

# A.C.E.S. INSIGHTS

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Lambda Phi Omega Chapter

Cleveland, Ohio

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS SORORS



From 70 charter members in 1978 to 199 members in 2018, thank you for being a part of Lambda Phi Omega Chapter's 40 year history and for making Lambda Phi Omega Chapter the premier sisterhood of distinguished professional women in Greater Cleveland united to serve humankind.



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## 2018-19 Chapter Officers

### BASILEUS

Soror Diana Jones

### FIRST ANTI-BASILEUS

Soror Michelle Kenney

### SECOND ANTI-BASILEUS

Soror Alicia Lewis

### GRAMMATEUS

Soror Traci Kline

### ANTI-GRAMMATEUS

Soror Danielle Dye

### PECUNIOUS GRAMMATEUS

Soror Dedra Ross

### TAMIOUCHOS

Soror Jacqueline Whatley

### EPISTOLEUS

Soror Brenda Land

### HODEGOS

Soror Camille Lampkin

### PHILACTER

Soror Deann Wheeler

### IVY LEAF REPORTER

Soror Heather Beasley

### HISTORIAN

Soror Nicole Lynch

### CHAPLAIN

Soror Mallori King

### CUSTODIAN

Soror Anglia Nelson

### PARLIAMENTARIAN

Soror Linda Edwards

## From our President

Season's Greetings!

Thank you sorors of Lambda Phi Omega Chapter, for all of your love, support, dedication, community service, and the hard work you have demonstrated the entire 2018 year. You were definitely committed to this Chapter's administration theme: A.C.E.S. – Activate | Collaborate | Educate | Serve.



We collectively and successfully concluded Launching New Dimensions of Service initiatives under our 29th Supreme Basileus Soror Dorothy Buchanan Wilson and our 28th Great Lakes Regional Director Soror Toni S. Kendrick.

In July 2018, without missing a beat, we smoothly transitioned into our targets, Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service, under the leadership of our Supreme Basileus, Soror Glenda Baskin Glover and Great Lakes Regional Director Soror Carrie J. Clark. We continue to demonstrate that programs are the heart of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Thank you sorors for maintaining lifelong membership, practicing sisterly relations, and sustaining our chapter. Thank you to our new members and returning (reactivating) pearls for making Lambda Phi Omega Chapter your home. And, posthumously, thank you to our dearly departed Ivy Beyond the Wall Sorors, who may be gone, but will never be forgotten. The success of our chapter is truly because of each of You!

Sorors, you are simply the best!

Have a blessed and safe holiday!

With Sisterly Love,

Soror Diana Jones

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# Meeting Locations

Executive Board Time and Place	Chapter Meeting Time and Place
<b>December 4, 2018</b> Warrensville Heights Library 4415 Northfield Road <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>December 15, 2018</b> Imani Temple Ministries 2463 North Taylor Road Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 <b>10:30 am</b>

**Committee Chairmen:** in addition to your copy of your written report, please remember to provide three (3) signed copies of your report; 1 copy each for the Basileus, your Reporting Basileus, and the Grammateus.

**Officers and Committee Chairmen:** please contact Soror **Deann Wheeler**, Philacter, at [aka.folks1908@gmail.com](mailto:aka.folks1908@gmail.com) or 336-831-5288 at least one (1) week prior to meetings if you have any **special requests for chairs, tables, etc.**, and Soror **Paulette Burton**, Technology Committee Chairman, at [iveepearlgrl2003@gmail.com](mailto:iveepearlgrl2003@gmail.com) or 216-925-8338 if you have any **audiovisual requests**. If you have information that you wish to have viewed during the meeting, please email it to Soror Paulette in advance so that she can ensure it is compatible with the chapter's equipment.

**All Members:** If you are unable to attend an Executive Board (**Committee Chairmen**) or Chapter meeting (**all Sorors**) and would like to be excused, please e-mail Soror Diana Jones, Basileus, at [LambdaPhiOmegaBasileus@aol.com](mailto:LambdaPhiOmegaBasileus@aol.com) and Soror Deann Wheeler, Philacter at [lpoattendance@gmail.com](mailto:lpoattendance@gmail.com).

By way of reminder, only the Basileus can approve you for an “**Excused Absence**” for an Executive Board or General Meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Corrections to November newsletter

We were made aware of the following typos:

Page 21 Soror Alfreda's name was in thank you at the bottom of the page for Soror Sabrina.  
Page 22 the “e” was left off of Soror Alfreda's last name in the header. The correct spelling is Wynne.

Corrected pages were emailed to members on November 11, 2018 and a reprinted newsletter was emailed to members on November 13, 2018.

**If you have a ΛΦΩ chapter name badge, please wear it at meetings to help members put faces with names.**

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 Lambda Phi Omega Chapter  
 General Meeting Agenda  
 Imani Temple Ministries  
 2463 North Taylor Road  
 Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
 December 15, 2018  
 10:30 am

Call to Order	Soror Diana Jones
Meditation	Soror Mallori King
Adoption of Agenda	Soror Diana Jones
Minutes	Soror Danielle Dye
Correspondence	Soror Brenda Land
Officer Reports:	
Pecunious Grammateus	Soror Dedra Ross
Tamiouchos	Soror Jacqueline Whatley
Basileus Report:	Soror Diana Jones
Committee Reports:	
Nominating	Soror Felicia Ruffin
Arts	Soror Kimberly Lipscomb
MLK Day of Service	Soror Conida Hawk
EAF	Soror Kathy Parker
Health	Soror LaShawn Hicks
Membership	Soror Enid Bonds Gray
Community Outreach	Soror Sabrina Humphries
Economic Empowerment	Soror NiQuita Gray-Baker
Founders' Day	Soror Norma Barbour
Step Team	Soror Heather Beasley
Mentoring	Soror Deann Wheeler
Unfinished Business	
New Business	
Announcements	
Philacter's Report	Soror Deann Wheeler
Adjournment	
Pledge & Mitzpah	



# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

## Lambda Phi Omega Chapter



December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> #CAPS Kickoff  Mentoring Workshop
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> <u>#CAPS Mtg</u> Scholarship Meeting 6:30 p.m. Marketing Conf. Call 8:30 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Community Outreach Mayor's Food Baskets
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Fundraising Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>11</b> Founders' Day Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> Sisterly Relations Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <u>LPO Foundation Mtg 9:15</u> Annual Holiday Fair—Chapter Mtg 10:30 a.m.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Economic Empowerment Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> Membership Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pearl Day Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b> Health Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Technology Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					



# *Save the Date*

## Upcoming Programs & Events

December 16

Holiday Party

Cleveland Heights/  
University Heights Library



January 20

MLK Day of Service VA Domiciliary at Wade Park

Please visit our website [www.akalambdaphiomega.org](http://www.akalambdaphiomega.org) for our complete 2018 program calendar.

## Regional & International Dates to Remember

January 15, 2019 | Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Founders' Day

January 15, 2019 - January 15, 2019 | AKA Reactivation Day

January 21, 2019 | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. International Day of Service



# ACTIVATE : MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

## Financial Commentary

Active Membership as of 11/30/2018 – **199** plus **0** pending Reactivation and **0** pending Transfer

### 2019 DUES

**Members who were initiated into Lambda Phi Omega Chapter on May 6, 2018 your 2019 dues were included as part of your initiation fees, thus, NO DUES PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.**

**Chapter Members = \$316.50 (+ \$9.76 fee if paying by PayPal = \$326.26)**

Per Capita	\$125.00
EAF (Educational Advancement Foundation)	\$ 10.00
2018 Handbooks	\$ 10.00
Local Chapter Dues	\$151.50
Local Chapter Scholarship	\$ 20.00

**Life Members = \$191.50 (no per capita) (+ \$6.03 fee if paying by PayPal = \$197.53)**

EAF (Educational Advancement Foundation)	\$ 10.00
2018 Handbooks	\$ 10.00
Local Chapter Dues	\$151.50
Local Chapter Scholarship	\$ 20.00

### Reactivation = \$336.50

Reactivation Fee (Includes Per Capita & EAF)	\$ 155.00
2018 Handbooks	\$ 10.00
Local Chapter Dues	\$151.50
Local Chapter Scholarship	\$ 20.00

*2019 Dues may also be paid on the Chapter website in the Members Only section, however, as indicated above, please note the total will be slightly higher due to the PayPal processing fee.*

*Transfer and reactivation cannot be paid online through Paypal as they require special processing.*

## REMINDERS

Financial Officers will **only conduct financial business from 10:00 am – 11:00 am at chapter meetings and 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Executive Board meetings**. This includes all payments, vouchers, and submission of collected funds from Chairmen. There are forms on our Finance Table that can be used to submit vouchers and committee financial reports **after 11:00 am**. Please select the purpose of the payment, enclose and seal the envelope before putting in the Remittance Box. These will be processed after the meeting.

**Before** vouchers are submitted, please obtain the signatures of the Committee Chairman, Basileus, and Grammateus. Please place your completed vouchers in the basket located on the Finance table. Checks will be distributed at the next Executive Board and/or Chapter Meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Soror Jacqueline Whatley, Tamiouchos  
Soror Dedra Ross, Pecunious Grammateus

## **Pan-Hellenic Council Collaborative News from the**





# #CAP



Soror Nia Allen, #CAP Committee Chairman, talking to students about the Common Black College Application.



Soror Jean Johnson conducting the NPHC Greek Life Workshop.

On Saturday, November 17th, Lambda Phi Omega sorors were present and ready to serve at the Cleveland Council of Black Colleges Alumni Association's (CCBCAA) HBCU College Fair. This year's fair was hosted at Warrensville Heights High School. This event helped to inform over 1,500 students and parents about HBCUs from all over the country. Students and parents were able to take part in an HBCU Pep Rally, engage in workshops on preparing for and persisting through college, interact with HBCU Admissions Representatives and Alumni, and complete the Common Black College Application for free. Sorors helped in many capacities to support and encourage the participants. Soror Nia Allen (#CAP Committee Chairman) and Soror Deann Wheeler assisted high school seniors with completing the Common Black College Application. Soror Jean Johnson (Lincoln University of Missouri, Alumni Association President) conducted the National Pan-Hellenic Council's Greek Life Workshop. Sorors Michella Hill, Malia Hughes, Nicole Lewis, and Courtney Penland managed the Lambda Phi Omega table where they educated participants on the chapter's #CAP- College Application Process Program and upcoming scholarship opportunity. Soror Heather Beasley, a member of CCBCAA, was the Volunteer Coordinator for the fair. Many Lambda Phi Omega Sorors brought students to the fair, supported their Alma Maters, or attended to show their ongoing support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the sorority's Target 1: HBCU for Life.



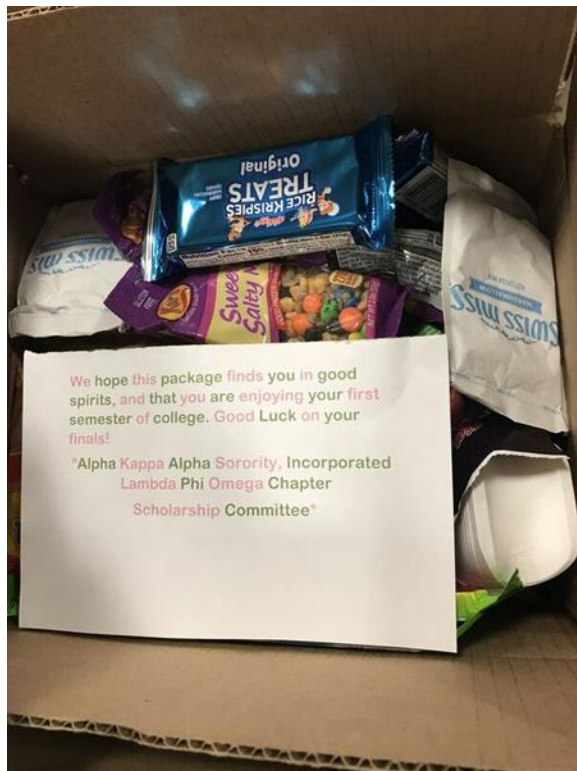
Soror Deann Wheeler helping a student complete the Common Black College Application.



Sorors Jean Johnson, Willa Walker, Malia Hughes, Michella Hill, Courtney Penland, Heather Beasley, Nia Allen, Cherrelle Turner, and Nicole Lewis.



## Scholarship Committee



Thanks to the generosity of our chapter members, the Scholarship Committee was able to pack and ship off care packages to our nine 2018-19 scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients receive a care package filled with snacks, school supplies and a word of encouragement to help give them an extra boost to make it through the last journey of the first semester. An extra special thank you for those who came out to help assemble the packages.

**“Caring for your Loved Ones”**



The Economic Empowerment Committee presented an evening with Connie Hill-Johnson, Owner/Director of Visiting Angels on November 27, 2018. Ms. Hill-Johnson discussed entrepreneurship and why she purchased Visiting Angels franchise. She also provided an in-depth discussion on how home care works.

### **Caregivers Information**

On AKA Caregivers' Day, Soror Glenda Glover, Supreme Basileus, encouraged members to share information with anyone they know who may be experiencing **Caregiver Syndrome**. Visit <https://www.caregiver.org/caregiver-self-care-caring-you> for more information. Chapters also are encouraged to use the "AARP Prepare to Care Guide" as a comprehensive strategy for lending support to caregivers. The guide can be accessed at [www.aarp.org/preparetocare](http://www.aarp.org/preparetocare).





By Soror Deborah Willis

According to Robert's Rules of Order, a Committee is a body of one or more persons appointed or elected by an assembly or society to consider, investigate, or take action in regard to, certain matters or subjects, or all of these.

**Did you know** that often committees contain some members who are members by virtue of their office, and are termed ex-officio members? **Did you know** that unless otherwise provided for in the bylaws, ex-officio members have the same rights as the other committee members, including the right to make motions, speak in debate and vote, but are not obligated to attend committee meetings and are not counted in determining if a quorum is present?

Committees are the workhorse of an organization. They are the eyes, ears, hands and feet of the organization. Without committees an organization would not accomplish much. Committees allow individual members to use their specific talents and collective skills to benefit the organization. Isn't this the reason why we join an organization—so we can use our talents to help others?

Last month you learned about five types of committees; Standing, Special, Executive, Committee of Special Standing, and Committee of the Whole. **Did you know** that Lambda Phi Omega Chapter's bylaws identify the responsibilities of seventeen (17) committees, but, as of this writing, the chapter has thirty (30) standing committees and five (5) ad-hoc committees?

Sorors, you have become so knowledgeable about our chapter and its' bylaws during this year, that we know you will have no problems answering the questions below. Please bring your written answers to our December 15, 2018 meeting and if you have the correct answers you will be entered into a drawing for a special gift. You must be present to receive the gift.

#### **According to Lambda Phi Omega Bylaws Who Does WHAT???**

1. All committee chairmen serve on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Committees.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ analyzes requests for funding for projects.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ investigates ways to invest chapter funds for growth.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ collects information from the chapter and prepares award entries.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ are appointed at the discretion of the Basileus and must be approved by the chapter.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
7. By virtue of her office the \_\_\_\_\_ serves as chairman of the Public Relations Committee.
8. Our bylaws state that the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be bonded.



## SERVE: COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Thanksgiving Baskets



On November 19, 2018 at Warner Girls Leadership Academy, The Community Outreach Committee, with the assistance of sorors and volunteers prepared and distributed eighteen (18) Thanksgiving Baskets to local families in need. Each basket included a turkey, roasting pan and aluminum foil perishable items such as butter, celery, onions and milk, as well as a variety of staple items such as sugar, flour and canned goods. This community service project fed 103 people. Thank you cards have been received by two (2) families.





## Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Lambda Phi Omega Chapter



### *2019 MLK Day of Service Community Impact Day "Love and Laughter" Salute to Veterans*



**Date:** Sunday, January 20, 2019

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Veterans Domiciliary at Wade Park  
1563 East Blvd.  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
(enter off of East 105<sup>th</sup>)

**Comments:** Please join us to celebrate our Veterans with a meal, comedy show and other entertainment.

Sorors are asked to donate 1-2 gift cards in the amount of \$10 - \$15 to various stores to assist with Veterans transition back to the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Renee Taylor at 216-773-0538 or [rtadele@gmail.com](mailto:rtadele@gmail.com)

## A.C.E.S. Spotlight Sorors of Lambda Phi Omega Chapter



### *In Loving Memory of IBTW*



Soror Yvonne Horn



Soror Patricia Roberts



Soror Cheryl Darden

*Thank you sorors of Lambda Phi Omega Chapter for going over and beyond the call of duty, exhibiting the true meaning of sisterhood, and for exemplifying hard work does payoff! 2018 has been an amazing year and looking forward to working with each and every one of you in 2019!*



## If you missed our November Meeting you missed...



Photographed (L-R) Soror Alfreda Wynne-Connections Committee Chairman, Soror Diana Jones-Basileus, and Angela Woodson-Ohio Unity 18 Coalition.

Ms. Angela Woodson of the Ohio Unity 18 Coalition presented a Certificate of Accomplishment to the chapter for their voter registration efforts. Under the leadership of our Connections Committee Chairmen, Sorors Alfreda Wynne and Sabrina Jones, our chapter volunteers registered 63 voters. 32 sorors volunteered at the Sister to Sister phone bank; 698 calls were made and there were 315 conversations with African American Women. Although the photos did not appear in the Cleveland Call and Post as anticipated, Ms. Woodson presented the chapter with a framed photo collage of the photos taken.



### Visitors

Photographed (L-R) Sorors Vanessa Greer Jones, Regina Pickett-Martin, and Jennifer Woody visited our November Meeting. **Please join us in Welcoming Soror Regina Pickett-Martin who has chosen to reactivate making Lambda Phi Omega Chapter her home.**





Soror Tinia Evans-Flowers, Sisterly Relations Committee Chairman announced that Soror Audrey Stanton had the most inactive sorors present at the meeting. Soror Audrey was not present to receive her gift; Soror Tinia will arrange to get her gift to her.



The November 17<sup>th</sup> Daily Pearl Calendar drawing was held at our meeting. Soror Melanie Felton presented the gift, a body scrub basket valued at \$75, donated by Soror LaShawn Hicks of SeRNity, to the winner, Soror Gail Moore.



Soror Elizabeth Blackman announced Soror Heidi Lindsey was the winner of the Bylaws Committee drawing having had all correct answers. A drawing was held for the second winner who missed one question. The winner was Soror Kim Mitchell.



### Sorors celebrating November Birthdays

Standing (L-R): Sorors Michele Crawford, Elizabeth Blackman, Essence Bates, Tiffini Payten, Maxine McCullough, Denise Ali, and Kathy Parker.

Seated: Soror Cecelia Harkness.



# *Congratulations to*

**Soror Timeka Paylor**



whose students were winners of the Cleveland Clinic's "Adventures in Health Science and Medicine® (AHSM®), which is a series of Connected Learning experiences designed to promote learning about health science and medical professions for middle school students". The article was posted in a Swedish blog.

You can read the full article at <https://www.mentimeter.com/blog/stay-current-with-mentimeter/making-education-fun-engaging-and-interactive-with-mentimeter>

**Soror Deborah Willis** who was the 2018 recipient of the Marguerite Moore Award presented at the annual meeting of the North Coast Unit of the Ohio and National Association of Parliamentarians. The award and accompanying gift certificate recognizes exemplary service in the areas of leadership and Parliamentary Education.



# Chaplain's Message and Prayer List



Dear Creator,

On behalf of my beloved Sorors, I thank you for bringing us to the end of another year. I stand in awe of all that you have allowed us to accomplish. We are blessed to reflect on the year of 2018 with our many new members, memories, accolades, programs, and pictures! We thank you for being so gracious and faithful throughout our entire journey this year, as you have never left our side.

I thank you for the changing seasons, as it reminds us to be thankful for the little things. Even though it is cold outside, we are thankful when you allow us to enjoy the warmth of hugs, hot drinks, and seasonal apparel. Even our "Ugly Sweaters" remind us that we have access to joy, laughter, and connection.

Lord, I also come asking for healing for every single soror. Let no soror be excluded from this prayer. Regardless of doctors, prescriptions, diets, support groups, therapists, and retreats, we know that ALL healing comes from you. So I ask that you connect my sorors with any and all vessels of your healing, that we may all enter into 2019 with open hearts and uplifted spirits. Whether it be fragile bodies or antagonistic minds, broken hearts or unhealthy relationships, please send the appropriate healing to all my sorors.

Lord, I ask that you gently show us how to be more like you. Show us when and how we can be more kind, supportive, patient, and loving towards each other. Give us the courage to listen, ask questions, and seek information. Let us be brave enough to speak the truth. Let us be vulnerable enough to extend trust one another. Let us remember that *as iron sharpens iron, so a soror sharpens a soror* (Proverbs 27:17). God, help us to encourage each other in faith, knowing that we all are playing for the same team. When one is invalidated, we all are resentful. When one becomes stronger, we all grow.

Finally Lord, I give you praise for all that you will reveal to us in the last few weeks of this year. Let our bonds be strengthened, and let our burdens be left behind.

With sisterly love I pray,  
Soror Mallori B. King.

## Prayer List

***Please keep the following Sorors and their families lifted up in prayer!***

### Prayers for Healing and Recovery

Soror Tisha Thomas

### Prayers for Comfort

Soror Kimberly McKenzie and Family  
Soror Danielle Westbrook and Family

**Practice Random ACTS\* of Kindness**

**\*ACTS (Acts of Caring To Sorors)**

**Remember a Soror on the Prayer list.**





## Please join us in extending Birthday Wishes to our Sorors celebrating DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Renee Taylor*

*December 1*

*Vickie Primes*

*December 5*

*Iranette Hall*

*December 7*

*Brenda Reese*

*Charita Buchanan*

*December 8*

*Gwendolyn James*

*Sarah Britton*

*December 14*

*Sara Parks Jackson*

*December 16*

*Deborah Willis*

*December 17*

*Wanda Sanford*

*December 18*

*Tenora Edwards*

*December 20*

*Darlene Allmon*

*December 22*

*Jasmen Woodson*

*December 25*

*Michella Hill*

*December 29*

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The Lambda Phi Omega Chapter  
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**Submission deadline:**  
Midnight the first day of each month  
to ACESeditor@aol.com

**Submission Guidelines**  
Submissions should be 400 words or less.  
Submissions should highlight committee accomplishments and upcoming activities.  
A picture really is worth 1,000 words. You may submit up to 4 jpg photos with each article. Photos should be of good quality and representative of your event. Action photos offer greater interest over posed photos. Please send photos as individual JPGs rather than embedding the photos in your write up in the event the photo requires editing.

**Corrections to content submitted by the deadline** will be accepted through midnight the day of the Executive Board Meeting.