

# PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY

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## **WANT TO BE AN ARCHON?**

*Important information that will help you prepare for your Archon candidacy.*

There are a few things that you should know as you prepare to run for Archon. Please review this document and don't be afraid to reach out if you have any questions!

### **WHAT IS AN ARCHON?**

As with any large organization, performance of the governance and managerial functions requires a significant level of involvement. In Phi Kappa Psi (The Fraternity), elected officers, appointed officers and headquarters staff make up this involvement. The Fraternity is unique in its commitment to undergraduate control. Phi Kappa Psi is unique among fraternities with the majority of the Executive Council consisting of undergraduate members.

Under this system, the Fraternity is organized into chapters, colonies, alumni associations and clubs. These organizations are also grouped into districts, which are established on the bases of geographical and administrative efficiency.

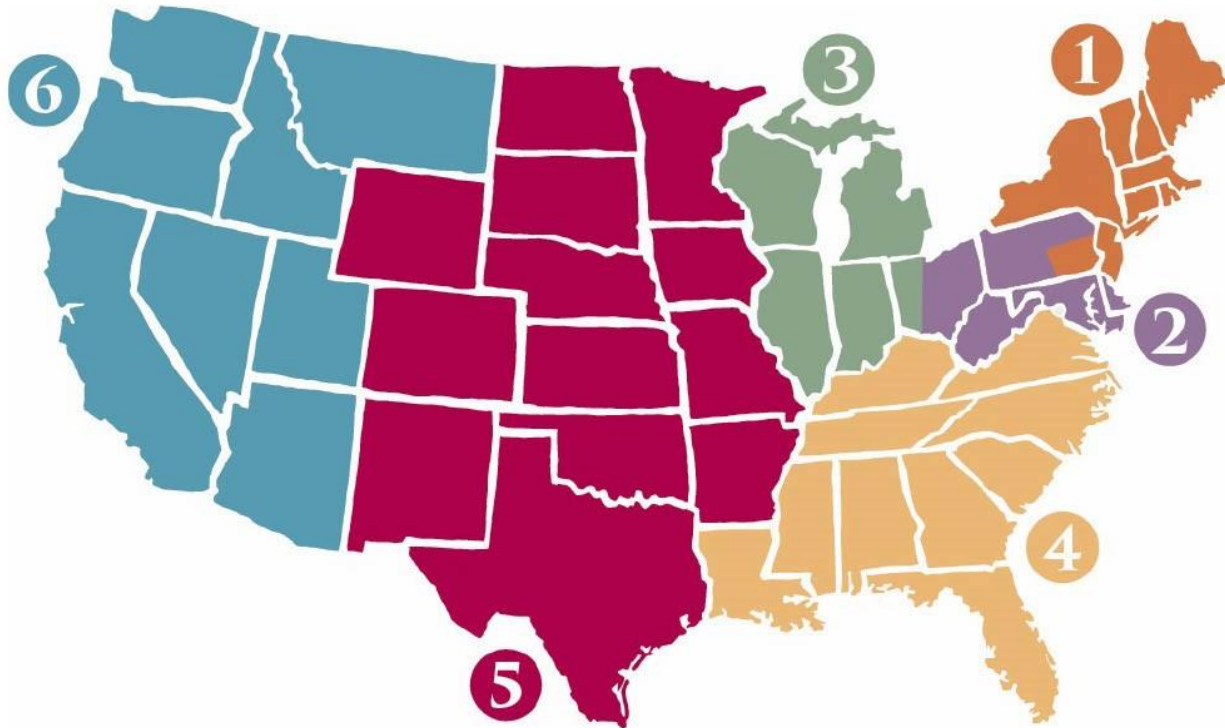
The Archon is an undergraduate member of the Executive Council, Phi Kappa Psi's Board of Directors and serves as the presiding officer of his district. Phi Kappa Psi has six Archons, one from each of the Fraternity's six districts. An Archon attends Executive Council Meetings and focuses on the policy and the governance of the Fraternity. It is the Archon's duty to communicate with each chapter and alumni association within his district, to fully and fairly represent their interests to the Executive Council and provides the Executive Council with accurate information regarding these organizations. The Archon also serves as a designated keeper of all archive materials, records and other property of the district.

The Executive Council is responsible for the decisions of the Fraternity during the intervals between meetings of the Grand Arch Council. It is composed of four alumni members – the President (SWGPs), Vice President (SWVGP), Secretary (SWAG) and Treasurer (SWP) – and undergraduate members, Archons.

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## WHAT IS MY DISTRICT?



This map displays Phi Kappa Psi's 6 districts. If you want to learn more about Phi Kappa Psi Chapters within your district, you can use Phi Kappa Psi's [chapter locator](#). To learn more about Alumni Associations, use the Phi Kappa Psi [Alumni Association locator](#).

## HOW LONG IS AN ARCHON'S TERM?

An Archon is elected at the District Council meeting held over the summer of odd numbered years. An Archon term is 2 years.

## QUALIFYING TO BE AN ARCHON

- An Archon must be an undergraduate in good standing at the time the District Council Meeting is held.

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- An Archon must meet the minimum GPA set by their chapter.
- An Archon candidate must attend the District Council Meeting to be elected.

## ATTENDING A DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

- Candidates for Archon must attend the nominations and elections for Archon.
- The chapter is not required to designate a potential Archon candidate as a delegate for the chapter.
- A chapter is not required to cover expenses for an Archon candidate to attend a District Council Meeting.

## THE ELECTION PROCESS

Elections for Archon will be held at each District Council meeting. A candidate must be present for the District Council Meeting in order to be nominated for Archon.

In order to be considered for the position of Archon, an individual must be nominated. The nominating process is:

- Nomination – The person nominating the candidate can speak for 3 minutes. *(The candidate may nominate himself, and speak for 3 minutes, but he will not be permitted to deliver a 5-minute candidate speech)*
- Second – The person seconding the nomination can speak for 2 minutes.
- Candidate Speech – The candidate can speak for 5 minutes.
- Questions – Reasonable amount of time will be allowed for questions to the candidate.

Any alumni or undergraduate member in good standing can nominate or second the nomination of an Archon candidate. The person nominating does not have to be from the

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individual's chapter. It is highly recommended that those considering candidacy for the Archon position plan for the nomination process.

## Current Archons

The following individuals are currently serving as District Archons for Phi Kappa Psi. Please feel free to reach out to these individuals if you have questions regarding the position.

District I – Jack Kalina, RIT '19	jjk1280@rit.edu
District II – Philippe Boulas, Case Western '20	pjb123@case.edu
District III – Sam Wertz, Indiana '20	sam.wertz1999@gmail.com
District IV – Brendan Lohan, Mississippi '19	brendanl8120@gmail.com
District V – Jake Ryan, Kansas '20	jakeryanku@gmail.com
District VI – Connor Yowell, Oregon State '19	yowellc@oregonstate.edu

## Current Executive Board

The four alumni members of the Executive Council make up the Executive Board. The following individuals currently serve on the Executive Council. Feel free to reach out to these individuals if you have questions regarding service on the EC.

SWGPA – Bob Marchesani, Butler '94 (IUP '79)	SWGPA@phikappapsi.com
SWVGP – Marc Dumas, DePaul '93	SWVGP@phikappapsi.com
SWP – Chuck Brandman, Case Western '70	SWP@phikappapsi.com
SWAG – Chris Wheeler, LSU '01	SWAG@phikappapsi.com

## Serving as Archon

If you are elected as Archon, there are a few things that you should know about time commitment and important dates:

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- The newly elected Archon will perform the closing ritual at the District Council meeting. If running for Archon, it would be in your best interest to review the closing ritual from your chapter's copy of the ritual book before the District Council Meeting.
- All Archons will take part in Archon Academy. While the date has not yet been finalized, it will likely take place in Mid-September. This serves as onboarding/training for all Archons elected at the District Council Meeting.
- The Executive Council holds three Executive Council meetings each year. All Executive Council members are expected to submit a report and attend these meetings.
  - o Fall: November 18, 2023 (Indianapolis, Indiana)
  - o Spring: Date and Location TBD
  - o Summer: July 9, 2024 (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- The 2024 Grand Arch Council will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 10, 2023 – July 14, 2023. All Archons are expected to be in attendance for the Grand Arch Council.
- Archons will be invited to take part in events that occur within their district, including chapter anniversaries, chartering of chapters, or other celebrations that National Fraternity representation is requested.
- Archons are expected to spend time throughout the year communicating with constituents (alumni associations and chapters) to better understand the concerns, successes, and challenges that each organization faces.
- Archons will receive documents throughout the year that should be reviewed promptly to ensure the business of the fraternity is not interrupted.
- Travel expenses for trips related to the role of Archon are covered by the Fraternity. This includes flights, lodging and meals.

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If you have any other questions as you consider Archon candidacy, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Executive Council listed above, or you can email [info@phikappapsi.com](mailto:info@phikappapsi.com). Thank you for your interest!