

## **OHIO REGION CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES FOR REGIONAL CANDIDATES**

Students wishing to run for office in the Ohio Region must abide by the following guidelines. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will disqualify a candidate from running for office for the current year.

A Candidate for a Regional Office or District Representative position (hereafter simply referred to as officer) must:

1. Complete and sign the Regional Nomination form.
2. Be nominated at a regional event or by mail to the Regional Vice President and Coordinator.

Regional candidates for office may campaign in the following manner.

### Prior to the Regional Convention:

1. Prior to Regional Convention they may put together a one-page flyer that may be mailed to all chapters in the region. The flyer may contain the following information:
  - a. Biographical information
  - b. Statement(s) regarding what the candidate thinks about the office he/she is running for.
  - c. Goals they wish to achieve in that particular office and/or the region.
  - d. Picture of candidate.
2. A copy of the flyer must be submitted to the Regional Vice President (who is in charge of elections) and the Coordinator two weeks prior to the convention.
3. No other information may be sent to chapters.

### At Regional Convention:

1. Candidates may have no more than 5 campaign assistants to help them in their campaign.
  - a. A list of the campaign assistants must be given to the Regional Vice President at the start of convention.
  - b. Candidates and their assistants may wear campaign T-shirts/clothing and/or buttons to promote the candidate but these items must be in proper Phi Theta Kappa taste.
  - c. Candidates and their assistants may distribute literature (no pins, buttons, etc) at convention during non-session periods prior to voting delegates caucusing to vote.
  - d. At the time of the vote campaigning will stop, but candidates and their assistants may continue to wear the clothes they have promoting candidate.
2. At the convention, each candidate will address the entire region for no longer than three minutes.

- a. The topic of the speech will focus on what the candidate wants to accomplish in the office they are seeking.
- b. Following the speech, each candidate will be asked no more than two questions.

Results of the election will be announced at the end of the awards banquet. Officers and District Representatives will be installed in their new offices immediately and assume their duties.

1. There will be a brief caucus of all new officers and district representatives following the award banquet for photos and exchange of information.
2. The new officers and district representatives will briefly meet with their outgoing counterparts for an exchange of information and notebooks.