



## **National Leadership Conference**

“There shall be a standing National Leadership Conference Committee. The members of the committee and chair shall be elected by the Board of Trustees. The National Leadership Conference Committee shall oversee the planning for the conference including local arrangements, special events, and educational programming. The conference chair shall serve as a member of the Board of Trustees during the year of his or her convention. The conference chair-elect and immediate past conference chair will be required to attend the National Leadership Conference.” (OΔK Policies and Procedures Handbook, Section 610)

The Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Conference (NLC) is the signature program of the Society. The NLC is an in-person multi-day residential program that has online and broadcast components. The purpose of the NLC is threefold:

- Support personal leadership development in collegiate and lifetime members;
- Support student officers and circle advisors in building stronger circles; and
- Provide networking among members and a unique collaborative experience between members of all ages and from all phases.

## **National Leadership Conference Planning Team**

The National Leadership Conference Planning Team (CPT) is the volunteer corps that endeavors to create this signature experience for our collegiate and lifetime members. The CPT strives to create an experience that fully meets the purposes of the conference. In this role, volunteers strengthen their teamwork, communication, and innovation, all while setting the tone for members' community experience at the event.

CPT volunteers serve a one-year term working with the NLC Chair and the National Headquarters staff. CPT volunteers are expected to:

- Participate in regular conference calls with the CPT and subcommittees as designated
- Register, pay for, and attend the NLC in-person, understanding that CPT members may be required to arrive early and remain through the closing of the actual events
- Attend and actively engage in all CPT meetings and conference calls as determined by the team throughout the year
- Ensure that the OΔK mission and values are incorporated into all educational aspects of the conference

- Ensure that designated sessions and conference experiences are of the highest quality and meet the needs of our collegiate and lifetime members
- Seek educational programs that exhibit best practices in leadership development and personal growth presented by members who are content experts in their field
- Use technology to enhance the marketing, communication, and delivery of the conference program
- Act as a resource person for circle officers and members in functions related to the conference
- Strengthen partnerships with OΔK corporate partners to increase sponsored program offerings
- Inspire collegiate involvement in the NLC and other OΔK programs and services
- Provide information to help promote the activities, services, and events of the Society through appropriate communications opportunities
- Adhere to the policies and procedures of the Society.

### **National Leadership Conference – Chair (CPT Leader)**

“The National Leadership Conference Chair directs the planning and execution of the OΔK National Leadership Conference and is the chair of the National Leadership Conference Planning Team (CPT). Volunteers in this role practice strong communication, strategic program development, and collaboration skills to provide meaningful experiences and professional development opportunities at OΔK’s largest annual event. The CPT Leader serves a two and one-half year term as CPT Leader-Elect, CPT Leader, and Past CPT Leader. During the assigned conference year, the CPT Leader leads the Conference Planning Team, serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees, and works closely with the staff of the National Headquarters.” (OΔK Policies and Procedures Handbook, Section 820)

The Vice President for Membership and Operations (VPMO) is responsible for all aspects of the National Leadership Conference and partners with the CPT Leader to plan and produce the conference. The VPMO or the President and CEO must approve all branding, financial, and contractual obligations of the National Leadership Conference.

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