

CONSTITUTION OF ALPHA RHO CHAPTER OF PI ALHA XI

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Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1: Name: Alpha Rho chapter of Pi Alpha Xi, The Honor Society of Horticulture

Section 2 - Purpose: The purposes of this Honor Society are to recognize high scholarship, to foster good relationships among its members, to promote or to facilitate the exchange of ideas among members of the professions, and to establish cordial relations among students, educators, and industry members.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy: Membership shall not be denied to any student on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status. Exclusion or targeting any members based on the above identities will not be tolerated.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications criteria and expectations

Section 1. Active Members shall be enrolled students at Oregon State University undergraduates of at least Junior standing and graduate students with 3.00/ 4.00 GPA; have attended two consecutive meetings and have paid dues. Students should show promise of continued activity and interest in horticulture. Active members are the voting body of the organization.

Section 2. Associate Members shall be faculty or staff interested in academic horticulture. They shall not be eligible to hold office or vote. The faculty advisor is included in the

Section 3. Annual dues of \$10.00 shall be paid by September 30 of each year, after which a member will be dropped for nonpayment of dues.

Section 4. All voting members and officers of the Alpha Rho chapter of Pi Alpha Xi, must be currently enrolled for at least 6 credits at Oregon State University.

Article III – Officers: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the constitution and bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the association

Section 2. Officers shall be nominated in April or May of each year. Election shall be by secret ballot and the candidates receiving the most votes shall be named to their respective offices.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected

Section 4. Vacancies in offices shall be filled by nomination and voting of a quorum of active members

Section 5. Officers shall have earned at least 6 credit hours in their most recently completed term. This requirement does not apply to first-term transfer students.

Article IV - Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall include the officers of the association. They shall supervise affairs of the association between its business meetings, make recommendations to the association and perform other duties as specified in the constitution and bylaws. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the association and none of its actions shall conflict with actions taken by the association.

Article V - Standing Committees: Names, purposes, and composition.

Other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the association or the Executive Committee deems necessary to carry on the work of the association. Examples may include the photography con

Article VI – Method of Removing Officers and Members.

Section 1. Officers, Active and Associate Members: The privileges of the Honor Society may be denied to any active or associate member by the action of the chapter granting the membership. When such action is contemplated, the member in question must be given an opportunity to make a defense either in person or in writing. The member shall be notified in writing (registered mail, return receipt required) of such proceedings ten days before any action may be taken. Following such defense, or if no defense is offered, proceedings may continue.

A vote of two thirds of a chapter's active and associate members is required to legalize an action for expulsion. The action of the chapter is final. Following such action, the chapter must notify the National Secretary-Treasurer, who shall instruct the Executive Secretary to strike the name of such expelled member from the National Records. Expelled members shall be required to return both their lapel pin and certificate to the chapter. In return, the National Secretary-Treasurer shall instruct the Executive Secretary to process payment to such former member a sum of money equal to the entire cost of the lapel pin.

Removal of any member is only for the best of the society as a whole and is not based on the identity of the member. Please refer to the non-discrimination policy in Article 1, Section 3.

Section 2. Alumni and Honorary Members: The privileges of the Honor Society may be denied to any alumnus/alumna or honorary member by the following procedure: Preliminary action shall be instigated by the chapter or body responsible for such membership. The unanimous vote of the official body is necessary to continue the action. The results of such action, together with all evidence, shall then be transmitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer, who in turn shall notify the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall then proceed to evaluate the case and its decision shall be final.

Expelled alumni and honorary members shall be required to return both their lapel pin and certificate to the National Honor Society. In return, the National Secretary-Treasurer shall instruct the Executive Secretary to strike the name of such expelled member from the National Records and to pay such former member a sum of money equal to the entire cost of the lapel pin.

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Article VII – Faculty Advisor, role and expectations:

As a sponsored student organization a faculty advisor is expected to be an active part of this society. The faculty advisor must be of associate member status. The faculty advisor is not a voting member of the chapter, but can give advice and will be expected to make minimum attendance, described in article VIII, at both executive and general meetings. The role of the faculty advisor is to supervise the actions of the student body to ensure that they meet the rules and standards of the university. The faculty advisor will facilitate the relationship of the Alpha Rho chapter with the university where needed according to meet the requirements of a student sponsored organization.

Article VIII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

Participation is required to maintain active member status. Two general meetings will be required for active members each term. General meetings will occur monthly, at minimum three general meetings per term. Also participating in functions; such as fundraisers, field trips, and seminars, will count toward fulfilling meeting requirements. It will be the secretary's responsibility to maintain record of attendance.

Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval should require at least two-thirds of voting members present (and to conduct any business an organization should have quorum present at a business meeting, which is at minimum 50% + 1 of total organization members). The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article X – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution, bylaws and special rules of order the organization may adopt.