

BY-LAWS OF THE PI LAMBDA SIGMA CHAPTER
BETA PHI MU

ARTICLE I NAME

This Chapter shall be known as the Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter of Beta Phi Mu. Organized at Syracuse University, the Chapter is affiliated with Beta Phi Mu, the International Library Science Honor Society.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1. The purposes of this Chapter are those of Beta Phi Mu, "to recognize distinguished achievement in and scholarly contributions to librarianship, information science or library education, and to sponsor and support appropriate professional and scholarly projects related to these fields."

Section 2. This Chapter's motto is the separate Greek words, Paideia, Logos, and Sunophelimoi, expressing the threefold nature of its interests: culture, the expression of thought, and service.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The requirements for membership in Beta Phi Mu, Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter, are a grade point average of 3.75 and a faculty recommendation upon completion of a master's degree in library science.

Section 2. Any member of Beta Phi Mu may affiliate with Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter.

Section 3. Eligibility of potential initiates expires at the end of five years. During this period eligible persons will be issued three invitations to join Beta Phi Mu.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter shall consist of a President, A Vice-President who shall be President-Elect, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and elected directors.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected for a term of two years. The President-Elect shall serve the first and second years after election as Vice-President, the third and fourth years as President, the fifth and sixth years as immediate Past President.

Section 3. The President, Vice-President/President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors shall perform the customary duties pertaining to their offices and such other duties as may be designated by the Executive Board.

Section 4. Duties

- a. The President shall direct the affairs of the Society and preside at all Executive Board and membership meetings.
- b. The Vice-President shall serve in the absence of the President and shall be responsible for Chapter programs.
- c. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for corresponding with the National office of Beta Phi Mu, issue invitations to eligible initiates and handle other chapter correspondence.
- d. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all Executive Board and membership meetings.
- e. The Treasurer shall maintain all the financial assets and records of the Chapter.
- f. The Directors shall advise the Executive Board in matters relating to the Chapter.

Section 5. Selection Procedure:

- a. A Nominating Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Board.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of officers.
- c. The slate of nominees shall be mailed to each member in good standing with the notice of the spring business meeting.
- d. Officers shall assume office July 1st and serve for two years.
- e. In case of vacancy in any office the Executive Board shall have the power to fill it for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President/President-Elect, the Corresponding Secretary, the

Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, the elected directors, the immediate Past President, and the faculty advisor.

Section 2. Between meetings of the Chapter, the affairs of the Chapter shall be conducted by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at least once during each year at the call of the President or on written request of at least three members. A majority of the members present and voting at any meeting duly called shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI. DUES

Section 1. Each initiate shall pay to the Treasurer of the Chapter the National Initiation Fee plus the ten dollar chapter dues.

Section 2. Each member shall pay to the Treasurer of the Chapter ten dollars per year annual dues for the calendar year, January to December.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership for the transaction of business and initiation of candidates. Notice of the meeting shall be sent not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting to all members in good standing.

Section 2. A special meeting may be called by the President upon the request of the Executive Board, or upon petition of six active members of the Chapter, stating the purpose thereof. At least seven days written notice of all special meetings shall be given, stating the purpose thereof.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of those members in good standing present and voting, provided that the proposed amendments be appended to the call to meeting. Alternately, these Bylaws may be amended by distribution of a mail ballot with results being determined by a simple majority of those voting.

ARTICLE IX. FACULTY ADVISOR

Section 1. The Chapter shall have a faculty advisor approved by the Dean of the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University and appointed by the Executive Board. The faculty advisor must be a member of Beta Phi Mu.

Section 2. The Faculty Advisor shall serve a two year term and may be reappointed. The official duties shall be to represent the Chapter in matters of an academic nature before the University and to advise in all activities of the Chapter.

ARTICLE X. ADVISORY ASSEMBLY

Section 1. Annually the Executive Board shall select one representative to participate in the Advisory Assembly.

Section 2. The representative is responsible for reporting to the Executive Board of the Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter concerning the Advisory Assembly.

ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

Section 1. As a condition of dissolution of this Chapter the Executive Board shall convert its net assets at the time of dissolution into cash.

Section 2. Such cash shall then be donated to the National Office.

ARTICLE XII MERGER WITH ANOTHER CHAPTER

Section 1. As a condition of the merger of this Chapter with another Chapter the Executive Board shall convert its net assets at the time of merger into cash.

Section 2. Such cash shall then be donated to the newly formed Chapter as a basis for their treasury.

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