



National Panhellenic Conference

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the umbrella organization for 26 inter/national Greek-letter women's fraternities and sororities. Each member organization is an autonomous social organization composed of collegiate and alumnae members.

NPC is one of the oldest and largest women's membership organizations representing more than 6 million women at 655 college and university campuses and through more than 4,500 local alumnae chapters across the U.S. and Canada. Each year, NPC-affiliated collegians and alumnae contribute millions of dollars to philanthropic causes, provide scholarships to women and volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours in their communities.

Why NPC Exists

NPC was established to support cooperation among member organizations and to strengthen

relationships among sororities, colleges and universities and local Panhellenic communities. Today,

NPC serves as the world's largest trade association dedicated to advancing the sorority experience.

Through education, collaboration and advocacy, NPC helps ensure sorority membership continues to provide opportunities for friendship, leadership, service and personal growth.

How NPC Began

Pi Beta Phi is a founding member of NPC. NPC's origins can be traced to a shared belief among women's fraternities that cooperation would strengthen both their organizations and the collegiate experience. In an era where women faced limited opportunities in higher education and leadership, these organizations recognized the value of working together while preserving their individual identities.

In April 1891, Kappa Kappa Gamma invited representatives from several women's fraternities to meet in Boston to discuss common concerns and opportunities. The meeting was chaired by Lucy Evelyn Wright of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi was represented by past Grand President **EMMA HARPER TURNER**, D.C. Alpha who also served as secretary of the convention.

Among the topics discussed were recruitment practices, interfraternal relationships and the ways the organizations could better support women on college campuses. Convention records noted that delegates were eager to learn more about one another and had "caught the true fraternity spirit."

Although the Boston meeting did not result in a permanent organization, it established relationships and ideas that continued to develop over the following decade.

In 1902, Alpha Phi invited Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Chi Omega and Chi Omega to a conference in Chicago on May 24. While Alpha Chi Omega and Chi Omega were unable to send delegates, the meeting resulted in the creation of the Inter-Sorority Conference, the world's first interfraternal association for women's organizations that would later become the National Panhellenic Conference.

Pi Beta Phi's NPC Delegation

The early delegates worked together to establish shared expectations for recruitment, interfraternal cooperation and campus Panhellenic organizations. Their efforts helped create many of the principles that continue to guide Panhellenic communities today.

Pi Phi women played important leadership roles throughout NPC's history. Nebraska Beta **ANNA LYTLE TANNAHILL** served as NPC Chair in 1908. Illinois Epsilon **AMY BURNHAM ONKEN** served as NPC Chair from 1945–1947 and Pennsylvania Beta **JEAN WIRTHS SCOTT** served as NPC Chair from 1995–1997.

Pi Beta Phi's NPC delegation consists of one delegate and three alternate delegates. Delegation members support collegiate regions and represent Pi Beta Phi within NPC governance, educational initiatives and Panhellenic affairs.

Delegates Through the Years

1902–1906: Grand President
ELIZABETH GAMBLE
Colorado Alpha

1907: Grand Secretary
ELDA SMITH
Illinois Epsilon

1908: Chairwomen
ANNA LYTLE TANNAHILL
Nebraska Beta

1909: Grand President
MAY LANSFIELD KELLER
Maryland Alpha

1912–1915:
LIDA BURKHARD LARDNER
Colorado Beta

1917–1923: Grand President and
Grand President Emerita
MAY LANSFIELD KELLER
Maryland Alpha

1926: Grand Secretary
FRANCESE EVANS IVES
Louisiana Alpha

1928–1953: Grand President , Chairwomen
AMY BURNHAM ONKEN
Illinois Epsilon, served as Delegate
in addition to other offices

1943 Treasurer
1945 Secretary
1947 Chair

1955–1961: Grand President
MARIANNE REID WILD
Kansas Alpha

1963–1967

DOROTHY WEAVER MORGAN

Nebraska Beta

1969–1973

HELEN BOUCHER DIX

Ohio Beta

1975

JULIE PRATT MENDENHALL SIMMONS

Indiana Zeta

1977

LUCILE JOHANNESSEN ROCA

Arizona Alpha

1979

NANCY BLAICHER POLLOCK

Wisconsin Beta

1981–1983

ANNETTE MITCHELL MILLS

Alabama Alpha

1985–2001: Chairwomen

JEAN WIRTHS SCOTT

Pennsylvania Beta, served as Delegate
in addition to other offices

1993 Treasurer

1995 Secretary

1995–1997 Chair

2003–2011

CAROL INGE WARREN

North Carolina Beta

2013

LINDA NOEL IBSEN

Colorado Beta

2015–2019

ANA MANCEBO MILLER

Texas Beta

2019–2021

MARLA NEELLY WULF

Kansas Beta

2021–2025

LISA GAMEL SCOTT

Colorado Alpha

2025–Present

JENN PLAGMAN-GALVIN

Iowa Gamma



Recent Honors

At the 2015 NPC Annual Meeting, North Carolina Beta **CAROL INGE WARREN** received NPC's Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding service to the fraternity and sorority community. In 2023, Missouri Alpha **KRISTY WEBER** was honored with NPC's Women in Higher Education Award, and in 2025, Oregon Alpha **KIM BARGER DURAND** took home the same award. ✨

