



Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

UPE NewsBrief – December 2012 – UPE Convention

2013 UPE Annual Convention – The 2013 Annual Convention of UPE will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013. UPE will conduct this convention via the Polycom Video Conferencing System, courtesy of the Graduate School of Computer & Information Science at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Polycom system will allow members of the UPE Executive Council and chapter representatives to meet naturally over distance, share ideas, make presentations, present chapter reports, and interact across various environments.

How to Participate – The Polycom Conference System can be accessed from various desktop systems although UPE recommends the use of the Ipad (with a camera) for all convention participants since there are no Polycom license fees for Ipad users – free app download with no expiration date. The **attached document** provides instructions for the app download as well as user instructions for account activation. (This document can also be downloaded from the UPE website.) Convention participants are encouraged to carry out the Ipad app download and subsequently interact with Nova’s Polycom system several days before the Convention.

Chapter Reports - Convention participants are encouraged to make brief reports on their chapter activities during the past year. The attached document has more detailed information on the submission requirements for the Chapter Activities Report.

Convention Schedule – UPE plans to hold two convention sessions on February 28, 2013. **Session 1** will start at 11:30 AM (ET) and **Session 2** will start at 5:30 PM (ET). As noted in the attached document, **participants are encouraged to log in as early as 11 AM for the first session and 5 PM for the second session.** This early log in time will allow first time users to gain a working knowledge of the Polycom “web conferencing” system prior to the formal start of the UPE Convention.

Reminder: Convention times shown above are for Eastern Time (ET).

Convention Agenda – The agenda for the 2013 UPE Convention will be sent to Chapters on January 15, 2013.

If you do not have an Ipad – Chapter representatives who wish to “attend” the UPE Convention, but do not have access to an Ipad, should contact Dr. Eric Ackerman (esa@nova.edu), Dean of the Graduate School of CIS at Nova, for special instructions on desktop access and software download for the Polycom Conference System. Regardless of your convention access mode, chapter representatives are expected to submit the registration form that is shown on the first page of the attached document.

**** **Happy New Year to everyone in UPE** ****

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