

Charitable Giving Task Force Report

For a number of years there was a tradition for the National Fraternity Council, when gathered at the annual Chapter, to vote to give money from NAFRA funds to various charitable organizations. This worthy tradition began simply enough, but over the years the process grew unwieldy and more complicated. Suggestions for which organizations to fund grew in number, pleas were made, and it took time to find consensus on how much should be given to each entity. It became obvious to everyone that it was taking too much time.

A few years ago, a Charitable Giving Task Force was established to assist us in this process, and a new procedure was put in place. Prior to the Chapter, voting members would send nominations to the task force who would in turn determine which of those organizations would be funded and at what level. The task force would then bring their recommendation to the floor for a vote. This plan, however, did not streamline the process. The number of organizations nominated seemed to grow each year, and when the recommendation from the task force was presented, lengthy deliberations ensued.

The Charitable Giving Task Force at their meeting earlier this year, suggests that we discontinue the tradition of making specific financial donations each year at Chapter. Consensus was that charitable giving is best done at the Regional, or local level.

When a particular need for funds arises (e.g., hurricane relief), the NEC can put out a call to the national family for donations, as we've always done.