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**Lexington, Va.** -- Sigma Nu Fraternity is proud to announce that Brother Howard C. Pickett (North Carolina State University) was elected last week to serve as the Vice Chairman of the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). The NIC is the leading trade association for men's Greek-letter organizations in North America with 72 member organizations.

Brother Pickett brings years of involvement and leadership in the interfraternal movement to his Vice Chairmanship. He has served on the NIC board of directors since 2006 and was a staunch supporter in the recent adoption of member standards for the NIC. He went on to serve as chairman of the NIC's membership committee prior to becoming a board member.

Howard has been involved for more than three decades as a volunteer for Sigma Nu Fraternity, having faithfully served his own chapter, Beta Tau, at North Carolina State University as an advisor and house corporation officer. Howard has served in numerous volunteer positions for the General Fraternity including Division Commander and Vice Regent. In 2000, Brother Pickett became the Regent (international president) of Sigma Nu Fraternity and, during his tenure, led the Fraternity's transition to a policy governance model and to the adoption of the Fraternity's current strategic planning process. His leadership was instrumental in the founding of the Fraternity's housing concern, Fifth Point Properties, LLC, and he remains a member of Fifth Point's board of managers today.

"We are so proud and appreciative of Howard's dedication to Sigma Nu and the interfraternal movement," said current Regent John R. "Jay" Pitts (South Carolina). "Interfraternal leadership on local campuses and in the NIC has long been a hallmark of our Fraternity and we are pleased to lend yet another great leader for the good of all Greeks."

Brother Pickett will serve a two-year term as Vice Chairman. Peter Smithhisler, President and CEO of the NIC commented, "Howard is a well-connected and gifted leader. His passion for advancing the fraternity industry is evident in his work and efforts on behalf of all fraternities."

Headquartered in Lexington, Va., Sigma Nu Fraternity was founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington and currently has more than 180 active chapters and colonies on college campuses throughout North America.

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