



Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

UPE NewsBrief

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2014 Annual Convention of UPE

Following the success of the 2013 Convention, the *2014 Annual Convention of UPE* will be held in cyberspace courtesy of Nova Southeastern University's Polycom teleconferencing system. Dr. Eric Ackerman, NSU's Dean of the College of Business and Information Sciences will serve as Convention Host.

- **Date of Convention:** Friday, April 4, 2014
- **Time:** 1:00 to 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)
- **Agenda** - A brief summary of the Agenda is shown in the next section.
- **Registration Procedure** - Send the name of your college/university and the name of your Convention delegate along with her/his email and postal addresses to upe@acm.org. Participants will receive email instructions on how to join the UPE community as live participants of the Convention.

Tentative Convention Agenda - 2014 UPE Convention

- Summary of UPE activities during the past year
- Scholarship Awards - UPE, ACM, and IEEE-CS Awards from UPE
- New Chapters that were established during the past year
- Chapter Activity Reports and the Outstanding Chapter Award
- Election to fill one vacancy in the UPE Executive Council

Outstanding Chapter Awards - The UPE Executive Council is pleased to announce the annual Outstanding Chapter Awards. These Awards aim to recognize a Chapter's outstanding contribution to the mission of UPE. Applicants for these awards will be expected to submit documentation on their exemplary chapter programs and events, and active involvement in research and service projects related to the computing and information disciplines.

To apply for the Outstanding Chapter Award, Chapters have to submit a [Chapter Activities Report](#) that will be reviewed by the UPE Executive Council. The top five chapter reports will be selected by Council for presentation at the UPE National Convention. Two of these presentations will receive Outstanding Chapter Awards from UPE.

- **Chapter Activities Report**- Chapters and their representatives are encouraged to submit a report that summarizes their UPE-related activities during the past year. We recommend that the chapter activity report include topic areas that are summarized in the [Chapter Activities Report](#) form.
- **Presentation of Outstanding Chapter Awards** - The UPE Executive Council will review each submitted chapter activity report and will identify the top five chapter reports with an appropriate mix of reports from small chapters (those inducting less than 20 members each year) and large chapters - those inducting 20 or more members each year. Representatives from chapters who submitted the top five chapter Reports will have up to five minutes to present their reports during the Convention. UPE will present the following awards after the 2014 Convention.
 - Best Small Chapter Report: \$500 Award
 - Best Large Chapter Report: \$500 Award
 - The three remaining chapter report presenters will each receive a \$250 Award.
- **Additional incentives for Convention participants** - Chapters submitting chapter activity reports, whose reports are not chosen as one of the top five reports, will each receive \$100 from UPE. Each chapter representative who attends the Convention but does not submit a chapter activity report will receive \$50 from UPE.

Vacancy in the UPE Executive Council -There will be one vacancy in the Executive Council beginning in April 2014. Council members serve without compensation but are reimbursed for UPE-related expenses including travel to Council meetings, serving as the UPE representative when visiting new chapters to conduct charter ceremonies, and attending UPE-sponsored events. Chapter Advisors who are interested in this position must send a letter of interest and a detailed curriculum vitae or resume to upe@acm.org. The election of the incoming Council Member will be carried out during the 2014 Convention.

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