



October 2016

October is a special month. You are leading your Mortar Board chapter to great fall programming, enjoying your campus' fall activities, and observing an important Mortar Board deadline day — October 15. Here's what's up!

October 15 — the quad deadline — important action items:

1. If your chapter made updates to your CAP (Chapter Action Plan) OR missed the September 15 deadline, submit your CAP ASAP!
2. Apply to serve on the Conference Advisory Board (CAB).
3. Nominate an alumni member for a position on National Council.
4. Propose an amendment to the *Bylaws of Mortar Board, Inc.*

More information on each of these important items can be found below.

Don't delay! Take the best leaders' advice and do it now. That way, you can celebrate October 15 with your "to do" list completely clear! If you have questions, your [section coordinator](#) or the [National Office staff](#) are only a phone call, text or email away. We are here to help!

NEWS

CALL FOR 2017 ALUMNI AWARD NOMINEES

The Emerging Leader Awards, Alumni Achievement Awards and Distinguished Lifetime Membership Awards are given by Mortar Board to alumni who have demonstrated Mortar Board's continuing commitment to the Ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. These alumni are models for the collegiate members as well as illustrations of what Mortar Board stands for. Intentions to nominate may be submitted by alumni chapters, collegiate chapters, or individual Mortar Board members on or before November 15. [Read more about the awards](#) and submit your nomination today!

2017 CONFERENCE FEE ANNOUNCED

The 2017 conference fee is \$350, and the fee is due from each chapter when it submits its Official Membership Report (OMR) in the spring of 2017. This fee offsets the cost of the Mortar Board National Conference, and every chapter is required to pay the conference fee. It costs almost \$700 to bring each conference delegate to the National Conference, so the conference fee constitutes only half that amount. Chapters are encouraged to pay the fee early! Simply send a check to the National Office or call with a credit card payment. Pay before March 15 and receive one free medallion for your chapters use.

Mark your calendars—the 2017 National Conference will be held **August 4 - 6 in Phoenix, Arizona!**

MORTAR BOARD FELLOWSHIPS

Since the inception of Mortar Board's fellowship program in 1941, more than \$750,000 has been given to deserving members of Mortar Board pursuing postgraduate degrees. A member of any age may apply for a Mortar Board Fellowship for postbaccalaureate degree study in any field. The Mortar Board Fellowship Selection Committee endeavors to provide for a streamlined, yet thought-provoking application process that allows each applicant to showcase her/his accomplishments and plans. Mortar Board is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Learn more about the application process and frequently asked questions at <http://www.mortarboard.org/About/Fellowships/>. Application deadline is March 1.

CONFERENCE PHOTO GALLERY

The online conference photo gallery can be found at <http://ettible.zenfolio.com/mbnc2016>.

AMAZON SMILE

Next time you make a purchase at Amazon, use [Amazon Smile](#) and support Mortar Board!

MEMBER RECONSIDERATION CAMPAIGN

Many students' situations change over the summer, and they regret refusing membership in Mortar Board, so it is Mortar Board's policy to provide them a chance to reconsider. In August the National Office staff emailed all candidates who declined their offers of membership last spring. These are the candidates that your chapter reported as "refused" on the Official Membership Report (OMR). The National Office staff will let you know if your chapter has acquired any new members through this "reconsideration campaign." You will want to include these new members in your chapter's activities. Be sure to wrap them in quickly. They may turn out to be some of your best members! For an up-to-date list of all member fees paid online, advisors can log into their accounts at <http://bit.ly/MBPaymentUpdate>. If you have questions, please contact your section coordinator or the National Office at mortarboard@mortarboard.org.

UPCOMING DUE DATES

DUE IMMEDIATELY

Unsubmitted Chapter Action Plans

Chapters that missed the September 15 CAP deadline, please be sure to submit the CAP to your section coordinator AND also to reports@mortarboard.org as soon as possible (before October 15).

DUE OCTOBER 15

Conference Advisory Board applications

The Conference Advisory Board (CAB) is a group of members who assist in the planning and execution of the national conference. Any collegiate member of Mortar Board is eligible to apply, and preference will be given to members who have attended at least one national conference. All forms and applications can be found online at <http://www.mortarboard.org/Conference/CAB/>.

Nominations for alumni leadership positions on National Council

Do you wish to nominate a Mortar Board alumni member for one of the three national leadership positions available on the National Council? The positions are president-elect, secretary-treasurer and alumni representative. Details can be found on the [nomination form](#). The candidates who are slated (one for each position) will be announced in

December, and chapters may review their credentials before the Special National Conference. More on this in the November *LeadingLeaders*.

Amendments to the *Bylaws*

Any member may propose amendments to the *Bylaws of Mortar Board, Inc.* for consideration by the Governance Committee. The committee will gather proposed changes for a vote by the student membership at our 2016 Special National Conference. All proposed changes or general suggestions should be emailed to Jane Hamblin, executive director at governance@mortarboard.org on or before October 15. In addition, if you would like to serve on the Governance Committee or learn more about it, please let Jane know.

CHAPTER VIDEO SHOWCASE

At the national conference, chapters have the opportunity to showcase their activities and programs through one-minute promotional videos. Start planning your chapter's video now! Think of all the visibility you will gain on your campus with your new promotional video. Submissions are due on or before May 15, 2017, and the promo videos will all be shown at the national conference. View 2016 videos [here!](#)

Please submit your videos to <http://bit.ly/ChapterVideos>.

CHAPTER RESOURCES

FINDING YOUR FUNDRAISING NICHE

Fundraising can be a challenge for any chapter. But, it is an important part of your chapter's overall success! How do you find a fundraiser that will be worth your time and effort?

Use your campus resources!

As a registered student organization, are you eligible to receive funding through student activity fees? Does your student activities office publish handbooks or guidelines for student organization fundraising? If you are not sure of the answers, be sure to check them out.

Follow any rules or guidelines your state or institution may have!
Be especially mindful of rules around games of chance and raffles.

Have fun with this!

Decide on fundraisers that your members will enjoy and elevate Mortar Board's Ideals and brand. If you have fun and think creatively, you can find a fundraiser that will not only help raise funds for your chapter, but will make you more visible on your campus and serve student life at the same time!

[Handbooks and guides](#)

[Report forms](#)

[Fellowships](#)

[Mortar Board Store](#)

[MBNC16 App](#) - The conference app is a year-round mobile resource. Download it today!

EVERY CHAPTER CAN PARTICIPATE IN CENCAM

Chapters are encouraged to participate in CenCam in three ways:

- Text TORCH and YOUR NAME to 27722 – challenge your members to donate \$10 via text and get on track for the Tapping Society
- Create a chapter endowment - provide unending financial support for your chapter's future
- Donate online at <http://www.mortarboard.org/Give/> and commemorate Mortar Board's 100th!

Chapters are encouraged to use the CenCam chapter resource presentation available at <http://www.mortarboard.org/Collegiate/Resources/>.



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