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## Invitation to 2009 Midwest Regional Meeting (February 27-28, 2009)

October 31, 2008

Dear Midwest Chapter Presidents and Faculty Advisors:

The Zeta Lambda (Bradley University) and Theta Omega (Eastern Illinois University) Chapters of Beta Alpha Psi extend a warm invitation to you and the members of your chapter to attend the 2009 Midwest Regional meeting in **Indianapolis on February 27 and 28, 2009**. Preliminary information about the meeting follows:

**Theme of the Meeting:** The theme of this year's meeting is "**Bridging Success.**"

**Deloitte Best Practices Competition:** The topics for the Deloitte Best Practices competition for this year are:

- 1) **Service Learning: Using Your Skills to Help a Local Organization**
- 2) **Developing Life Skills: Helping Others Succeed**
- 3) **Chapter Sustainability: The Future Success of Your Chapter**

For more information see: [http://www.bap.org/bestpract/2009\\_best\\_pract\\_topics.htm](http://www.bap.org/bestpract/2009_best_pract_topics.htm).

Best Practices abstracts should be submitted to **Roann Kopel, Midwest Director at Large**, at [rrkopel@eiu.edu](mailto:rrkopel@eiu.edu) by Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Useful information regarding Best Practices procedures can be found on the BAP web site: [http://www.bap.org/bestpract/procedures/best\\_pract\\_proc.htm](http://www.bap.org/bestpract/procedures/best_pract_proc.htm)

**Chapter Operations:** The topics for the chapter operation presentations for this year are listed on the meeting website at <http://www.bradley.edu/campusorg/bap/BAPRegional/index.html>. Chapter operation abstracts should be submitted to Simon Petravick at [simonp@bradley.edu](mailto:simonp@bradley.edu) by January 20, 2009.

**Registration Fee:** The early bird registration fee will be \$85. After January 29, 2009, the registration for the regional meeting will be \$100. Early registration is encouraged. Last year's registration was closed prior to the start of the meeting.

**Meeting Web Site:** Program information, links to the hotel site, and links to the online registration site can be found at <http://www.bradley.edu/campusorg/bap/BAPRegional/index.html>.

**Hotel Information:** The meeting will be held at: **The Crowne Plaza**  
123 W Louisiana St  
Indianapolis, IN 46225  
(317) 631-2221 or (877) 2-CROWNE

Rooms have been reserved at a conference rate of \$149 (single/double). Hotel information is available at [www.crowneplaza.com/ind-downtown](http://www.crowneplaza.com/ind-downtown). To receive the conference rate, you must reserve rooms by January 29, 2009 and use reservation code AIC to indicate that you are attending the Beta Alpha Psi conference. Please utilize this hotel to help us meet our room guarantee and keep the overall cost for the regional meetings to a minimum. The hotel is located in downtown Indianapolis. Please reserve your rooms early. The conference rate is only available until the block is completely booked, which could be before January 29.

**Summary of Deadlines:**

- **Expression of Interest to Participate:** Please return the attached preliminary registration form to **Simon Petravick** at [simonp@bradley.edu](mailto:simonp@bradley.edu) by November 30, 2008.
- **Presentations:** Best Practices abstracts must be submitted to **Roann Kopel** at [rrkopel@eiu.edu](mailto:rrkopel@eiu.edu) by January 20, 2009.
- **Presentations:** Chapter operations abstracts must be submitted to Simon Petravick at [simonp@bradley.edu](mailto:simonp@bradley.edu) by January 20, 2009.
- **Registration for the meeting:** Final registration will be online at the following link: <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S,M3,64082691-b8f1-42e2-b071-9a36e25e7e4d>. The deadline for the “early bird” registration fee is January 29, 2009, and you will need to register online. Registration fees must be paid by credit card.
- **Hotel registration at conference rate:** The conference rate is available until **January 29, 2009 or until the block is completely full.**

**Attire for the meeting:** The attire for the meeting will be business casual.

**Host chapters’ contact information:** You may contact the host chapters at the following addresses:

<b>Host School</b>	Bradley University	Eastern Illinois University
<b>Faculty Advisor</b>	Simon Petravick	Tim Mills
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:simonp@bradley.edu">simonp@bradley.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:thmills@eiu.edu">thmills@eiu.edu</a>
<b>Phone</b>	(309)677-2286	(217)581-6202
<b>Fax</b>	(309)677-3776	(217)581-6247

Please email the attached preliminary registration form by **November 30<sup>th</sup>** to express your Chapter’s intention to participate in the 2009 Midwest Regional Meeting to Simon Petravick at [simonp@bradley.edu](mailto:simonp@bradley.edu). Or you may fax your preliminary registration to the number indicated on the preliminary registration form, if you prefer.

We are relying on the active participation of your chapter to ensure a successful Regional Meeting and look forward to seeing you in Indy!

Sincerely yours for Beta Alpha Psi,

Zeta Lambda (Bradley University) and Theta Omega (Eastern Illinois University) Chapters

**PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY ADVISORS**

Faculty Advisor:  
Chapter:  
University:  
Email Address:

President:  
Email Address:  
Second Student Contact:  
Title:  
Email Address:

Does your chapter plan to attend the February 27 – 28, 2009 Midwest Regional Meeting?

Yes      Approximately how many students will attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

Does your Faculty Advisor plan to attend the Midwest Regional Meeting?

Yes  
 No

Does your chapter plan to participate by giving a presentation on a chapter operation topic?

Yes      Which topic(s) are you willing to present? (Check all that apply)  
 No

**Suggested topics for chapter operations:**

- Obtaining superior or gold
- Meaningful service projects
- Establishing an annual alumni event
- Innovative ways to recruit new members
- Keeping members active
- How to perpetuate chapter operations and assure continuity from year to year.
- Other. Describe:

Does your chapter plan to participate in the Deloitte Best Practices competition?

Yes      In which areas do you plan to compete? (Check below)  
 No

- Service Learning: Using Your Skills to Help a Local Organization
- Developing Life Skills: Helping Others Succeed
- Chapter Sustainability: The Future Success of Your Chapter

Please complete and return this form by **November 30, 2008**, to Simon Petravick at:

Email address: [simonp@bradley.edu](mailto:simonp@bradley.edu) (preferred)

OR:

Fax:                **309-677-3776**  
ATTN:            **Simon Petravick**