



Alumnae Panhellenic connections

From the desk of Carol Mooney, Alumnae Panhellenics Committee chairman

Message from the NPC Chairman



Did you know that NPC Chairman Donna King shares a [message](#) each month on behalf of the National Panhellenic Conference? In March she shared a message about NPC women who have made history. Her messages include a fun and engaging [video](#) on the NPC YouTube page that you can share with your fellow Alumnae Panhellenic members, too. You can see her monthly messages, and other important messages from NPC, on the [NPC blog](#).

Recently passed legislation



NPC recently passed several pieces of legislation that affect Alumnae and College Panhellenics. NPC delegates updated certain Unanimous Agreements and created new policies. This legislation is in effect now and should be implemented by all Panhellenics moving forward. To help educate you and your Alumnae Panhellenic's members, we have provided a [2015 Legislation Updates](#) resource. If you have questions about the changes or new policies, please contact your [area coordinator](#).

Reporting to NPC

It is a busy time of year for Alumnae Panhellenics. From hosting fundraisers to preparing for officer transition, the spring months bring opportunities to accomplish so much. Further, many Alumnae Panhellenics are hosting recruitment information events and introducing sorority life to local potential new members. If you are one of these groups, remember to use the [guide](#) provided by NPC and the tools you can edit to fit your community and event.

Another important item on Alumnae Panhellenic to do lists in the springtime is the [Alumnae Panhellenic annual report](#), due **May 15**. The information from the annual report is vital to NPC, so please complete and submit yours as soon as possible. NPC uses the data in many different ways to support member organizations and to keep our constituents informed. This year the report has been updated and reformatted to collect even more important data from Alumnae Panhellenics, and we are hoping that you find it easy to use in our new system. The Alumnae Panhellenics Committee and the NPC office put much thought and effort into the report's revisions and collected feedback from various Alumnae Panhellenics as well.

Remember that the report will look very different this year compared to previous years. To access and submit the report you will click on the "Alumnae" section of the NPC website and select "Complete Reports" from the menu options listed. The report is also available through login directly at this link: <https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/npcwomen/survey.jsp?surveyId=56&>. If you cannot login to the new membership system, you can always contact the NPC office at npccentral@npcwomen.org for assistance. If you submit the report and need to update it at a later date, you can return to the form and resubmit at any time.

Read on in this month's Alumnae Panhellenic "Connections" to find a reminder about updating your officer information in the new membership system.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete your report as soon as you can and for all of your hard work to support your Alumnae Panhellenic!

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carol A. Mooney'.

[Carol A. Mooney](#)
Alumnae Panhellenics Committee chairman

Rethinking Panhellenic Traditions

After a two-year study of all aspects of recruitment, the NPC Recruitment Committee – whose members represent 13 NPC member organizations – determined that the no-frills recruitment policy needed language more in line with the values-based recruitment philosophy that has become the focus of NPC and its member organizations. The committee found overwhelming evidence that skits rarely give positive information to potential new members. College Panhellenics find it difficult to monitor skits and enforce restrictions such as length, appropriate messaging, subject matter/themes and ad libs by cast members. In addition, the amount of time during a recruitment event dedicated to a skit is not in proportion to the length of the event. The skit limits the amount of time for one-on-one conversation with potential new members. This reduced conversation time decreases the opportunity to discuss organizational and membership expectations.

With this feedback in mind, NPC made a positive and influential statement during the October annual meeting. The board voted on and approved, among other NPC legislation, the [2015 values-based recruitment policy](#). Because NPC is a values-based organization and its 26 member organizations are bound together through the shared values expressed in the [Panhellenic Creed](#), those values must be portrayed in the activities of College Panhellenics and individual chapters. Expressing NPC sorority values publicly sheds light on the expectations and standards guiding the member organizations and chapters. It assures that the women attracted to our organizations understand and embrace the commitment to living those values. So, College Panhellenics and individual chapters will take steps in the coming year to ensure that recruitment events are values-based and reflective of the NPC sorority experience. College Panhellenics will replace skits with more genuine and effective recruitment practices that focus on making connections and building relationships with potential new members to discover shared interests and values.

You can learn more about changes to Panhellenic recruitment through NPC [resources](#) or by contacting your [NPC member organization](#).

Alumnae Panhellenic dues

NPC must continue to provide quality services to Alumnae Panhellenics, and to do so must remain financially stable. Therefore, beginning in the 2016-17 year, Alumnae Panhellenic dues will change. Dues for Alumnae Panhellenics will increase to **\$50**. This will be automatically updated in the NPC membership system for your Alumnae Panhellenic; however, please make a note for your treasurer who will process your Alumnae Panhellenic dues payment for 2016-17 – especially if your Alumnae Panhellenic usually pays its NPC dues by check. The due date will remain **Oct. 1**. If you have not already paid your 2015-16 Alumnae Panhellenic dues, please do so by going online to the [dues](#) page of the NPC website.

Share your scholarship information

If your Alumnae Panhellenic provides a scholarship opportunity, make sure to share it with NPC. The [scholarship page](#) on the NPC website under “[Undergrad Support](#)” provides details about scholarship opportunities from numerous Alumnae Panhellenics, as well as from NPC member organizations and their foundations. If you would like your scholarship information included, email details to npccentral@npcwomen.org following the template at the bottom of the Web page.

Officer transition

Your Alumnae Panhellenic may soon be electing new officers for the coming year, so you should be planning for officer transition. If you need any suggestions on how to manage a successful transition, contact your [area coordinator](#). Make sure your new officers know where to find the [Alumnae Panhellenic officers'](#) section of the NPC website and can access your Alumnae Panhellenic's account using the correct login information. You will need to update your officer listing on the [NPC website](#) by logging in and choosing from the dropdown menu options “[My Membership](#).” Then, scroll down to the “[Sub-members](#)” part of that page and add new officers or update current officers..