

Frostburg State University

New Member Program Outline

New Member/Pledge Educator

New Member/Pledge Educator Assistant

(Name)

(Name)

(Address)

(Address)

(Email)

(Email)

(Phone)

(Phone)

New Member Meeting(s):

Day

Time

Location

New Member Retreat (if one is scheduled):

Day

Time

Location

Initiation:

Day

Time

Location

Attach a week-by-week New Member Education Syllabus

Syllabus needs to include specific information that will be covered at each new member event. List the specific requirements new members are required to accomplish before they can be initiated. Please list all of the events (purpose and details of event), dates, times, and locations of events. for example:

Wednesday

To Date or Not to Date:

Time: 9:00pm-10:00pm

Location: ARMAH

Purpose: The new member and initiated member pairs will have a chance to get to know a little bit more about each other through conversations about family, hobbies, school, sports, vacations, etc.

Directions:

Before Activity: All members will be given a sheet of the questions to be asked during activity so that they will have a chance to prepare. Members may make their own questions, but giving examples helps those who are unsure (no sexually explicit, sexual orientation, alcohol related, or other inappropriate questions will be asked). Chairs in the room should be set up in pairs so that

the members sitting in them will be facing each other.

At Activity: The new members and initiated members will receive a sheet with time slots on it (see diagram). Then new members and initiated members will walk around and find a “date” for each half hour time slot writing in names. Initiated members may make dates with other initiated members and new members may make dates with other new members, but the dates should be a good mix of both. No one can make a date with the same “date” or with more than one person per half-hour. After everyone has made their “dates”, the new member educator will speed up time and allow 1-5 minutes for each half-hour. The participants will move around the chairs much like speed dating in order to meet with each “date”. The initiated members and the new members will move equally to find their next date and sit in a pair of chairs facing each other. The facilitator, usually new member director, will ask questions to be discussed on each date such as “What was your favorite family vacation?” No “Yes” or “No” questions should be asked, only questions that can be a conversations starter. (see provided list of questions.) Once the question has been asked, the pairs will have a chance to exchange answers and converse with one another. When time is up the participants will find their next “date” and the next question will be asked.