



2012 Student Officer Nominations

Application Deadline: Feb. 3, 2012
School of Journalism and Mass Communications
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208

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Candidates for the offices of president, vice president and member-at-large for the 2012-2013 school year must be juniors, and they should attend both the 2012 and 2013 conventions. Students running for any office must have previously attended a state, regional and/or national scholastic journalism conference and/or convention. Elections will be held during the convention March 2-4, 2012.

Officers must attend the fall Executive Board meeting in September. During this meeting student officers are responsible for planning the convention theme, logo, student entertainment and T-shirt design. Officers will also write for *Accents*, the SIPA newsletter.

SIPA's **president** presides at the annual convention and serves on the Executive Committee, Advisory Council and SIPA Endowment Committee. He or she may attend any policy-making sessions during the year.

The **vice president** takes over the president's responsibilities if the president is unable to meet them. In addition, the vice president serves on both the Executive Committee and Advisory Council.

The **member-at-large** works with other student officers, contributes to SIPA publications and serves on both the Executive Committee and Advisory Council.

Convention campaigning rules include the following:

1. Only one person from each school may campaign for any office. No nomination will be accepted without adviser's or principal's signature.
2. Candidates may distribute flyers. However, no goodies, gum or candy may be distributed or attached to these flyers.
3. Campaign posters and video tapes are not permitted.
4. Only presidential candidates will give speeches at the opening assembly Friday night. Speeches should not be longer than four minutes.
5. No campaigning will be allowed in or near the registration area.
6. Voting will take place Saturday, March 3, from 9-10 p.m. at the SIPA registration desk in the atrium.
Voting delegates: Each publication staff that has paid the SIPA membership fee and has one or more delegates attending the convention may select one voting delegate.
7. Any infraction of these rules should be reported to a member of the Executive Committee.

PRESIDENT

 VICE PRESIDENT

 MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

List your honors and accomplishments: _____

List school or community activities and clubs and offices held: _____

List journalism activities: _____

What specific experiences qualify you to run for the position you marked? _____

Why do you want to serve on the SIPA Executive Committee? _____

What do you feel the role of a regional scholastic press organization should be? _____

Why are scholastic publications important? _____

I hereby endorse the candidacy of the above person for a student SIPA officer.

Adviser's or Principal's signature



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Student Officer Code of Conduct

1. I will abide by the SIPA Behavior Contract.
2. I will be an engaged participant at all sessions and activities unless excused by my adult adviser and either the chair or director.
3. I will not intimidate or sabotage other candidates. I will do my best to ensure students from my delegation represent me and my campaign appropriately.
4. I will report any infractions in violation of these rules to my adviser, the chair and the director.
5. If a situation violating these rules arises, all parties involved have the opportunity to appear before the chair and director who will decide the status of eligibility.

I understand the above rules and agree to follow them.

Signature

Date

Student officers serve as SIPA ambassadors who are held to a higher moral standard.