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The 2014 NCT In Indianapolis: Crossroads of the Nation
March 20-23 2014

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The tournament hotel will be the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel. They are offering a rate of ***$99.00*** for up to four in a room. Call (317) 381-6119 to make reservations. Be sure to ask for ***Pi Kappa Delta*** rates. The hotel is located at 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Reservations should be made **by February 24, 2014!** Teams should note that **all Sunday events will be held in hotel meeting rooms.**

Access the whole tournament invitation on the front page of the PKD website or by following this link:

http://www.pikappadelta.com/docs/Invitation_FINAL_2014_NCT.pdf

More details about Indianapolis inside.

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Editor's Call for Submissions to *The Forensic*

The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta invites authors to submit manuscripts related to scholarship, pedagogy, research and administration in competitive and non-competitive speech and debate activities. The Forensic welcomes submissions from forensic coaches, communication/rhetoric scholars, and students (undergraduate and graduate). The Editor and Editorial Board invite scholarly discussion of making competitive individual events and debate powerful tools for teaching essential citizenship practices, including clear and ethical communication. Topics of particular interest include, but are not limited to: ways to increase diversity in forensics, speech/argumentation pedagogy, and transfer as it relates to forensics (e.g., transfer among individual events, debate, and interpretation; transfer between competition and the classroom, and vice versa; transfer between forensics and careers).

The journal seeks submissions reflecting perspectives from all current debate and individual event forms, including, but not limited to: NDT, CEDA, NEDA, NPDA, IPDA, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, as well as NIET, NFA and non-traditional individual events. The journal also welcomes explorations of non-competitive speech and debate activities, including classroom projects, interdisciplinary efforts, and civic programs. The Forensic may also publish reviews of books, activities, and other educational materials. Potential authors should contact the Editor regarding the choice of material for review. All submitted works must be original, unpublished, and not under review by other publishers. Submissions should conform to APA guidelines (latest edition). E-mail submissions to the editor in Word format with no specialized internal formatting. Manuscripts should not exceed 25 double-spaced typed pages, exclusive of tables and references. The title page should include the title, author(s), correspondence address, e-mail address and telephone number of the author(s). The second page should include an abstract of between 75 and 100 words. The text of the manuscript (including its title) should begin on the next page, with no reference to the author, and with the remaining pages numbered consecutively. Avoid self-identification in the text of the manuscript. Notes and references should be typed and double-spaced on the pages following the text of the manuscript.
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Indianapolis Sights and Attractions

Indianapolis is a vibrant city with an exciting downtown and a lively arts and cultural scene. Here are just a few of the wonderful things that you can see and do in Indianapolis:

The Indianapolis Museum of Art
4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46208
(317) 293-1331

The Indianapolis Children's Museum
3000 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208
(317) 334-3322

Motor Speedway Museum
496 W. 16th, Indianapolis, IN 46222
(317) 484-8655

The Eiteljorg Museum
500 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 636-9778

The Indianapolis Zoo
1200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222
(317) 630-2001

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The Indianapolis Museum of Art is home to an enormous collection, including a sixty foot sculpture by Robert Irwin. The Children's Museum, for its part, is the largest in the world and of interest to children of "all ages." The Motor Speedway Museum also features a Hall of Fame and a gift shop where Indianapolis 500 Memorabilia can be purchased. The Eiteljorg Museum is the place for Native American artifacts, as well as Western-themed art. Finally, the Indianapolis Zoo is the home to dozens of rare animals, plants and fish, and is the only institution in the United States that is accredited as a Zoo, an Aquarium and a Botanical Garden.

Points to Ponder

A Message from PKD President Jeffrey Stoppenhagen

What if I told you that as of this writing that over 800 students, instructors and alumni are registered on the PKD point system website? Would you be surprised if I shared with you that 13 individuals have achieved the level of Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Key, the highest levels of recognition available to you as members of Pi Kappa Delta? Recognition, according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, is "the acknowledgment of achievement, service, and merit". There is no doubt in my mind that PKD members do all three every day on their campuses! The Pi Kappa Delta point system is available for competitors, coaches, and alumni of our organization to bring that definition to life through the awarding of points, degrees and ascending levels of recognition that can be a useful measuring tool for assessment for differing groups and audiences. Have you registered yet? If not, please consider creating your own profile, or one for your PKD chapter. It's an easy way to recognize the hard work and achievement that our members enjoy as being part of Pi Kapp! Visit the page at http://www.pikappadeltapoints.com/

Now, I know that it is not every students' and/or coaches' goal in life to get to the highest level of recognition available and that it will be the sole driver of your chapter's members to perform better at tournaments or benefit the community through more community service. However, I believe that one of the greatest things we can do as an organization is to recognize the value each of us brings to the organization and the point system is just one of many ways to quantify that success.

I am excited to let you know that through our new and expanding association with the NSDA (National Speech and Debate Association) that discussions are underway to enhance our two systems (PKD and the current NFL point program) and make it as seamless as possible for students active in the NFL (National Forensic League) who already have acquired points and degrees to transition to collegiate programs and campuses and wish to continue receiving the recognition they so richly deserve! With all the exciting changes going on in our two organizations I am hopeful that I can, in the near future, let you know of enhancements and improvements to our recognition system. It's good now but has the potential to be so much more and take our ability to recognize our peers and institutions to the next level. Stay tuned!

Q. How will this affect the honor societies such as the National Junior Forensic League?

A. We will continue to differentiate between the middle and high school programs and honor societies. We will refer to each group as the High School Honor Society or the Middle School Honor Society, but will retain the traditional insignia markings.

Q. What won't be changing?

A. Our traditional honor society insignia, including seals, pins, and keys, will remain the same, as will the tenets of our Code of Honor.

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We connect, support, and inspire middle, high school, and collegiate speech and debate.

Q. What changes are next?

A. Our main website URL will be changing to www.speechanddebate.org in mid-January. You will also see our social media handles change soon.

Q. When will the rebranding be complete?

A. Everything will be rebranded the National Speech & Debate Association by the beginning of next school year (fall of 2014).

Q. How do we contact national office staff?

A. Moving forward, all emails will come from the National Speech & Debate Association. To continue receiving our updates, please save director@speechanddebate.org and vicki.pape@speechanddebate.org in your address book. Also update any staff email addresses that you use to the new "speechanddebate.org" domain.

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NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

FAQs: What's In a Name?

As we embark on our transition from the National Forensic League to the National Speech & Debate Association, we wanted to provide you with answers to some frequently asked questions we've received from our members. We hope this guide will help you when speaking with others about the name change.

Q. How was the new name chosen?

A. The historic vote occurred May 17, 2013, following two years of careful study by the Board of Directors, which included professional branding and naming consultation, legal trademark consultation, discussions with district leadership, nationwide membership surveys, and a series of four virtual public meetings in which members could express their views. You asked and we listened to your invaluable feedback.

Q. Why is the name being changed?

A. As a communication organization, we need to effectively communicate who we are and what we do. There is a common misunderstanding of "NFL" or "forensics," including confusion with the National Football League or crime scene investigation; changing our name to focus on the activity of speech and debate will appeal to more students, coaches, alumni, sponsors, and the general public. We believe rebranding the organization as the National Speech & Debate Association will help us strengthen existing relationships, build new partnerships, increase national and local support for speech and debate, and allow us to pursue our mission to the fullest potential.

Q. What name and logo should we be using?

A. We are beginning to use National Speech & Debate Association on all external communications. While this will be an ongoing process, we encourage you to begin using National Speech & Debate Association in your conversations, as well.

Q. Can we shorten the name?

A. We're encouraging everyone to use "National Speech & Debate Association." Our online and print publications may also reference "the Association" when it makes sense to do so in context, but we do not plan to use the acronym. One of our goals for rebranding is to gain more recognition of our activity, and we encourage members to reference "speech and debate" as opposed to "forensics" as much as possible.

Creating a Model Forensic Assessment Plan Using the PKD Credit Point System

The PKD Credit Point System allows directors to quickly and easily compile a number of useful reports, and individual programs should experiment with the reporting functions to determine the types of data that will prove most useful. For the sake of brevity, however, I will identify eight systematic functions that might be particularly useful for assessment or program evaluation purposes.

Retention: One of the most useful elements of the system is the fact that it enables the retention of students who elect not to compete in intercollegiate forensics. The chapter reporting function facilitates the collection of data for the "entire chapter" rather than the much smaller subset of students who may have attended the national tournament. Many first-year students, fearful of balancing coursework with the heavy time-commitments that competition demands, elect not to participate in intercollegiate forensics, or quit the squad early during the fall semester. These students can now often be persuaded to continue "competing" in scholarly or community service activities. For students, this is a means of making their previous experience in speech and debate visible to prospective employers or graduate admission directors as a part of the student's undergraduate training. For directors of forensics, it allows students who the program successfully recruited to campus to continue to be "counted" when measuring the program's costs and benefits, despite the fact that the student may not be participating in tournament competition.

Individual Development (in Events): Directors can chart the development of an individual student in a specific event over the course of a year, and can demonstrate the impact of specific coaching interventions as long as the coach has kept track of precisely when the intervention took place. (For example, if the coach worked with the student to re-write an introduction or to conduct additional research on a specific topic, simple "before and after" reports can be generated by adjusting date ranges.)

Individual Longitudinal Development (in Events): Similar to the above, only here, directors can chart student progress over the duration of an entire undergraduate career. A coach could demonstrate, for example, that over the course of an individual student's career the average number of points earned per tournament increased, and by simple division, the increased could be tied to a corresponding rank.

Collective Development (in Events): This report measures the points accumulated by an entire squad in a particular event. As with measures of individual development, it is particularly helpful in identifying the impact of specific coaching interventions.

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$12.00 each

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$630.00 per set of three, including retractable displays, carrying cases and shipping charges.

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Creating a Model Assessment Plan, continued…

Narrative Measures of Scholarly or Service Activities: Collective measures of scholarly or service activities are made much more meaningful by the system's ability to record narrative data corresponding with entries in either of these categories. From these narrative statements, directors can select either particularly compelling examples ("one of our students received a top paper award at the NCA convention"), or representative examples that help audiences understand the category or link the accomplishment with the institution's broader goals and objectives. (Featuring, for example, a picture and a brief statement from a student that received community service points as a result of their participation in PKD's program to teach speech and debate to impoverished students in India.)

Longitudinal Impact Measures of Program Inputs: A system report of gross point accumulations by all members, or by specific cohorts across measured time periods. In addition to establishing statistical evidence of the program's overall significance, this measurement is useful in identifying the impact of specific budgetary, philosophical or staffing changes. (For example, "since our program stopped attending the NDT National Tournament and began participating in Public Forum Debate, the total number of points received by debaters has increased by 35%").

The Pi Kappa Delta Credit Points System is a simple and inexpensive means of collecting program assessment information. As part of an individually-tailored assessment plan, the system can provide valuable information regarding student outcomes, and it can help create compelling arguments for program maintenance or expansion for campus administrators, as well as for prospective funders. In addition to assessment, the Council had two other objectives in mind when it created the Credit Point System – recruiting and alumni relations. By offering graduating NFL alumni the opportunity to transfer ten percent of their accumulated NFL points into a newly created PKD Credit Point Account, the Council hoped to increase the percentage of graduating NFL students that participate in intercollegiate debate. (Currently, Pi Kappa Delta attracts less than one-percent of the more than 25,000 students that graduate each year with NFL speech and debate experience in high school.) Even if recruiting increased by only five percent, the overall size of Pi Kappa Delta would increase dramatically, and so would the total number of undergraduate students competing in speech and debate activities at the college level. Another secondary objective was to collect individual (and durable) contact information for each of its new members – including permanent home addresses, mobile phone numbers, permanent e-mail addresses and so forth. In this way, the organization could move forward with its strategic plan to substantially improve alumni relations and development activities. Each of these secondary objectives guided the development of the online tool.

The development of the Credit Point System should be seen as the first step in a long-term process of creating a model assessment plan for intercollegiate forensics programs. In conjunction with other benchmark data such as program budgets, staffing levels, coaching contact hours and so forth, and in addition to follow-up measures of specific student learning outcomes, the project will eventually create a value-added benefit for the entire community. Over time, the Council hopes that this data can be studied and combined with other benchmark information and assessment tools to produce sophisticated methods of assessing the relative health of individual programs, and to demonstrate the connection between participation in specific speech and debate activities and particular student learning outcomes. Because the database will allow future scholars to easily and inexpensively reach Pi Kappa Delta alumni, it may also facilitate truly longitudinal measures of the lifelong value of instruction in speech and debate activities.

A Guide to Restaurants Near IUPUI

Fast Food:

Chick-Fil-A, 420 University Boulevard, #120.	(317) 274-5157
Hardees/red Burrito, 710 W 10th Street.	(317) 634-8441
Jimmy John's, 605 West 11th Street.	(317) 964-0093
Mondo Subs, 420 University Boulevard.	(317) 274-3790
Noodles & Company, 903 Indiana Avenue.	(317) 638-0340
Panda Express, 645 Oscar Robertson Boulevard.	(317) 635-9726
Papa John's Pizza, 955 Indiana Avenue.	(317) 632-7272
Qdoba Mexican Grill, 907 Indiana Avenue.	(317) 423-3932
Quiznos, 805 W. 10th Street.	(317) 636-3046
Subway, 1002 Wishard Boulevard.	(317) 636-2988
Taco Bell, 951 Indiana Avenue.	(317) 632-4238

Sit-Down:

Best Taste Chinese, 917 Indiana Avenue.	(317) 684-1818
Bourbon Street, 361 Indiana Avenue.	(317) 636-3316
Buca di Bepo, 35 North Illinois Street.	(317) 632-2822
Café Patachou, 225 W. Washington Street.	(317) 632-0765
Chancellor's Restaurant, 850 W. Michigan Street.	(317) 231-5221
DJ's Hot Dog Company, 923 Indiana Avenue.	(317) 432-8936
Donatos Pizza, 825 West 10th Street.	(317) 231-9700
Moe's Southwest Grill, 910 West 10th Street.	(317) 822-6637
New Orlean's on the Avenue, 543 Indiana Avenue.	(317) 632-4099
Osteria Italian, 10 South West Street.	(317) 860-5777
Ram Brewery, 140 S. Illinois Street.	(317) 955-9900
Rock Bottom Brewery, 10 W. Washington Street.	(317) 681-8180
Stacked Pickle, 910 West 10th Street #1.	(317) 426-3600
TGI Fridays, 501 Washington Street.	(317) 685-8443
Wild Greens, 420 University Boulevard.	(317) 278-8511

Elegant:

The Capital Grill, 50 West Washington Street.	(317) 423-8790
Fogo De Chao, 117 East Washington Street.	(317) 638-4000
Late Harvest Kitchen, 8605 River Crossing.	(317) 663-8063
The Melting Pot, 5650 East 86th Street.	(317) 841-3601
Oceanaire Seafood Room, 30 South Meridian Street.	(317) 955-2277
Prime 47, 47 South Pennsylvania Street.	(317) 624-0720
Sapporro, 6342 East 82nd Street.	(317) 570-7333
St. Elmo's Steakhouse, 127 South Illinois Street.	(317) 635-0636

Delivery to Tournament Hotel:

China Buffett	(317) 241-8688
Dominos Pizza	(317) 856-3331
Jimmy John's	(317) 227-8000
Pizza Hut	(317) 484-9800

Charter and Standards Report

Submitted by Dr. Tomeka Robinson, Marietta College

During the NCA meeting, we welcomed several new and returning chapters back to the fold. We are looking forward to welcoming even more chapters. As I have requested before, please help us reach out to undergraduate programs that you encounter every weekend. We know why this organization is amazing; help us share this message with others. Also, consider reaching out to your alumni and ask them to consider forming an alumni chapter. The process is very easy and it is a great way to engage your alums in your undergraduate chapter activities.

Additionally, after receiving a lot of positive feedback on the chapter anniversary certificates, I plan to continue sending these out to chapters this year. If you are celebrating any milestone anniversary, please look for your certificates in the ballot packets at the NCT. If you are not attending the NCT, then they will be mailed to your university.

Lastly, the Guidebook application that we used during the convention was wildly successful. We had over 400 unique downloads and we are eager to use it again for the 2014 NCT. I am dedicated to extending our usage and making the application more user-friendly.

It is my aim to continue working on each of these projects and find even more ways to serve the membership of Pi Kappa Delta. If you are interested in working on any of these endeavors, please do not hesitate to let me know. I always welcome a phone call (740-376-4546) or email (tomeka.robinson@marietta.edu) from any Pi Kappa Delta member. Together, we can continue Pi Kappa Delta's mission for centuries to come and see you in Indianapolis!

Province Coordinator's Report

Submitted by Ryan Louis, Ottawa University

Happy 2014, Pi Kappers! As other members of the national council have already mentioned, our strategic partnerships and advancing programming are allowing for the mission of the organization to materialize in such creative ways. I feel empowered by all the opportunities coming down the pike.

Specifically, from my corner of the conference table, I am excited to sift through some new data from last year's Centennial celebration. Some of you may have participated in the Discussion groups. The subject, *How can the forensic community best fulfill its traditional pedagogical values?*, seemed prime for capturing opinions, ideas and locating challenges facing the future of our organization. From that, I received 50+ pages of information! After a close reading, I am prepared to start advancing some of those ideas—with the help of the student representatives.

Also, in an effort to aid in more fluid communication, I am still committed to expanding the ways we connect with each other. In addition to the website, our Facebook (facebook.com/pikappadelta), Twitter (@PiKappaDelta) and Tumblr (forensicsnerdsunite.tumblr.com) pages are gaining followers. We also have a Vimeo account where you can view sample debates, oral histories and student presentations. We plan to continue sharing video and audio content in the future!

I am blessed to serve as a representative on the council. Thank you for your comments throughout the year—I welcome any suggestions or concerns you wish to share.

Historian's Report

Submitted by Susan Millsap, Otterbein University

We have received a signed agreement from Ottawa University giving our archives a permanent home. As the building of their new Library continues we look forward to finally being able to consolidate our institutional history in one place where it can be accessed by our membership.

I also join with Ryan Louis in encouraging chapters to plan now to enter the oral history competition in 2015 so that we can add to our incredible institutional history.

Considering an Oral History? You Should!

Submitted by Ryan Louis, Ottawa University

As Pi Kappa Delta enters its second century, it is as important as ever to be vigilant in recording our history. Now that the technological world is creeping into Forensics, we have more opportunities to create, discover and share our collective history as chapters and as an organization. At the Biennial Convention and Tournament, Pi Kappa Delta conducts a competition of short documentaries that present some aspect of PKD history. Topics can range from interviews to histories of individual members, chapters or provinces. Entries can also reach back into the vaults of the organization's history to examine significant rituals, events or themes in forensic competition. Presentation formats can come via video, film, audio or any presentational software. The sky really is the limit.

Because the event is so important for documenting and archiving our collective stories, we waive entry fees (plus it counts toward sweepstakes in debate). With the dedication of our *official* national archives coming soon to the campus of Ottawa University (our Alpha chapter from 1913), any new oral history will join the great many of the past. I am pleased to be the Director of Forensics in the place where it all started. There is a proud history of forensics at this institution and now that we're building a brand-new, state-of-the-art library, it will be a great place for the archives and to host your visits! We welcome you to watch our Oral History entry (as well as all the finalists) from 2013 on Pi Kappa Delta's Vimeo page, https://vimeo.com/61188224.

Thinking of Running for National Council?

Service on the PKD National Council is an incredibly rewarding way to give back to the forensics community. In addition to providing leadership in specific areas (such as Professional Development), National Council members exercise oversight and budgetary control over the entire organization. National Council members meet at least three times a year: During the Summer, at the National Convention and Tournament or the NCT, and at NCA. Additional teleconferences, independent projects and other obligations add up to a time commitment of approximately 10 hours per week. Please ask any current or formal National Council member about how you can get involved.

Tournament Director's Report

Submitted by Scott Jensen, Webster University

The 2014 National Comprehensive Tournament promises to be a spectacular competitive, educational, and social event. Jaime Hamilton at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis has worked hard with her staff to prepare her campus for a well-run tournament. Janis Crawford from Butler University, and Audrey Cunningham at University of Indianapolis round out a trio of professionals and campuses in Indianapolis preparing for this year's national tournament. The uniqueness of this tournament is its comprehensive nature. We offer 13 individual events, one of them on-line, six debate formats, along with student congress and reader's theatre. We hope you will all take advantage of the opportunity to create a team nationals experience that is inclusive of all your students and their events. We also manage to schedule this tournament in three days, a challenge that is met only with the cooperation of schools competing and the staff charged with administering the tournament.

There are a couple important changes to this year's NCT. First, we will hold Friday and Saturday events on campus. Sunday's elimination rounds will be held in conference rooms at the Wyndam Indianapolis West Hotel. Second, we will not be conducting a roll call for NPDA or IPDA debate topic announcements. We will ask debaters to sign into individual events as triple entered and not stay to watch fellow competitors. Topics for NPDA debates will be posted on Guidebook, Facebook, and Twitter. IPDA rounds involving debaters not present at the time of draw will be moved to the bottom of draw; when all other rounds have been drawn debaters present will determine the topic to be debated. Tournament-related exigencies beyond a students' control will be the one reason for circumventing this policy. Feedback from past tournaments overwhelmingly point to debate draw delays as a problem to be addressed. The National Council has decided to implement this policy in response to these concerns.

The deadline for both hotel reservations and tournament entry is February 24th. Entries should be submitted at www.forensictournament.net. The site will be closed to new entries after this February 24th deadline. Even if your entry is likely to change, it should be made by the 24th. Changes can be made without penalty until March 5th.

We look forward to seeing you all in Indianapolis this March. Be sure to check the PKD website and email messages for updates and details for what promises to be another great nationals experience.

Scott Jensen
Tournament Director, 2014 National Comprehensive Tournament
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Attention:

Pi Kappa Delta is switching its secure credit card processing from First Data to Moneris. This move will save about $500.00/year, but as of March 1st, we will **NO LONGER ACCEPT American Express Cards**

Spoken Word Poety Contest Judges Needed:

Calling all Chapters:

Award winning poet Daniel Beaty is promoting a new spoken word poetry contest, "Light the Stage Spark a Revolution" hosted by the National Speech and Debate Association. High school students will submit a three minute long poem on YouTube for a chance to win a college scholarship. There are several ways that Pi Kappa Delta members can get involved:

First, judges are needed for the competition, and Pi Kappa Delta students can earn service points for volunteering their time. The competition is online, and can be judged whenever it is convenient. (You can even judge from the comfort of your dorm room).

Secondly, chapters can host “how-to” sessions and workshops for interested high school students. This is a great recruiting opportunity and provides an excellent way to showcase your chapter and your campus.

Finally, schools can invite Daniel Beaty to visit and conduct master classes on spoken word poetry.

Here's a quick summary of the timeline:

Prelim judging begins April 16th-30th.
First elimination round: May 1-5.
Second elimination round: May 6-10.
Final elimination round: May 11-15.

For more details on the timeline and judging, visit http://www.lightthestage.org/official-rules/.

Also, Daniel is willing to teach a master class at interested colleges and universities. Requests can be submitted by emailing Daniel at dbbeaty@aol.com and copying Robin Leach at leachbeaty@gmail.com.

For more information on Daniel, visit his website at www.DanielBeaty.com.

Thanks for helping out!

Get Ready for Chicago!
Join us during NCA at Blackies for the Pi Kappa Delta Social
Friday, November 21st, 7:00-9:30 pm

Blackies Chicago, 755 South Clark StreetChicago, IL 60605 312) 786-1161blackieschicago.com

Pi Kappa Delta Reserves Additional Conference Space for NCA

Over the past several years, NCA has been reducing the number of presentation slots available to affiliated groups — including Pi Kappa Delta. In response, the National Council has reserved additional off-site conference space during NCA at the Harold Washington Library. The space will accommodate up to 25 people and is ideally suited for our needs. It is located only a few blocks from the Hilton and is easily assessable by train. Look for more information about this opportunity when the NCA program is finalized.

The Harold Washington Library, 7th Floor Conference Room, 400 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 747-4300