

The
SIGMA ZETA

*National
Honorary Science Society*



NATIONAL
CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be THE SIGMA ZETA HONORARY SCIENCE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this society is two-fold: (1) to encourage and foster the attainment of a knowledge of the sciences; (2) to recognize the attainment of high scholarship among those fitted for membership in this society.

ARTICLE III: CHAPTERS

A chapter of this society may be organized in any institution of college rank offering a curriculum leading to the baccalaureate degree.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members shall be of three classes: active, associate, and honorary.

Section 2. Qualifications for active membership: (A) any college student above sophomore ranking, who is of good moral character, whose major academic interest lies in any of the fields of the natural sciences or mathematics, who has completed twelve semester hours (or the equivalent) in the major, and who has maintained a minimum average rating of 88% in the sciences and mathematics, and a minimum average rating of 84% in all subjects (including the sciences), shall be eligible for election to active membership; (B) all members of the faculties of the departments of science and mathematics shall be eligible for election to active membership. (NOTE: In 1937 the National Council recommended that this section be clarified by the addition of the

This constitution was originally adopted on May 19, 1934, and was subsequently amended in April, 1935, in April, 1939, and in May, 1942. The following edition incorporates these amendments.

words: "or the equivalent in letter grades or other rating scales" after the "88%" and "84%" in the above paragraph.)

Section 3. Any college student below junior ranking, whose major interest is in the natural sciences or mathematics, who has completed a minimum of eight semester hours (or the equivalent) in these fields, (grades as of section 2), may be elected to associate membership. (Associate members may participate in chapter activities but are ineligible to vote or to hold office.)

Section 4. Persons of distinction in the sciences or mathematics may be elected to honorary membership.

ARTICLE V: INSIGNIA

Section 1. The insignia for active members shall be the official badge of the Society as defined in the ritual.

Section 2. The insignia for associate members shall be a pin bearing the Society colors and the letters SIGMA and ZETA.

Section 3. The insignia for honorary members shall be the official badge of the Society.

Section 4. The official colors shall be blue and white.

Section 5. A certificate of membership shall be issued to all active members by the National Recorder-Treasurer.

Section 6. The coat-of-arms shall be of the design approved by the Society.

ARTICLE VI: NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Society shall consist of the National Chapter and the collegiate chapters as established.

Section 2. The National Chapter shall consist of the national officers and the regularly accredited delegates from the collegiate chapters to the Conclave.

Section 3. The officers shall be a National President, a National Vice-President, a National Recorder-Treasurer, a National Historian, a National Editor, and a Past National

President. These officers shall constitute the National Council.

Section 4. The national officers shall be elected by the Conclave and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 5. No person shall be eligible to election to a national office other than an alumni member or a faculty member of the Society.

ARTICLE VII: LEGISLATION

Section 1. The National Chapter shall be the supreme governing body of the Society, and in the interim between conclaves the National Council shall perform this duty.

Section 2. A National Conclave shall be held annually at such time and place as the National Chapter may decide.

Section 3. Upon all matters except the election of officers and amendments to the constitution the delegates to the Conclave shall vote as individuals.

Section 4. On election of officers and amendments to the constitution, the vote shall be taken by chapters. Each delegation shall designate one of its members to cast the vote of the chapter as determined by a caucus of the delegation.

Section 5. The actions of the National Chapter or the National Council are not subject to ratification by the constituent chapters.

ARTICLE VIII: POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the National President shall be to enforce the rules of the Society, to preside at meetings of the Society, to appoint national committees, and to call, when occasion demands, special meetings of the National Council.

Section 2. The duties of the National Vice President shall be to perform the duties of the National President in the absence or disability of that officer. The duties of the Past National President shall be supplementary

and advisory to the National President.

Section 3. The duties of the National Recorder-Treasurer shall be (1) to keep a faithful record of all of the proceedings of each meeting; (2) to be responsible for all books, papers, and writings of the Society committed to his care and to transfer the same to his successor at the close of his term of office; (3) to maintain a complete list of the active and honorary members of the constituent chapters and to issue certificates of membership; (4) to carry on the correspondence of the National Chapter and the National Council; (5) to receive from the former National Recorder-Treasurer all money belonging to the National Chapter and to collect all fees and receive all donations of money; (6) to pay out money as ordered by the National Chapter or the National Council; (7) to keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures and at the close of his term of office to make a written report of the same; (8) to turn over all money and other property of the National Chapter in his possession to his successor in office.

Section 4. The duties of the National Historian shall be to collect material and compile a faithful history of the Society.

Section 5. The duties of the National Editor shall be to edit and supervise the publication of all official papers of the Society and to serve as representative to the press.

Section 6. Each National Officer shall make a report to the National Conclave at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX: NEW CHAPTERS

Section 1. New chapters may be admitted to the Society on petition to the National Council.

Section 2. This petition shall be signed by not fewer than ten persons qualified for active membership, including two or more faculty members of the departments of the natural sciences or mathematics; it shall give

such information as the National Council may designate.

Section 3. The charter fee shall be ten dollars, one-half to accompany the petition and one-half to be paid upon the granting of the charter.

Section 4. On receipt of a petition, subject to the approval of the National Council, the National Recorder-Treasurer shall submit the petition to the chapters and if approved by two thirds of the constituent chapters, the charter shall be issued.

Section 5. A new chapter shall be installed by two members of the National Council or their representatives.

Section 6. Chapters shall be named from the Greek alphabet in the order of their installation.

ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES

The initiation fee for each member shall include one dollar and twenty-five cents payable to the National Chapter as a national initiation fee.

ARTICLE XI: PUBLICATIONS

The National Council shall publish the constitution, ritual, certificates of membership, and all other forms for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XII: CHAPTER REPORTS

Each constituent chapter shall submit an annual report of the activities of the chapter to the National Recorder-Treasurer on or before April 1 of each year.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to this constitution shall be submitted to the National Council, and if approved by a majority of the Council, shall in turn be submitted to the constituent chapters; if approved by a majority vote of two-thirds of the chapters, it shall be adopted and become immediately effective.