

# National Society of Black Engineers

## Collegiate Member Toolkit



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To increase the number of culturally responsible Black Engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community

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## Introduction

### *The History of NSBE*

In 1971, two undergraduate engineering students at Purdue University, Edward Barnette (now deceased) and Fred Cooper, approached the dean of engineering at Purdue with the concept of starting a campus organization, the Black Society of Engineers (BSE). At the time, the dropout rate for Black engineering students was a devastating 80%. Informed and motivated by Arthur J. Bond, a leader in the nascent national movement to increase the representation of Blacks in engineering, and the only Black faculty member on Purdue's staff, Barnette and Cooper established the BSE, whose members contributed greatly to the recruitment and enrollment gains of Black engineering scholars at their school during the next three years. The group continued to gain momentum in 1974, with the leadership and active participation of six protégés of Dr. Bond who hailed from Lindblom Technical High School in West Englewood, Chicago: Anthony Harris, Brian Harris, Stanley L. Kirtley (*deceased*), John W. Logan, Jr. (*deceased*), Edward A. Coleman and George A. Smith, now known as the "Chicago Six," who set out with other BSE members to establish a national organization for Black engineering students.

BSE's president, Anthony Harris, wrote a letter to the presidents and deans of every accredited engineering program in the country, explaining the SBE concept and asking them to identify Black student leaders, organizations and faculty members who might support their efforts on a national basis. Approximately 80 schools responded. Many had similar Black student organizations that had long communicated informally with Purdue's BSE. A date was set for the first National Meeting, and 134 students representing 28 schools attended the event, which was held on Purdue's campus, April 10–12, 1975. At that historic meeting, through a majority vote, SBE became the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Official incorporation of NSBE as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization came later, in December 1976. NSBE's national symbol — the familiar "N" and torch with lightning bolts — was adopted in April 1977, representing the premier technical organization for African American engineering students and professionals. William Johnson, also of Purdue, served as the first elected national chair of NSBE. Virginia Booth became the first female NSBE national chair and the first to serve two terms, 1978–1980.

NSBE, today, is an international organization serving more than 17,000 members and 650 chapters in the U.S. and abroad, and the Annual Meeting has grown to become the Annual Convention, hosting more than 13,000 attendees. Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, NSBE offers academic excellence programs, scholarships, leadership training, professional development programs and events and access to career and community empowerment opportunities for thousands of members annually. With a multitude of elected leadership positions, 12 regional conferences and the Annual Convention, NSBE provides opportunities for success that remain unmatched by any other organization serving Black students and professionals in STEM.

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### *Future of NSBE*

The future achievements of the National Society of Black Engineers are unlimited. With the continued dedication of our members and supporters, NSBE can and will achieve its full potential. The successes mentioned in the historical sketch above are but a small sample of the infinite possibilities.

### *The Call*

With more than 17,000 members in the U.S. and abroad, the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) answers the call for leadership in diversity, equity and inclusion in STEM and social justice in the broader community. NSBE provides training and practice in leadership, technical excellence, cultural awareness and community empowerment to those who have the drive to make a difference through engineering, technology and science. A family strong in positive values, NSBE is one of the largest student-led organizations based in the United States.

### *The Organization*

NSBE comprises more than 338 chapters on college and university campuses, 82 professional chapters and 230 NSBE Jr. chapters. These chapters are divided into six geographic regions that span the entire U.S. and many other nations of the world.

### *The Mission*

NSBE's mission is *“to increase the number of culturally responsible Black Engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.”* In striving to fulfill the mission, the members of NSBE set out each year to accomplish the following goals:

- Stimulate and develop student interest in the various engineering and related STEM disciplines.
- Increase the number of minority students studying engineering at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Encourage members to seek advanced degrees in engineering or related fields and to obtain professional engineering certifications.
- Encourage and advise minority youth in their pursuit of STEM careers.
- Promote public awareness of engineering and the opportunities for Blacks and other minorities in engineering and related professions.
- Connect members to professional opportunities and trainings.
- Function as a representative body on issues and developments that affect the careers of Black Engineers.

### *The Symbol*

The NSBE torch symbolizes our everlasting, burning desire to achieve success in this competitive society and to effect a positive change in the quality of life of all people. The lightning bolt represents the striking impact that will be felt by the Society and industry because of the contributions and accomplishments made by dedicated members of the National Society of Black Engineers.

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## Why Join NSBE: The Collegiate Membership Value Proposition (MVP)

As the premier organization for Black Engineers, NSBE is *the* family for college students emerging into the engineering profession and related STEM fields. In addition to the sense of belonging fostered within NSBE, there are many tangible benefits to being a NSBE member, among them:

- Access to employers at NSBE regional conferences and the NSBE Annual Convention
- Academic support via tutoring and academic excellence programs
- Leadership development on the local (chapter), regional and national levels
- Job opportunities available in NSBE's Career Center
- Scholarship and fellowship grants awarded to deserving students
- Opportunities to meet thousands of other students and technical professionals in your field of study
- Chances to compete in a vast number of programs that help prepare you for graduate school and your future career
- Opportunities to give back to the community through NSBE's Technical Outreach and Community Help (TORCH) and Pre-College Initiative (PCI) programs and NSBE's Social Justice Initiative
- Discounted registrations to conferences, including the Annual Convention
- Access to technical training
- And more!

### Programs

Programs are the driving force of the National Society of Black Engineers. Thousands of members participate in our programs during Fall Regional Conferences and Annual Convention, but there are many opportunities to engage with NSBE programs throughout the year. Most programs fall under the following categories: Pre-College Initiative, Academic Excellence, Technical Outreach and Community Help, Leadership Institute and Engineering Diversity.

The **Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Program** aims to inspire K–12 students to pursue an engineering or related STEM discipline in college and later in industry, government, academia or the nonprofit sector. Collegiate members often serve as mentors to introduce these children to STEM. NSBE's Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) program is the Society's signature three-week, cost-free, hands-on engineering design program for students in grades 3–5 who come from groups underrepresented in STEM. For many students across the U.S. and beyond, SEEK serves as a gateway to the year-round learning activities of the PCI Program.

**Academic Excellence (AEx) programs** are geared toward preparation of students for academic success. The Collegiate Academic Retention Program is a prime example of AEx in action. The Retention Program's purpose is to improve the four-year and five-year graduation rates of NSBE undergraduates and improve overall academic confidence and performance. The program serves as an umbrella for four programmatic components: Technical and Professional Skills Workshops; Mentorship; Study Halls and Semester Check-Ins; and Mental Health Awareness.

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**Technical Outreach and Community Help (TORCH) programs** demonstrate our social activism as an organization. This includes engagement with the community as well as a quest for social justice. A recent outgrowth of TORCH, the RISE Initiative — “Research and Development, Innovative Thinking, Social Emergence and Excel before the pressure” — was developed to assist NSBE members in becoming more knowledgeable about social justice and use their growing skills to develop solutions to injustice.

**Leadership Institute (LI) programs** prepare the next generation of leaders for the Society. An example of LI programming is the Gary S. May Shadow Initiative. Named in honor of a former NSBE National Executive Board chair who now leads the University of California, Davis, as chancellor, this program allows NSBE collegiate and graduate student members to shadow NSBE regional and national officers holding positions that interest them. Focusing on leadership development, the program gives a deeper understanding of NSBE leadership.

**Engineering Diversity (ED) programs** address the desire of members to enter the plethora of fields where their STEM skills provide an advantage but that may deviate from the “traditional” engineering pathway.

More information about these programs and others can be found on [NSBE's website](#) and through conversations with the regional and national Programs Zone members for each program.

### *Scholarships*

NSBE scholarships are offered semiannually to members on both the national and regional levels. For national scholarship information, please navigate to [NSBE's website](#). For regional scholarship opportunities, please reach out to your regional officers and follow your region’s social media channels.

### *Special Interest Groups*

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are signature programs of NSBE chartered to link the Society with current technology and policy and to promote technical excellence among NSBE Collegiate and Professional members. SIGs provide a platform on which members engage in exploring and discussing particular areas of focus and interest. NSBE has 12 SIGs:

- Aerospace
- Energy
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Engineering
- Healthcare Innovation
- Information Technology Think Tank
- Intellectual Property
- Process Improvement

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- Public Policy
- Transportation
- Women in Science & Engineering
- Young Technical Professionals

Although the SIGs differ in structure, the services they provide are generally the same, including (but not limited to) presenting technical workshops, developing scientific products, establishing or joining technology task forces and industry forums, providing technical responses to issues affecting our communities and keeping NSBE members up-to-date on industry-specific and policy trends. You can join a SIG when you renew your membership.

### Aerospace

Our mission is to equip NSBE members of all ages with tools to support innovation of aerospace solutions throughout their lifetime.

#### Values

- Building a sustainable pipeline of NSBE Aerospace Professionals
- Being a trusted source for technical engagement
- Being an impactful network that helps drive aerospace industry policy and innovations

#### Goals

- Provide a sustainable pipeline of aerospace professionals who are the catalyst for fulfilling NSBE's mission
- Service the NSBE aerospace pipeline through distinctive, value-added technical programming and advocacy deemed critical to navigating the industry

### Energy

The Energy SIG seeks to build a communal space that encourages dialogue and growth in our field.

### Entrepreneurship

The Entrepreneurship SIG promotes business ownership, develops the skills of business owners and provides tools to enable minority-owned technology businesses to operate in excellence. A major goal of the Entrepreneurship SIG is to make NSBE a resource for entities seeking to do business with technical minority-owned businesses.

### Environmental Engineering

The Environmental SIG provides a forum for professionals to network and receive information in their areas of expertise. The programs and projects of the Environmental SIG have a goal of achieving and maintaining distributional equity of sustainability- and environment-related information and experiences.

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## Healthcare Innovation

The mission of the Healthcare Innovation SIG (HISIG) is “to promote the development and implementation of innovations that will improve diagnosis, treatment and prevention of injury, illness and disease.”

The HISIG’s mission will be accomplished through our CARE Strategy:

**Connect** NSBE members interested in healthcare innovation with healthcare professionals in academia, government and industry for mentorship, professional development and or career opportunities.

**Advance** healthcare innovation through research, development and commercialization.

**Recruit** and **Retain** members interested in healthcare innovation.

**Educate** NSBE members and the Black community to healthcare disparities, innovations and careers, and **Expose** them to information on these topics.

## Information Technology Think Tank

Information Technology Think Tank (ITTT) is a NSBE Special Interest Group (SIG) aimed at the pursuit and promotion of creative answers to critical questions in the IT world. The main purpose of the ITTT SIG is to serve as the voice of the Black community in the area of IT and foster relationships between Corporate America and ITTT professionals and entrepreneurs.

## Intellectual Property

The Intellectual Property SIG’s mission is to create a forum to inform and provide opportunities to engage with minority engineers and scientists seeking to excel in the substantive field of IP, with the goal of increasing diversity and enriching the IP community as a whole. The IP SIG will provide its members with the support they need and will develop a road map for NSBE members, allowing Black Engineers and technologists to realize the many benefits and opportunities available in the field of IP.

The IP SIG will work closely with NSBE, as well as with other professional organizations (e.g., the National Bar Association), to provide a variety of benefits and opportunities for its members. Throughout the year, the SIG provides its members with tailored and relevant content and resources ranging from mentorship to financial support. Specifically, some of the benefits include:

- Education and encouragement of minority engineers to pursue careers in IP law
- Support of the efforts of minority engineers to excel in the field of IP law
- Infusion of diversity into the IP community and other enrichment of the community as a whole
- Procurement of sponsorship opportunities from law firms and corporations to support NSBE members pursuing careers in IP law
- Specialized IP training courses to help engineers seamlessly transition into the patent prosecution industry by leveraging their current skills and vast expertise

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- Assistance in career development through exposure to opportunities at law firms, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, startups and large corporations

The IP SIG also brings members up-to-date information on the development of IP law in the career marketplace, following and reporting on significant changes in global and domestic laws relating to patents, copyrights and trade secrets. Updates come through a combination of yearly newsletters, email alerts, sponsorship of panel programs, receptions hosted at the NSBE Annual Convention, co-sponsorship of conferences, and invitations to participate in meetings or initiatives relating to the IP industry.

#### Process Improvement

The mission of the NSBE Process Improvement SIG is to establish and build NSBE's corporate presence as a player within the process improvement (PI) consulting industry, grow our network in the PI community and serve as a PI consulting arm for NSBE.

The PI SIG is focused on developing our members to become subject matter experts under the umbrella of process improvement. Our focuses include, among others: change management, continuous improvement, data analytics, process improvement/management, project management and quality management systems.

#### Public Policy

The Public Policy Special Interest Group's (PolySIG's) mission is to study, discuss, educate and advise on public policy issues affecting Black Engineers, technologists and scientists in academia, industry, government and public communities. Our goal is to effect positive change as a Society in STEM-related policies in education, the workforce and the world. To achieve this goal, PolySIG has four specific areas of focus: STEM Education; Tech and Innovation; Social Justice and Community Empowerment; and Policy Research.

#### Transportation

The mission of the Transportation SIG is to share and address the latest policy and technical information as well as cover new ideas in transportation policy, planning, environmental engineering, design, construction, maintenance, operation, and management of transportation resources.

Our goals are to:

- Increase the number of Black Transportation Engineers in the U.S.
- Improve roads, bridges, transit systems, railways and aviation systems in the U.S.
- Support sustainable infrastructure projects critical for long-term growth
- Enhance public safety
- Spur job creation
- Innovate to improve the way federal dollars are spent on transportation

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## Women in Science & Engineering

The mission of the Women in Science & Engineering (WISE) SIG is to enlighten, engage with and empower NSBE women in STEM and foster relationships and collaborate with communities and institutions outside of NSBE.

## Young Technical Professionals

The Young Technical Professionals (YTP) SIG provides early career development opportunities for NSBE Professionals with 10 or fewer years of professional experience. YTP aims to create a community where young professionals can connect, learn and grow with like-minded individuals in industry. By fostering relationships between members and hosting engaging events, YTP is a supportive environment for members to share their knowledge and skills.

## *Other Membership Opportunities*

Other opportunities that benefit our members include the following:

1. Joint Membership Opportunities – NSBE offers joint memberships with other organizations with similar missions, such as the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).
2. BenefitHub – NSBE members may sign up for the benefits associated with BenefitHub. These include discounted hotel rates, flights and other deals.

## Membership

### *How to Obtain or Renew NSBE Membership*

College students, including graduate students, are able to obtain or renew their annual NSBE membership at NSBE.org by clicking the “Renew/Join” button on the top banner. Annual membership spans from Aug. 1 to July 31 of the following year. Annual national dues are \$15. An additional \$3 for regional dues are required if you are in Regions III or V.

## NSBE Leadership

### *National Executive Board*

The National Executive Board decides on all questions of policy and administers the affairs of the Society under the [National Constitution and National Bylaws](#) and the general provisions of the law under which NSBE is incorporated.

The Executive Board of the National Society of Black Engineers consists of the following zones and officers:

- The Administration Zone
  - National Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Programs Chair
  - Parliamentarian

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- National Historian and Documentation Chair
- Chair Emeritus
- The Membership Zone
  - National Vice Chair
  - National Membership Chair
  - International Committee Chair
  - Regional Chairs
  - National Professionals Chair
- The Communications Zone
  - National Secretary
  - Publications Chair
  - Public Relations Chair
  - Communications Chair
  - Technology Chair
- The Finance Zone
  - National Treasurer
  - Finance Chair
  - Assistant Treasurer of Special Projects
  - Convention Planning Committee Chair
  - Treasurer Emeritus
  - Financial Controller
- The Programs Zone
  - National Programs Chair
  - Pre-College Initiative Chair
  - Academic Excellence Committee Chair
  - Technical OutReach and Community Help Chair
  - National Leadership Institute Chair
  - Engineering Diversity Chair

## Directory

Position	Current Position Holder	Email
National Vice Chair	Victoria Pinkett	<a href="mailto:nebvicechair@nsbe.org">nebvicechair@nsbe.org</a>
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National Membership Chair	Taylor Scott	<a href="mailto:nebmembership@nsbe.org">nebmembership@nsbe.org</a>
National PCI Chair	Jalynn Burruss	<a href="mailto:nebpci@nsbe.org">nebpci@nsbe.org</a>

\*Regional chair information is located in the “NSBE Regions” section of this Toolkit.

## World Headquarters

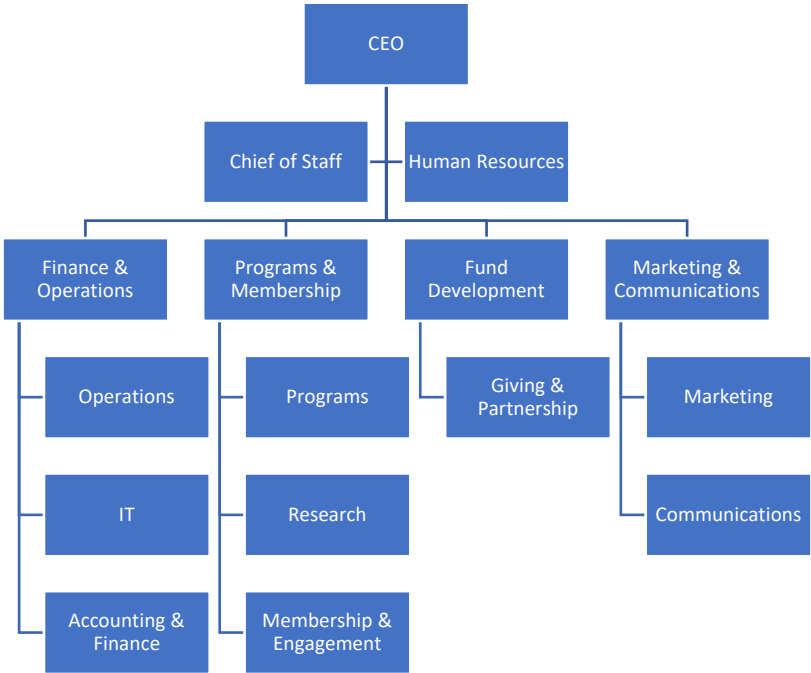
The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) World Headquarters (WHQ), in Alexandria, Virginia, serves as the focal point for virtually all official NSBE business. It is staffed by NSBE’s National WHQ staff team, which aids and advises NSBE’s leaders as we strive to accomplish the work of NSBE.

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*Regional Executive Boards*

The Regional Executive Boards serve as liaisons between NSBE chapters and the National Executive Board and administer the affairs of the regions according to the NSBE National Constitution and National Bylaws. There are six (6) regional executive boards consisting of the following officers:

Positions	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Region V	Region VI
Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X
Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X
Treasurer	X	X	X	X	X	X
Programs Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parliamentarian	X	X	X	X	X	X
Academic Excellence Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Charter/Membership Chair	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zone Chair/Coordinator(s)		x				
Finance Chair	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fall Regional Conference Chair		x	x			
Regional Leadership Conference Chair		x	x			
Pre-College Initiative Chair	x	x	x	x	x	x
Publications Chair	x	x	x	x	x	x
Public Relations Chair	x	x	x	x	x	x
Technical OutReach and Community Help (TORCH) Chair		x	x			

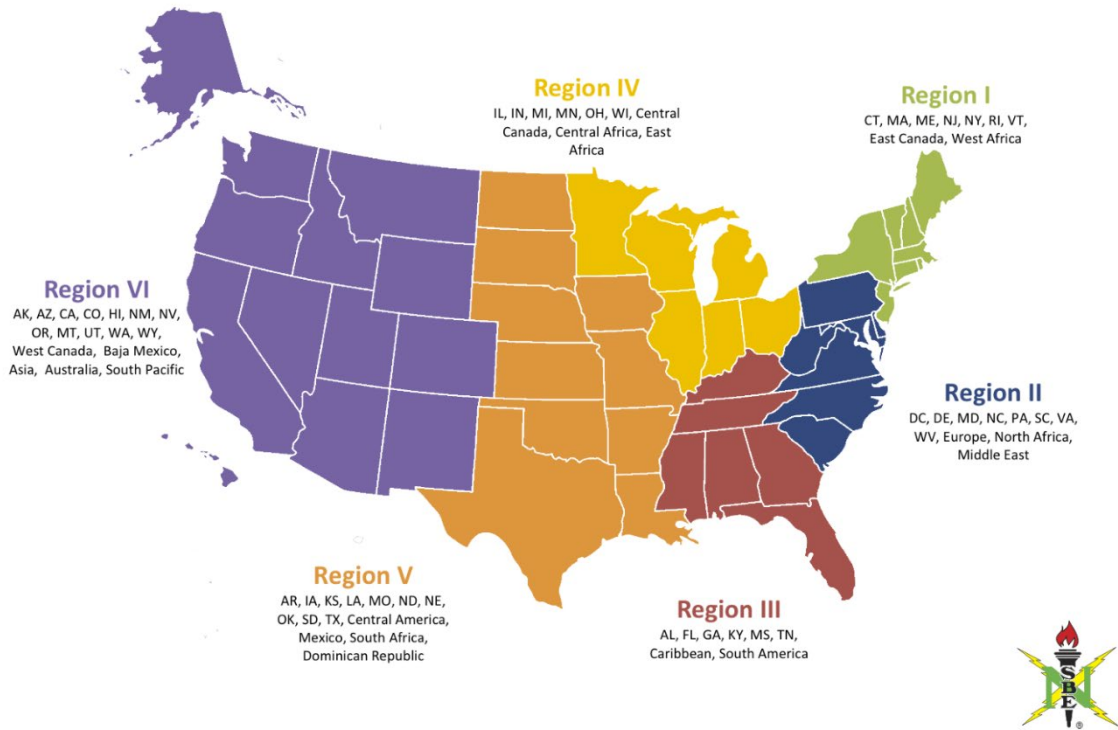
**NSBE Regions**

There are six geographic regions of the Society, each with its own history and culture. Please find your region using the following map to learn more.

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS MAP OF REGIONS



**Region I** consists of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Eastern Canada and Western Africa.

**Region II** consists of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East.

**Region III** consists of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, the Caribbean region and South America.

**Region IV** consists of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Central Canada, Central Africa and Eastern Africa.

**Region V** consists of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Mexico, Central America, South Africa and the Dominican Republic.

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**Region VI** consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Western Canada, Baja Mexico, Asia, Australia and the South Pacific.

### *Region I*

The regional color of Region I is green. The Region I chair, Christopher Outlaw, can be contacted at [r1chair@nsbe.org](mailto:r1chair@nsbe.org).

### *Region II*

The regional color of Region II is blue. The Region II chair, Myracle Jarmon-Moore, can be contacted at [r2chair@nsbe.org](mailto:r2chair@nsbe.org).

### *Zones*

Region II is a diverse and expansive geographical area comprising five distinct zones with unique characteristics. These zones include the Comfort Zone, which encompasses North Carolina and South Carolina; the Danger Zone, covering Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware; the End Zone, comprising Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia; the O Zone, which includes Virginia (except Northern Virginia); and the Terror Zone, encompassing Maryland, Washington D.C., and Northern Virginia. In addition, Region II extends its reach beyond U.S. borders with international chapters in Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East. This global presence further enriches the region's cultural and organizational diversity, making it a dynamic and multifaceted part of the broader community.

### *Chants*

Region II has three unique chants, and they are as follows:

#### **#2HYPE CALL**

**Leader:** Can I get a...TWWWWOOO HHHYYYYPPPEEEE?

**Response:** TWWWWOOOO HHHYYYYPPPEEE

**Leader:** TWWWWOOO HHHYYYYPPPEEEE

**Response:** TWWWWOOO HHHYYYYPPPEEEE

**All:** Deuce Deuce Deuce Deuce

#### **DEUCE CHANT**

**Leader:** AND WE REPRESENT THE D

**Response:** AAYEEEE

**Leader:** E, U

**Response:** E, U

**Leader:** C, E

**Response:** C, E

**Leader:** AND WE KEEP IT TWO HYPE

**Response:** TWO HYPE

**Leader:** AND WE KEEP IT TWO HYPE

**Response:** TWO HYPE

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## DISS CHANT

To the tune of "[Moments in Love](#)" by Art of Noise:

### Chorus (ALL):

Two, two, two, two

Hype, hype, hype

Two, hype, hype, hype, hype, hype

twwoooooo hyyyppee two hyyppppee (4x)

### Bars:

**Leader:** We stay two hype, two type

**Response:** We putting fires out

**Leader:** We stay two hype, two type

**Response:** They ain't ready fo' us now

**Leader:** We stay two hype, two type

**Response:** Shut your mama and 'em down

**Leader:** We stay two hype, two type

**Response:** We stay deep up in yo' house

## Region III

The regional color of Region III is red. The Region III chair, Kendall Flores, can be contacted at [r3chair@nsbe.org](mailto:r3chair@nsbe.org).

### Regional History

The first person from Region III to become National Executive Board chair was S. Gordon Moore Jr. He served as chair from 1995–1997.

Destinee Carter, who was once Region III chair, is the 2023–2024 National Convention Planning Committee chair.

Former Region III Chairs:

Kendall Flores: 2022–2023

Zora Mckoy: 2022–2023

Destinee Carter: 2021–2022

Chaynanne Burey: 2020–2021

Anthony Fisher: 2018–2019 and 2019–2020

### Chants

#### Three Ready Chant:

(To the cadence of "We Ready" by Archie Eversole)

**Members:** Three ready

**Leader:** Is my Region Ready?

**Members:** Three ready

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**Leader:** Yea my Region Ready!  
**Members:** Three ready  
Repeat

### **My-Tee T (Mighty T) Chant:**

The my-tee T

Yeah

H-R-E-E

Yeah

We are the

P-O-W-E-R(of)-H-O-U-S-E

### **3 Shots Chant:**

Don't make

me deal

With another region body in here

Imma shoot (*imma shoot*)

3 shots (*3 shots*)

Somebody done made three hot (*three hot*)

### *Region IV*

The regional color of Region IV is yellow. The Region IV chair, Philip Lawal, can be contacted at [r4chair@nsbe.org](mailto:r4chair@nsbe.org).

### Chants

#### **Region IV Chant**

**Leader:** What's up Region Four?

**Members:** Fo'Solid

**Leader:** How Long?

**Members:** Fo'Life, Fo'Eva.

#### **I-V**

It's not the 1, (AYY)

It's not the 2, 3, 6 or the 5

But it's the number 1 region that's live

If you hear me let me hear you say

I-V I-V

#### **The Bomb I-V**

To the tune of "You're All I Need" by Method Man ft. Mary J. Blige

**Women:** The Bomb I-V is the best in NSBE

**Men:** It you want some, come and get some!

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## **It's Yo Mamma**

Region 1 think they burnin'  
2 hype Fo nothin  
3 think they ready  
But the Fo keep it jumpin'  
It's Yo Momma (x3)  
FO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
5 tried to serve up  
The 4 sent it back  
6 pay the rent cuz it's yo momma's house  
It's Yo Momma (x3)  
FO!!!!!!

## **Fo'Yo Mama**

**Leader:** Who yo Mama?  
**Members:** Fo' YO MAMA  
**Leader:** Who yo Mama?  
**Members:** Fo' YO MAMA  
**Leader:** Other regions....  
**Members:** Stop yo Drama  
**Leader:** Show Respect....  
**Members:** Fo'YO MAMAA

## *Region V*

The regional color of Region V is orange. The Region V chair, Chika Okwor, can be contacted at [r5chair@nsbe.org](mailto:r5chair@nsbe.org).

### Zones

Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, South Africa, Mexico, Zimbabwe

### Recent Region V History:

2023–2024 Chair: Chika Okwor

2023–2024 Fall Regional Conference : #NSBE50 I.M.P.A.C.T., in New Orleans, LA

2022–2023 Chair: Yobesh Okero

2022–2023 Fall Regional Conference: #NSBE49: I AM S.T.E.M., in Little Rock, AK

### Chants

**One Person:** “Can I get a how deep!!!!!!!!!!”

**All:** “FIVE DEEPPPP!”

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## Region VI

The regional color of Region VI is purple. The Region VI chair, Elizabeth Eyeson, can be contacted at [r6chair@nsbe.org](mailto:r6chair@nsbe.org).

## Conferences

### Regional Leadership Conferences

The Regional Leadership Conference (RLC) is held in each of NSBE's six regions annually and gives NSBE leaders on the regional and chapter levels an opportunity to learn the functional duties of their positions as well as critical team-building and project management skills. For more information about the Regional Leadership Conferences, contact your regional chair.

### Fall Regional Conferences

Fall Regional Conferences (FRCs) attract between 500 and 1,000 pre-collegiate, collegiate and technical professional members per region. Conferences include a career fair (average of 20 exhibitors); the general conference, with workshops, general sessions and entertainment; and a Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Conference, featuring a science fair, competitions, group projects and workshops. For more information about Fall Regional Conferences, contact your regional chair.

### Professional Development Conference

The Professional Development Conference (PDC) is a regional event held annually. The conference, hosted by NSBE Professionals, features networking sessions, a career fair, professional development workshops, awards ceremonies and entertainment. For more information about the Professional Development Conference, contact [pdchair@nsbe.org](mailto:pdchair@nsbe.org).

### National Leadership Conference

The National Leadership Conference (NLC) is an annual event that trains incoming regional and national leaders in key areas such as time management, project management and board leadership.

### Annual Convention

The Annual Convention is designed to bring the entire NSBE family together for inspiration, education, career and technical training and fellowship, and to conduct the business of NSBE. Technical and scientific competitions, keynote speakers, banquets and luncheons, entertainment events, college admission test preparation, professional certifications, a two-day Career Fair and the culminating NSBE Golden Torch Awards ceremony are among the dozens of activities on the Convention agenda each year.

## Stay in Contact

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## National Partners

### *Board of Corporate Affiliates*

The NSBE Board of Corporate Affiliates (BCA) members are NSBE's top-level corporate, government and nonprofit partners. Beyond their financial contribution, they have signed up as a partner to work with NSBE leadership to fulfill the NSBE mission. To view the list of current NSBE sponsors, visit <https://www.nsbe.org/Partnerships/Corporate-Partners/Board-of-Corporate-Affiliates>.

### *Affiliate Partners*

NSBE's Affiliate Partners are essential to the progress of the Society's mission and objectives, providing vital funding for the Fellows Program, student scholarships and the Annual Convention.

## Abbreviations

AEC – Academic Excellence Committee

AEx – Academic Excellence

APC – Administrative and Personnel Committee

BCA – Board of Corporate Affiliates

CCI – Community College Initiative

CDP – Chapter Development Program

CEB – Chapter Executive Board

CPC – Conference Planning Committee

ED – Engineering Diversity

FRC – Fall Regional Conference

GTA – Golden Torch Awards

IC – International Committee

LRP – Long-Range Plan

NAB – National Advisory Board

NEB – National Executive Board

NEO – National Executive Officers

NEW – National Engineers Week

NLI – National Leadership Institute

PCI – Pre-College Initiative

PDC – Professional Development Conference

PEB – Professionals Executive Board

PEO – Professionals Executive Officers

RAB – Regional Advisory Board

REB – Regional Executive Board

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RLC – Regional Leadership Conference

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SEC – Standards and Ethics Committee  
SIG – Special Interest Group  
TPC – Technical Professionals Conference  
USTR – Undergraduate Students in Technical Research

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