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE UNDERGRADUATE EXHIBITION STEP**  
**SHOW COMPETITION RULES AND JUDGING CRITERIA**

- Each team will be selected by the 2009 Mid-Western Regional Conference Undergraduate Exhibition Step Show Committee to compete in the competition.
- **The use of profanity and sexually explicit material will result in disqualification.**
- The highest cumulative score wins the competition.
- Each team must have all music cued on a compact disc. A person should be assigned to instruct the sound person during the performance. The hostess chapters are not responsible for music that is not properly recorded.
- All stage props must conform to the rules and regulations of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. **Neither pyrotechnics nor weapons will be allowed.** Any special equipment needs should be specified on the Team Registration Form.
- All teams will be given a single assigned time when they may practice prior to the start of the show. Practice times are 15 minutes per team.
- Any team found to be grossly un-sportsmanlike during another team's performance, causing a disruption to the show, will be disqualified.
- All teams must consist of recognized financial members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.
- The minimum number of group participants is 2 and the maximum number is 15.
- Organizational pride along with appropriate and tasteful "dissing" of other affiliate National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations may be exhibited. However, any malicious intent or slander of any other National Pan-Hellenic Council organization will result in immediate disqualification without discussion or recourse.
- Teams may only have one person who is not associated with the "team performing" enter with them prior to the start of the show. This person should be the Graduate Advisor.
- Team members are not to fraternize with any of the judges during the show. This could result in that judge being removed from the panel and/or team disqualification.
- Any team that does not comply with the stated rules and regulations will receive a deduction in scores and/or be disqualified.
- Each team will have a total of ten (10) minutes to perform, including introduction and exit. The clock starts when the first member steps in full view of the judges and timekeeper and/or when the music or vocals start.
- Five points will be deducted for each minute over ten minutes.
- Teams are required to do at least three step sequences during the performance.
- **Alpha Kappa Alpha teams:** All team members must purchase a ticket when registering for the conference. All team members must be a registered conference participant.

**Non-Alpha Kappa Alpha teams:** Tickets may be purchased in advance only by the team captain for members of their organization. Payment may be made with a money order or certified check and must be made received by February 9, 2009. Tickets will be available for pick up, with proper ID, on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the conference registration booth. All ticket money should be sent to the attention of the Step Show. Tickets are \$15 each. Make checks payable to 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference and remit to: 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference ATTN: Marlene Vann~ P.O. Box 11463~ Overland Park, KS 66207.

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**MID-WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE UNDERGRADUATE EXHIBITION STEP**  
**SHOW COMPETITION CONTRACT**

This agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ is made and entered into by and between the 2009 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mid-Western Conference Undergraduate Exhibition Step Show Committee (hereinafter called "the Producer") and

\_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter called "Step Team") wherein the Step Team agrees to compete in the 2009 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mid-Western Regional Conference Undergraduate Exhibition Step Show Competition (hereinafter called "the Show ") to be held in Omaha, Nebraska on March 28, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

- The Producer agrees to plan, organize, and facilitate the Show and the Step Team agrees to compete in said production.
- The Producer agrees to provide an adequate venue for the Show, including the sound equipment, stage, and other production requirements to facilitate the successful presentation of the program.
- The Step Team and the Producer agree to adhere to the Show Rules and Judging Criteria as stated in this registration material.

**Step Team Agrees:**

- To perform at the Show in accordance with the entrance guidelines provided and to be judged according to the Judging Criteria. Any deviation from said guidelines will result in automatic disqualification.
- To arrive at all performances, scheduled meetings, and practice sessions as indicated by the Producer. It is the responsibility of the Producer to inform Step Teams of any changes that may occur concerning the competition.
- To return the contract and registration form by February 9, 2009. All must be mailed to the addresses below.
- Cancellation Notice: In the event that a team cannot compete, the Producer must be notified no later than March 1, 2009. In the event this notification is not given, the Step Team agrees to pay the Producer a fine in the amount of \$50.
- No use of helium balloons or confetti is permitted. Use of these products will result in an automatic five-point deduction. **Pyrotechnics and weapons are absolutely prohibited.** The Producer must approve all other props and special requirements by March 1, 2009.
- The Step Team, represented by the signature below, assumes all risk and liability involved in this performance and all activities authorized by this agreement, and is responsible for all actions in association with the performance of the team that may cause harm or injury to persons or property during the competition.
- The Step Team agrees to allow the Producer to film and photograph the performances for any media use.
- It is the responsibility of the Step Team to provide themselves with lodging and transportation for competition. Listings and recommendations of local hotels are available upon request.

Producer – Print	Signature	Date
Team Captain – Print	Signature	Date
Team Graduate Advisor – Print	Signature	Date

*Contract must be postmarked by February 9, 2009*

**Please mail a copy of this completed form to the Registration Committee and a duplicate copy to:**

**AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**  
**Evetta McMillian, Regional Registration Chairman**  
**P.O. Box 470355**  
**Aurora, CO 80047 - 2002**

**AKA 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference**  
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**JUDGES SCORE SHEET**

**Step Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum: 9 points/Maximum 90 points

**Talent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum: 6 points/Maximum 60 points

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Total Points</i>	<i>Points Awarded</i>
Introduction <small>step &amp; talent</small> Comments:	5 points	
Transitions <small>step only</small> Comments:	10 points	
Complexity <small>step only</small> Comments:	10 points	
Creativity <small>step &amp; talent</small> Comments:	10 points	
Synchronization <small>step only</small> Comments:	10 points	
Appearance <small>step &amp; talent</small> Comments:	5 points	
Vocal Clarity <small>step &amp; talent</small> Comments:	10 points	
Crowd Appeal <small>step &amp; talent</small> Comments:	10 points	
Overall Performance <small>step &amp; talent</small> Comments:	20 points	
Subtotal		
Overtime Minute Point Subtraction		
Point Grand Total		

Judge's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MID-WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE CHORUS**

**DEADLINE: Postmarked by Monday, February 9, 2009**

All sorors of the Mid-Western Region who are singers are welcome to participate and asked to submit their names. Also provide the contact person for your chapter. First rehearsal is March 26, 2009.

**Please type or print:**

Name of Soror	Voice (soprano, alto, tenor)

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attn: Soror Evetta McMillian**  
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**LEGACY BREAKFAST INFORMATION FORM**

**Chapter Basilei Salute Your Legacies**

*Please complete one form per Legacy*  
 (Make additional copies as needed for chapter)

Please Print Clearly or Type

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Basileus \_\_\_\_\_

Will Attend \_\_\_\_\_ Will Not Attend \_\_\_\_\_

\*Legacy Relationship:  Daughter  Granddaughter  Mother  Grandmother  Niece  Sister  Aunt

<u>Soror Name</u>	<u>Relationship*</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Year Initiated</u>

Chapter Basilei – Experience an exciting opportunity as the chapter Basileus to perpetuate the heritage of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated by introducing your chapter legacies.

Please submit a photograph with soror's name on the back along with the Legacy Registration Form or email your picture to laivy@aol.com. For further information you may contact Soror Lenora Ivy at (913) 683-0369

**Return this form postmarked by February 9, 2009 to:**

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**NEW INITIATES REGISTRATION WAIVER**

**DEADLINE: Postmarked by Wednesday, February 28, 2009**

The late registration fee will be waived for those individuals initiated after February 9, 2009. Registration materials must be postmarked for newly initiated Sorors **by February 28, 2009**. Please submit the names of those individuals initiated between February 9, 2009, and February 28, 2009, along with their **Individual Registration Form** to the Registration Committee.

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please type or print**

Name

Date of Initiation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Initiation</u>
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

Basileus \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Grammateus \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Graduate Advisor, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Please email Soror Evetta McMillian by February 9, 2009, at mwrcevetta1908@hotmail.com if you intend to complete this form.

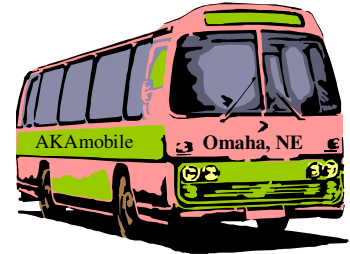
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**CHARTER BUS AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

The Transportation Committee wishes you safe travels as you make your journey to “The Big O!” -- Omaha -- for the 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference. We have provided you with transportation information that will hopefully make your travels easy and stress free.



**Flying into Omaha:** If you are planning to fly to Omaha, Eppley Airfield is only three miles and 7 minutes away from the Hilton Omaha Hotel in downtown Omaha. *Complimentary shuttle bus service is offered by the hotel every half-hour on the half-hour to and from the airport from 4:30 a.m. to midnight.* To obtain service use the special hotel phone at the airport or call **402-998-4390**.

**Charter Bus Information:** If your chapter is planning to use a charter bus to attend the Mid-Western Regional Conference, please complete the following **Charter Bus Form** to help coordinate your arrival and departure with the hotel. The postmark deadline for this information is February 9, 2009. Also, if early check-in is requested you must note it on the attached charter bus form. Please be prepared to submit a completed **Charter Bus Manifest Form** upon your arrival to the hotel.

**TRANSPORTATION REFERENCE LIST**

**MOBILITY SHUTTLES:**

Mobility Shuttles	Phone Number	Email/Website
A & B Shuttle (Wheelchair accessible mini-vans)	402-331-7558 or 877-359-6624	anbshuttle@aol.com and www.citywideride.com
Shared Mobility Coach (Shuttle service for wheelchair, elderly or physically disable people)	402-345-6640	<a href="mailto:smc@msn.com">smc@msn.com</a> and <a href="mailto:sharedmobilitycoach@msn.com">sharedmobilitycoach@msn.com</a>

**RENTAL CAR INFORMATION:**

Rental Car Companies*	Phone Number	Website
Alamo Car Rental	1-800-327-9633	alamo.com
Avis Car Rental	1-800-331-1212	avis.com
Budget Car Rental	1-866-548-0068	budget.com
Enterprise Car Rental	1-800-736-8222	enterprise.com
Hertz Car Rental	1-800-654-3131	hertz.com
National Car Rental	1-800-227-7368	nationalcar.com

\*Be sure to ask if the company has a location at Eppley Airfield:

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**TAXICAB INFORMATION:**

<b>Cab Companies</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Important Information</b>
Happy, Yellow, Cornhusker, Metro, and Checker cab Companies	402-339-TAXI 402-339-8294	<a href="http://www.happycab.com">www.happycab.com</a>	These cab companies transport passengers on demand or by advance reservation via taxicabs within the City of Omaha; and between points in adjoining counties and vicinity, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, including holidays.
Safeway Cabs	402-342-7474		Taxi service operating in Omaha and vicinity, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All taxicab companies are required by law to charge identical rates:

\$1.95 to get into cab

\$2.10 for each additional mile

\$1.35/ride for gas surcharge

\$.30 Traffic Delay (per 43 seconds)

No additional charge for additional passengers or luggage

\$2.00 per mile if more than 20 miles from point of origin to destination

\$20.00 per hour waiting time

\$7.50 for refusal or ordered service upon arrival of taxicab at point of commencement of trip

\$22.00 per hour for taxicab hired by the hour with a two-hour minimum charge; fractional time thereafter shall be completed on the basis of \$5.00 for each ¼ hour or fraction thereof.

In addition to the above rates, a fuel surcharge may be in effect when the average prices are above \$2.00 per gallon. Ask your driver for today's gas surcharge.

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**CHARTER BUS FORM**

**DEADLINE: Postmarked by Monday, February 9, 2009**

The portorage, levied against groups of ten or more traveling by bus or van, covers the service of transporting luggage between the bus and the appropriate hotel room. Travel coordinators are asked to prepare the enclosed manifest for each bus and present it to the MWRC 2009 Transportation committee member who will meet your bus on the day of arrival.

Chapter Name	
Chapter Location	
Bus Company Name	
Bus Company Insurance Carrier (copy must be attached)	
Expected Number of Buses	
Date & Time of Arrival in Omaha	
Do you wish to have early check-in?	
Date & Time of Departure from Omaha	
Name of Travel Coordinator	
Travel Coordinator's Telephone Number	
Travel Coordinator's Email Address	
Do you have a former Directorate Members on board?	
How many people will be traveling on charter?	
Are special needs required for any soror?	Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Please forward your information to the address below. A follow-up notice will be sent to your coordinator to confirm your charter bus information, including your expected date and time of arrival and departure. If you have any questions, please contact Soror Deloris Gines, Transportation Chairman, at dgines@kc.rr.com.

**Please mail completed form to:  
Attn: Soror Deloris Gines  
Transportation Chairman  
P.O. Box 11463  
Overland Park, Kansas 66207**



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**SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENTS**

The Sorors of Cluster B of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are proud to welcome you to the 79<sup>th</sup> Mid-Western Regional Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. This conference was a memorable experience as we celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 2008. We ask you to support us, by placing advertisements in the 2009 Conference Souvenir Journal.

The Souvenir Journal will be viewed by over 500 sorors and their families, traveling from more than eight states. It is a great and affordable way to advertise your business, or recognize your civic organization, church, family member, or friend. Most importantly, it is an opportunity for you to show your support for the Mid-Western Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

We have worked hard to ensure that we have affordable pricing that will work for everyone. We have cut the ad and business card prices in half for Undergraduate Chapters. If you or your chapter are interested in purchasing the back cover, you must act quickly! Prices and methods of payment are listed on the enclosed Souvenir Journal contract.

We ask that you submit all photo ready ads and names for the patron list via email to: [tsida@embarqmail.com](mailto:tsida@embarqmail.com). Please submit forms, payments, and business card ads to:

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated**

**Souvenir Journal**

**Attn: Soror Sherl Taylor**

**P.O. Box 11463**

**Overland Park, Kansas 66207**

A confirmation email will be sent to you. Please note that ads will not be included until we have received full payment. Deadline for all submissions is **February 9, 2009**. Ads received after this time will not be included in the journal. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Soror Sherl Taylor, Souvenir Journal Chair, (573) 634-2142 or [tsida@embarqmail.com](mailto:tsida@embarqmail.com).

We thank you in advance for your patronage.

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**ADVERTISEMENT RESERVATION FORM**

**DEADLINE: Postmarked by Monday, February 9, 2009**

**Please print legibly:**

Name of Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual Submitting Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Chapters/Sorors**

___ Outside Back Cover	\$500
___ Inside Back Cover	\$250
___ Full Page Ad	\$200
___ Half Page Ad	\$100
___ Quarter Page Ad	\$ 50
___ Business Card	\$ 30
___ Patron & Sponsor	\$ 10

**Undergraduate Chapters/Sorors**

___ Outside Back Cover	\$500
___ Inside Back Cover	\$250
___ Full Page Ad	\$100
___ Half Page Ad	\$ 50
___ Quarter Page Ad	\$ 25
___ Business Card	\$ 15
___ Patron & Sponsor	\$ 10

Amount Enclosed (check only): \_\_\_\_\_

Advertisements must be camera ready. No personal checks allowed. Only chapter/company checks, money orders, or cashier's checks will be accepted. The deadline for receipt of advertisements is Monday, February 9, 2009.

Please remit the advertising reservation form, advertisement, and payment to "AKA 79th Mid-Western Regional Conference" to:

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated**

**Souvenir Journal**

**Attn: Soror Sherl Taylor**

**P.O. Box 11463**

**Overland Park, Kansas 66207**

For Committee use only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Ad Size \_\_\_\_\_ Check#/Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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**PATRON LIST - \$10 PER NAME**

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Souvenir Journal  
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P.O. Box 11463  
Overland Park, Kansas 66207**

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
South Eastern Regional Conference  
**FOLLOW YOUR HEART TO THE SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL  
OUR Enthusiasm!! OUR Sisterhood!! OUR Passion!!**

*Regional Director, Soror Juanita Sims Doty  
& the South Eastern Region host the*

**REINSTATEMENT WORKSHOP\***

*Educating Sorors compassionately, lovingly,  
and Patiently*

Thursday, March 12, 2009  
Hampton Inn & Suites  
62 S Royal St  
Mobile, Alabama  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Registration Fee: \$150.00 Registration Deadline Date: February 12, 2009**

Send Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Money Order. Make payable to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and mail to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.  
c/o Patricia Watkins  
5656 S. Stony Island Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60637

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter of Suspension: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Come back home... You are loved and greatly missed!*

**\*This workshop is exclusively designed for those Sorors who were suspended from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.**

**If you are interested in attending the reinstatement workshop, you must write a letter to your Regional Director and copy the Corporate Office requesting permission to return to active status. Once the regional director confirms your eligibility to attend this course, you will then submit the application, reinstatement essay, data sheet, and registration fee to the Corporate Office.**

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**REINSTATEMENT WORKSHOP**

For

**SUSPENDED SORORS**

*“Educating Sorors passionately, lovingly, and Patiently”*

*March 12, 2009 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

*Mobile, AL*

**What's Ahead?**

**Reinstatement Essay**

**Directions:** Compose a typewritten essay of at least 750 words in which you address the points given below. Return on or before Thursday, February 12, 2009 to Soror Patricia Watkins, via Fax (773) 288-8256 or email [pwatkins@aka1908.com](mailto:pwatkins@aka1908.com). Please include your data sheet.

**Points to include in essay:**

- When and where you were initiated;
- The specific circumstances that caused your suspension;
- Your specific actions that caused your suspension;
- What is your perception of what happened that resulted in your suspension?
- Your personal feelings about your being suspended;
- Your reasons for seeking reinstatement;
- What you would do differently in a similar situation;
- What do you think you missed by being suspended;
- Your future plans;
- The chapter you will join if you are granted reinstatement (name and location).

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*South Eastern Reinstatement Workshop*

**Soror Data Sheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. No.

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) attended/Degree(s)

College/University	Major	Degree	Graduation Date

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Position (Summarize responsibilities)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Initiated - University \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension Date \_\_\_\_\_

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Skills (e.g., Accounting, Budgeting, MS Word, Excel)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Great Lakes Regional Conference  
April 23- 26, 2009

*Regional Director, Soror Schylbea J. Hopkins  
& the Great Lakes Region host the*

**REINSTATEMENT WORKSHOP\***

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Thursday, April 23, 2009  
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza  
35 W Fifth St  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Registration Fee: \$150.00 Registration Deadline Date: March 2, 2009**

Send Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Money Order. Make payable to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and mail to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.  
c/o Patricia Watkins  
5656 S. Stony Island Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60637

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter of Suspension: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**REINSTATEMENT WORKSHOP**

For

**SUSPENDED SORORS**

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*April 23, 2009 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

*Cincinnati, OH*

**What's Ahead?**

**Reinstatement Essay**

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*Great Lakes Reinstatement Workshop*

**Soror Data Sheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

Apt. No.

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

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College/University	Major	Degree	Graduation Date

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Position (Summarize responsibilities)

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Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Initiated - University \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Skills (e.g., Accounting, Budgeting, MS Word, Excel)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_