

# SIGMA PI ALUMNI CLUB/ASSOCIATION FORMING AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

### What is a Sigma Pi Alumni Association?

As an extension of Sigma Pi Fraternity, alumni associations are groups of alumni and friends connected to the Fraternity and each other through leadership, programming, communication and membership. Sigma Pi alumni associations have an exciting mix of social, cultural, athletic, recreational and academic related activities.

### What is the purpose of an alumni association?

A Sigma Pi alumni association exists to promote the brotherhood by providing an outlet for casual alumni interaction. Alumni associations allow the opportunity for Sigma Pi alumni to continue to benefit from their membership through fellowship, networking, social engagements, and a variety of other interactions.

### How much time is associated with joining an alumni association?

An alumnus' commitment to an alumni association is voluntary in nature. A few committed alumni will be needed to organize the efforts of forming and maintaining a successful association.

### What are the different types of alumni associations?

Sigma Pi Alumni Associations are generally established in two formats:

1. Area Based Associations
2. Chapter Based Associations

As indicated by the title, an area based alumni association is made up of alumni from a variety of chapters who share a common area of residence. A chapter based alumni association is made up of alumni from one particular chapter, regardless of geography.

### What are the financial obligations associated with an alumni association?

Dues associated with alumni associations are left to the discretion of each group. It is common for an association to operate on a small dues structure, or operate on a "pay as you go" basis per event. Associations are encouraged not to put an undue emphasis on financial commitment as this is usually built over a period of time through consistent, positive interaction.

### How do you gain official recognition from the Executive Office?

The General Policies of the Fraternity's Grand Council require that the Association pays a one-time fee of \$450 (which includes the first year's annual dues). Subsequently, the annual dues for each association are \$300, payable July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Associations should submit an [annual report](#) confirming contact information and current leadership.



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## What are common goals and objectives of an association?

Some of the goals of an association may be:

- Coordinate local alumni activities and events
- Promote membership in the association
- Assist local chapters through scholarship opportunities
- Provide career networking opportunities for local alumni



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