



Carolinas Region

To: Regional Officer Candidates

From: John W. Sharpe, Regional Coordinator

Listed below are some guidelines for running for office and your campaign at the regional convention:

- Please complete Intent to Run for Regional Office form and mail or e-mail the signed form to the regional coordinator by February 9, 2018 to be eligible to run for office. Please write no more than one page: a brief biography and your goals for the region. Please forward this to the regional coordinator as a Word file attached to an e-mail addressed to: john.sharpe@hgtc.edu . Each voting delegate will receive an information packet containing this information and the sample ballot. In order to prepare this package, we must have your information no later than February 9, 2018 which is the deadline to run for office. Candidates must also submit a written copy of their Honors Study Topic speech to John Sharpe and Beth Carraway by email as a Word document at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu and beth.carraway@hgtc.edu by March 1, 2018. Include the specific Theme from the Honors Program Guide which the speech will address and include properly cited references (see Honors Topic Speech guidelines and rubrics document for more information).
- Candidates should check-in at the registration desk upon arrival at the convention and turn in a copy of the signed Honor Code for Regional Officers. You cannot start campaigning until you are an officially registered candidate and all forms have been turned in.
- You may have two distributable campaign items: suggest that one be fun and one is information. If you see any of your campaign material left on floors, etc., please pick up. You cannot hang posters or campaign materials on any walls at the hotel.
- You may have up to 10 people working on your campaign, and they may wear buttons, T-shirts, or hats with campaign slogans, etc.—but you cannot distribute any of the above (unless it is already your distributable items).
- You will attend a regional candidate meeting scheduled on Friday evening of the convention prior to the first general session (you will be notified in advance of the time & location).
- There will be a political rally on Friday evening following the first general session.
- You will attend a caucus on Saturday morning with the voting delegates - your chance to discuss your goals and answer questions. Each chapter has one voting delegate.
- Your Honors Study Topic speech will be given on Saturday during the second general session. Your speech cannot exceed three minutes, and should address the current Honors Study Topic (see Honors Study Topic Speech guidelines and rubrics). This **IS NOT** a typical “campaign speech.” You will be timed by a current regional officer, who will stand fifteen seconds before your time limit ends, and the microphone will be turned off at three minutes.
- The election will take place on Saturday evening prior to the awards banquet (if a run-off is necessary, it will take place during the awards banquet), and the results will be announced at the end of the Sunday morning session, with officer induction following.

Good Luck!!