

Kappa Psi's Collegiate Guide to GCC

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59th Grand Council Convention (GCC)
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Grand Hyatt Washington
1000 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001

GCC Details:
<https://kappa-psi.com/gcc-59>



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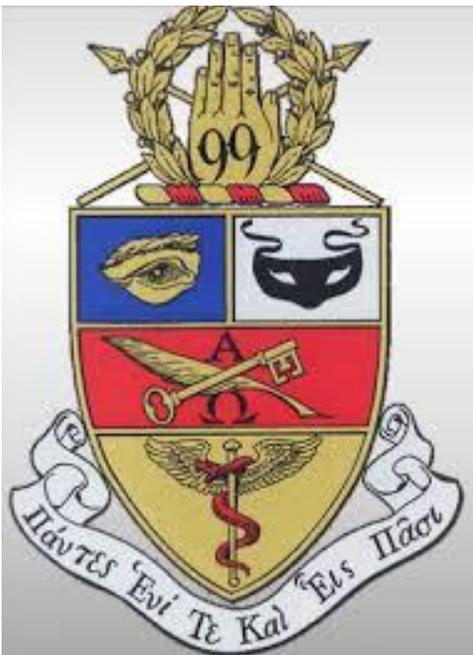
What is the Grand Council Convention (GCC)?

- GCC is an event where hundreds of collegiate and graduate Brothers gather from across the United States, Canada, and the Bahamas to update and review the policies, procedures, and working order of the Fraternity.
- Over the course of the week, there are numerous networking and social opportunities where the bonds of Brotherhood grow and many new Brothers see first-hand what it means to be a Brother
- GCC is a surefire way to meet hundreds of Brothers in a way that will make you instantly feel like family!
- Other things that occur at GCC:
 - Voting for the new International Executive Committee
 - Voting on legislative proposals pertinent to the Fraternity
 - Opportunities for professional and fraternal workshops
 - Opportunities for fellowship with Brothers and career connections with Career Roundtables
 - Exchanging of ideas (fraternal, professional, philanthropic, fundraising, etc.)
 - Opportunity to practice poster presentations at a national conference

Cost-Savings Tips

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Chapter/Province Delegate Duties



Potential Fundraising Ideas

- Solicit funds from your school's Student Government Association or College of Pharmacy
- Professional sporting event volunteer/concession worker (NBA, NFL, NHL, MLB)
- White coat embroidery sale
- Stethoscope/Blood pressure cuff sale
- Offer CPR courses to students by a trained and BLS Certified Brother
- Pharmacy tumblers, lanyards, license plate covers, and window clings
- Pharmacy yearbooks
- "Welcome Back" package for incoming P1s (t-shirts, koozie, car decal, etc.)
- Pharmacy Swag Sale
- Holiday-themed candy grams
- Talent show
- Food fundraiser (BBQ, Crawfish broil, etc.)

Chapter/Province GCC Delegate Duties

- A short reflective presentation is given with updates by the Province Delegates for their respective Province
- Attend and participate in general and legislative sessions
- Coordinate times to interview candidates and discuss among Chapter

Delegate and proxy forms

- Proxy forms are utilized for protection of a chapter's/province's votes and must be submitted to Kappa Psi's Central Office
- If for some reason a chapter's delegate cannot make it to the vote (travel problems, injuries, illness, etc.) their vote can still be utilized.

Cost-Saving Ways to Attend GCC

- **Plan ahead and create a budget.**
- Make a list of anticipated costs (airfare/ground transportation, lodging, food/beverages, excursions, etc.)
- Look for group travel discounts
- Some companies offer discounts when you book 10+ passengers at a time
- Flexible travel days
- College/School of Pharmacy reimbursement and sponsorship
- Collegiate Chapter Fundraising (see tips)
- Graduate Chapter Funding of Scholarships
- Check multiple airports for flights (IAD, DCA, BWI)

Previous GCC Recaps

58th: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ws3N89twkw&feature=youtu.be>

57th: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xcqASwzQQo>



NETWORKING 101

Joe Nardolillo, Collegiate Member-at-Large

Be it a normal work day at your local pharmacy, a small gathering of pharmacists after a state association meeting, or a large international conference such as the Grand Council Convention, networking is one of the most important things you can do as a student to hit the ground running as a young professional. What better time to practice some of these tips than surrounded by over 600 of your very own Kappa Psi Brothers?! Take some of my own tips and tricks that have helped me grow my network and break outside of my comfort zone!

1. Make a conscious effort to be uncomfortable

We've all been in this situation. You walk into a large room, particularly a banquet hall, and you and your friends stare at each other to decide where you should go. Don't do it. Make an effort to meet new people, sit at a new table with strangers, or walk up to a group of people you don't know and start a conversation. Although it may seem awkward at first, you will quickly realize that the other person is probably in the same boat as you and will be thankful that you made the first leap. Who knows, this person could end up being a great friend or the best professional connection you ever made!

2. Professionalism is important at ALL events

While business sessions, continuing education, and workshops are all great features of conferences, they aren't the only times where eyes will be on you and people may form opinions about your character and your

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GCC Statistics

58th GCC

- ❖ Naples, FL
- ❖ 637 Brothers & Guests

57th GCC

- ❖ Denver, CO
- ❖ 620 Brothers & Guests

56th GCC

- ❖ St. Petersburg, FL
- ❖ 667 Brothers & Guests
- ❖ 471 Collegiates
- ❖ 150 Graduates
- ❖ 35 spouses & 11 children

55th GCC

- ❖ San Francisco, CA
- ❖ 560 Brothers & Guests

54th GCC

- ❖ Clearwater Beach, FL
- ❖ 460 Brothers & Guests

53rd GCC

- ❖ Boston, MA
- ❖ 441 Brothers



Dr. Joe Nardolillo

**Collegiate Member-at-Large,
2017-2019**

Collegiate Poster Session

**Looking for a safe environment
to practice presenting a poster
at a national meeting, change
to boost your CV, or an
opportunity to learn more
about what Brothers are doing
across map?**

A variety of poster topics will be
accepted:

- ❖ Kappa Psi projects
- ❖ Leadership projects
- ❖ Reach Out & Read projects
 - ❖ Clinical projects
 - ❖ Advocacy projects

Friday July 19th
7:30PM – 9:30PM

For more info check out the
link [here](#).

**Tip: Some schools may provide
additional funding if presenting
posters**

professionalism. At both social activities as well as common professional events, being viewed in a positive outlook by your peers is essential to maintain respect and a positive reputation. There is absolutely a balance to this which takes time, however as pharmacy is such a trusted profession with a high standard of moral character, be sure you are being the best you can be at all times.

3. Be genuine

While it is important to have the mindset of professionalism and putting your best impression forward, make sure that you are being YOU. People will gravitate to you and appreciate your genuineness. Be the person they enjoy being around due to your sincere interest in the conversation. Ask questions, be engaging, repeat their name back, and make an effort as if you were talking to your friends. This takes time but practice makes perfect!

4. Don't let the interaction stop at this one event!

While this one week is a great time to connect and grow, don't let it begin and end there! Exchange contact info, add each other on social media, follow-up on that conversation you had. Doing all of these things will not only help you forge more meaningful relationships but will truly help you build a personal network.

On top of all of the professional connections, there truly is one special aspect of a Kappa Psi Grand Council Convention that the memories made during this week will undoubtedly last a lifetime. Whether this is your first GCC or not, I challenge you to find a Brother in the room who you know has been to quite a few of these and ask them to choose their favorite memory. This will NOT be an easy question to answer, as there truly are too many to sort through. I look forward to seeing you all and start making your own GCC memories!

Business Meeting & Elections

Delegates from their Chapter should attend all business meetings during GCC. A roll call will be done at the start of each meeting with reimbursement from the Central Office being attached to whether or not delegates are in attendance. Reimbursement will vary per chapter and can be found on the Kappa Psi website under the 59th GCC tab.

During the election process each delegate will have the opportunity to vote for their desired candidate. As their ballot is filled out there will be a delay of several minutes while the ballots are tallied. Previously, during this time Brothers have shown videos to showcase their Chapter even further.

Robert's Rules of Order Purpose

- Make meetings more effective
- Every member has a right to be heard

Discussion Etiquette

- Be recognized by Chair prior to speaking
- Direct discussion towards the Chair and keep relevant to motion on floor
- Wait for other members to be heard before speaking again

Basics

- **The Chair** runs the meeting and can be delegated
- **Quorum** is needed to conduct any business
- **Limits to Discussion** defined and agreed upon in advance
- **AYE** – vote in favor (Yes)
- **NAY** – vote against (No)

- **ABSTAIN** – neither in favor of or against (may lower required AYE's needed to pass motion)
- **DIVISION** – called when accuracy of Voice Vote uncertain
- **Question of Privilege** – recognize high priority concern that needs addressing prior to continuing business
- **Point of Order** – notify chair of potential conflict with RROR
- **Point of Information** – request clarification
- **Permission to Withdraw** – remove a motion from floor without vote (done by person who supplied original motion)

Motions

- **COMMIT/REFER** – used when members feel an informed decision cannot be reached
Referred Committee: could already exist could be created (need to have specifics)
- **RECONSIDER** – puts a motion previously ruled on back onto the floor (limitations apply)
- **POSTPONEMENT** – delay topic; higher priority items need to be addressed; need more time to decide
- **DIVISION of a QUESTION** – splits motion into multiple parts; each addressed separately and in sequence
- **CALLING the QUESTION** – officially ends debate
- **ADJOURN** – ends the meeting

Process

1. **MAIN MOTION** Call to action (request)
-“I make a motion to....”
2. The “**SECOND**”
Puts the motion “**On the floor**” for discussion
3. Discussion allows for changes to be made by group consensus and comment
4. **Motion to Amend**
proposes a change to wording or intent
5. The “SECOND” puts proposed changes to a vote (not the main motion)
6. Chair “Call the vote”
-or-
Member “call the question”

Voting

Voice Vote

PRO: speed

CON: not always accurate

Hand or Standing Vote

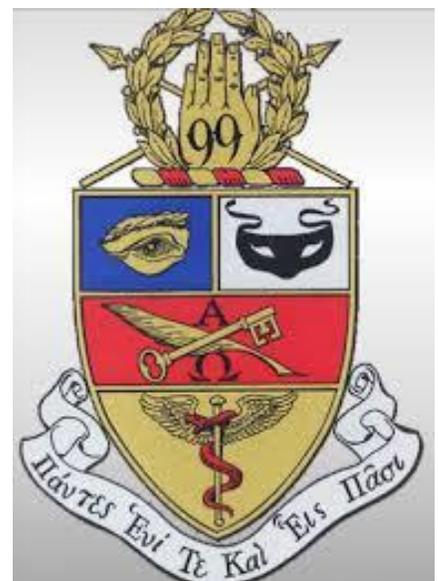
PRO: accuracy

CON: time consuming

Ballot Vote

PRO: anonymity

CON: time consuming



“Every member of a meeting has equal right to speak whether new initiate or officers”

Top 10 Reasons to Attend the Grand Council Convention

1. I can choose from over 20 education sessions to learn about Kappa Psi and Pharmacy Leadership to grow as a pharmacist, Brother, and leader in the profession.
2. I will return back to my chapter with new knowledge that I can share with my Brothers, my GCD, and peers
3. Through attendance at CE presentations, I can gain clinical knowledge on a variety of topics to implement
4. I have the opportunity to network and build bonds with Brothers outside of my Chapter and Province on all corners of the map
5. Support the Kappa Psi Foundation by participating in a Virtual 5K race that will help raise funds for future collegiate Brothers and scholarships.
6. Visit the nation's capitol to visit historical landmarks, many of them for free!
7. I can showcase my chapter's efforts with poster presentations and learn from other Brothers to bring back ideas for my chapter on an international scale
8. Attending national conferences allows me to better understand the profession of pharmacy and the fraternity's operations
9. I can meet Brothers who have taken their fraternal involvement into the professional world as RPDs, pharmacists, and leaders in other organizations.
10. Make memories that will last a lifetime.

GCC Chapter Checklist

- ✓ Elected 2 Delegates and 2 Alternate Delegates
- ✓ Submitted Chapter Delegate or Proxy Form
- ✓ All dues and payments are complete to Central Office prior to GCC
- ✓ Review International Officer Candidates and proposed legislation

GCC Fun Facts

- Grand Council Conventions were previously called Meetings of the Grand or Alpha Chapter
- GCC previously was held on the week between Christmas and New Years in late December
- Scarlet and cadet gray were adopted as the fraternity colors for all Chapters, replacing the previously used individual colors, at the 8th GCC in New York, NY (1905)
- The scarlet carnation was designated as the Fraternity flower at the 11th GCC in Charleston, SC (1908)
- The official Coat of Arms was adopted at the 14th GCC in Atlanta, GA (1916)
- The top three states where GCCs were held:
 1. Pennsylvania
 2. Florida
 3. Maryland

59th GCC Tentative Schedule

Wednesday July 17th

9 AM -5 PM: Registration
10 AM – 2 PM: Executive Committee Pre-Convention Meeting
4PM – 5PM: Continuing Education I
6PM – 8 PM: General Session I (Golden Bow Ritual, Candidate, & Keynote Speaker)
8PM – 11PM: Opening Reception

Thursday July 18th

8 AM – 1PM: Registration
8AM – 9AM: Continuing Education II
9 AM – 11 AM: General Session II
11:15AM – 12:30PM : Officer Forums
12:30PM – 2:30PM: Scholarship and Awards Luncheon
3PM – 6PM: Meet the Candidates Forum
6:30PM-8:30PM: Benefactor Reception
7PM – 10PM: Kappa Psi Foundation Top Golf Event

Friday July 19th

8AM – 5PM: Registration
8AM 0 9AM: Continuing Education III
915AM – 12PM: General Session III
1:30PM – 2:30PM: Workshop I
2:45PM – 3:45PM: Workshop II

4PM – 5PM: Workshop III & Continuing Education IV
7:30PM – 9:30PM: Student Posters & Career Roundtables

Saturday, July 20th

8AM – 12PM: Registration
8 AM- 9 AM: Continuing Education V
9:15 AM-12 PM: General Session IV
2PM – 5PM: Province Caucuses
6PM – 8PM: Chapter Sales
8PM -12AM: Evening Activities (including Kappa Psi Foundation Events)

Sunday July 21st

8 AM-12 PM: Registration
7 AM-8 AM: Continuing Education VI
8:15 AM-12 PM: General Session V
1:30 PM-5 PM: General Session VI
6 PM-7 PM: Alpha Reception
7 PM-11 PM: Kappa Psi 140th Anniversary Banquet

Monday, July 22nd

9 AM-1 PM: Executive Committee Post-Convention Meeting

**FOR EVEN MORE RESOURCES
AND UPDATED INFORMATION:**

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**Justification and Solicitation
Letter**

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