

ALPHA CHAPTER

Phi Chi Epsilon  
Fraternity

CONSTITUTION

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Whitewater, Wis.

# PHI CHI EPSILON CONSTITUTION

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## ARTICLE I—Section 1

The name of this fraternity shall be the Phi Chi Epsilon.

### Section 2

The derivation of the name of this fraternity is taken from the motto: Brotherhood, Character, and Endeavor.

### Section 3

The emblem of this fraternity shall consist of the first letter of each word of the motto, as follows: Brotherhood, Character, and Endeavor.

### Section 4

The purpose of this fraternity shall be to create a greater spirit of fellowship and brotherhood;

To assist its members in building up a high scholastic standard; and

To help raise the ideals and standards of the school.

## ARTICLE II—Section 1

Any student of the Whitewater State Teachers College may become a member of this fraternity after one term's attendance at Whitewater, and upon the concurrence of all active members of the fraternity; by taking the oaths, passing through the ordeals of initiation; and paying into the treasury the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents, including his first semester's dues.

### Section 2

#### Qualifications

To become an active member one must:

- a. Be regularly enrolled in the college;
- b. have completed the first semester of his freshman year;
- c. Attain a certain standard of scholarship, such standard to be determined by the members of the fraternity; and
- d. Be of good moral character.

## ARTICLE III—Section 1

### Officers

The names of officers shall be Zeus (pres.), Apollo (v. pres.), Hephaestos (secy.), Hades (treas.), Hermes (outer guard), and Orpheus (inner guard).

### Section 2

#### Duties

It shall be the duty of Zeus to open and close all meetings, to preside over all meetings and enforce a strict observance of the constitution, by-laws, and Rules of Order of this fraternity; to appoint officers pro-tem in case of inability of regular officer; to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; and to administer all oaths and lectures to initiates,



and to officers on their installation; to call all special meetings and to perform all other duties which may fall to him as presiding officer of the fraternity.

In case of the absence of Zeus, Apollo takes charge of all meetings, and performs all duties as listed above.

It shall be the duty of Hephaestus to keep the minutes of all meetings and to read the same when called upon by Zeus; to take charge of all the books and papers pertaining to his office which shall include all the written secrets and proceedings of this fraternity, the official documents of the same; to do all other official writings not otherwise provided for.

It shall be the duty of Hades to collect and take charge of all monies belonging to the fraternity; to pay all bills of the fraternity; to keep a written account of all monies expended and received by the fraternity; to keep an account of each member's financial standing with the fraternity; and to furnish a written statement of the same which shall be audited by a committee appointed for that purpose when called by Zeus or a majority of the active members of the fraternity; to keep all books and papers pertaining to his office, keeping on file all financial statements for future reference.

It shall be the duty of Hermes to guard the entrance to Olympus to see that none pass without the proper knocks and passwords; to aid Zeus in preserving order; to act under the orders of Zeus as executive officer in all initiatory ceremonies and at the installation of officers.

It shall be the duty of Orpheus to repair to Olympus before the time for the assemblage of the Gods, to prepare the meeting place for their reception; to keep the room and its furniture in a neat and orderly condition; to carry messages, and do such errands as are necessary for Zeus when the Gods are assembled; to act under orders of Zeus as an executive officer in all initiatory ceremonies and at all installations of officers.

#### Section 3

The officers of this fraternity shall be elected semi-annually by ballot in order of their rank.

#### Section 4

The election of officers shall take place on the next to the last meeting in each semester of each school year.

### ARTICLE IV—Section 1

#### Violation of Rules

Any member violating the rules of the Phi Chi Epsilon fraternity shall be subject to fine, suspension, or expulsion at the discretion of the active chapter.

### ARTICLE V—Section 1

#### Suspension

If at any time the president of the Whitewater State Teachers College for any good and sufficient reason sees fit, he may forbid the fraternity to operate within the school.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

of

#### PHI CHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

##### AMENDMENT I

By a seventy-five per cent (75%) majority vote of the active chapter this constitution can be amended.

##### AMENDMENT II

A simple majority of the active chapter shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

##### AMENDMENT III

By-laws, any permanent policy supplementing the constitution passed by a two-thirds (66⅔%) majority vote of the active chapter, may supplement this constitution.

##### AMENDMENT IV

The officers of this fraternity and their duties shall be as follows:

#### Section 1—Part A

The officers of this fraternity shall be a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, pledge-master, corresponding-secretary, sergeant-at-arms, and historian.

#### Part B

They shall be elected for a term of one semester.

#### Section 2—Part A

The duties of the president are:

1. To preside at all meetings and govern them according to Robert's Rules of Order;
2. To have the secretary call the roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting;
3. To bring up any unfinished business from past meetings and throw the meeting open for the introduction of new business;
4. To state and put to vote all questions which are regularly moved, and to announce the result of the vote;
5. To post notices of regular and special meetings;
6. To appoint the following standing committees, with one brother on each committee given the chairmanship: social, correspondence (cor.-secy. chmn.), financial (treas. chmn.), house, and pledge (pledge-master chmn.)



7. To act for the fraternity when it is impossible to hold a meeting, or in trivial matters, without consent of the active chapter;

8. To maintain and uphold the fraternity spirit at the highest point possible during his term of office;

9. To pledge that, as a figurehead of the fraternity, his loyalty lies first with the fraternity.

#### Part B

The duties of the vice-president are:

1. To preside at meetings in the absence of the president.

2. To give the president full co-operation at all times.

3. To act ex-officio on all standing committees.

#### Part C

The duties of the treasurer are:

1. To keep an accurate record of each member's account;

2. To give at least two notices to each member on his financial status;

3. To be ready and willing to accept dues at all times;

4. To collect room rent from all those staying at the house, remembering that:

a. No partiality should be shown, and

b. The householder should be paid promptly;

5. To see that all fines and assessments are currently recorded in each individual's account;

6. To make an earnest effort to collect dues owed by alumni;

7. To be prepared to present to the chapter or president a report of the financial status of the fraternity;

8. To present all bills (over \$2.50) to the chapter at regular meetings.

a. If the president authorizes treasurer to pay for a bill under \$2.50 no action need be taken at regular meeting of chapter; the president to use own discretion.

#### Part D

The duties of the secretary are:

1. To keep complete and accurate "minutes" of every meeting whether it be the regular or a special meeting;

a. All "minutes" must be typed and placed in a loose-leaf notebook in chronological order:

1) Minute books shall be placed in the fraternity file for future reference,

2) Each book shall be indexed chronologically;

2. To be on time at all meetings as a prime requirement;

3. To offer help and assistance to brother officers.

#### Part E

The duties of the pledge-master are:

1. To conduct pledge meetings at least once every week;

2. To instruct the pledges in the ethics of good fraternity spirit,

a. All pledges must know the letters of the Greek alphabet and their symbols, the frat song, history of the fraternity, etc.;

3. To, with the help of a pledge committee and other brothers, initiate the pledges upon the completion of their period of pledgship.

#### Part F

The duties of the corresponding-secretary are:

1. To send out at least two alumni letters during his term of office;

2. To send Christmas cards to parents of pledges;

3. To send bereavement cards upon death of any member (active or alumni) or parent;

4. To handle any correspondence that the president may direct him to.

#### Part G

The duties of the sergeant-at-arms are:

1. To help the president maintain orderliness at all meetings;

2. To take care of admittance after meeting has been called to order—allowing no one to enter without first giving the "knocks;"

3. To assist other officers in their duties;

4. To see that enough chairs are available at each meeting.

#### Part H

The duties of the historian are:

1. To cut all newspaper clippings, etc., of all frat happenings, whether it be of fraternity achievement or of personal achievement of a brother, and to paste them carefully in a neat and orderly fashion in a scrap book;

2. To keep the files up to date and in a condition which makes reference to any filed material an easy task;

3. To allow no individual brother to go through files without his permission, officers excepted.

#### AMENDMENT V

Any male member of the Whitewater State Teachers College student body may become a member of this fraternity after:

1. Being duly pledged in a manner to be determined by the active chapter;

2. Being regularly enrolled for one semester at the college;



3. Maintaining a C average for the semester hours undertaken the semester previous to his becoming an active; if he fails in this qualification, he is given one more semester to do this; if he fails a second time he is permanently dropped;

4. The active chapter agrees to his application for membership by a secret ballot; each candidate must be voted upon individually, and the necessary percentage for passage is to be determined by the active chapter;

5. Successfully passing through a period known as "Hell Week"; the requirements of this period are to be determined by the current pledge committee;

6. Paying in cash to the official treasurer of this fraternity the initiation fee of \$5.00 plus the first semester's dues of \$2.50. This total of \$7.50 must be paid before he can be formally initiated;

7. Taking the oaths and passing the ordeals of formal initiation.

#### AMENDMENT VI

The election of officers shall be held at a regular meeting during the second week before the end of each semester. Announcement of the election of officers must be made at the two immediately preceding regular meetings. A simple majority vote of the actives present shall be necessary for the election of each officer. If on the first ballot none of the nominees receives a simple majority vote, then the two nominees with the highest total of votes from the first ballot shall be reconsidered until one is elected.

#### AMENDMENT VII

It shall be the policy of Phi Chi Epsilon never to become affiliated with any organization or group in a permanent relationship.

#### BY-LAWS

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#### PHI CHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

##### By-Law Number I

Rules Governing Pledging of New Men.

1. We can not vote on men who have not been in school at least one semester.

2. A pledge must make at least a "C" average the semester before he is accepted. If he does not make it, he is given one more chance and then dropped if he fails to make it.

3. If a man receives only one black-ball we reconsider the vote immediately. If he is again black-balled he can not be voted upon until the following semester.

#### By-Law Number II

Rules Governing the Expulsion of Pledges.

1. In as much as we have certain duties which a pledge must perform during his pledge period, and in as much as these rules are on the books, if a pledge refuses to accept discipline he shall be liable to expulsion from the pledge group.

2. In order to expel a pledge, it shall be necessary for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the active chapter to vote for such action.

3. Furthermore, the president of this fraternity shall be empowered to accept a pledge pin from any pledge. The president, therefore, should use his own discretion and the president's decision shall be final.

#### By-Law Number III

Rules Governing the Dues of Active Members.

1. Each new member when taken into the fraternity must pay five dollars initiation fee.

2. The dues of each active member are \$2.50 per semester.

3. All active members with dues in excess of \$5.00 give the fraternity a non-interest bearing note payable one year after leaving school. The note may be renewed with the consent of both parties and to bear 6% interest. (This refers to seniors graduating with a bill on the books.)

#### By-Law Number IV

Rules Governing Absence from Meetings.

1. A member shall be fined 10c for every meeting he misses, the fine to be added to his account by the treasurer upon notification of absence by the secretary.

2. If a man misses more than three meetings in a row he is liable to expulsion from the active chapter. Expulsion shall be made through a majority vote of the active chapter.

#### By-Law Number V

Rules Governing the Bringing of Guests to Parties.

1. Any alumni brother may bring a guest, or guests, to any party given by the fraternity without asking the consent of the active chapter provided that each guest pay the regular assessment.

2. Any active member of this chapter wishing to bring a guest, or guests, to any of our parties is to get the consent of the sponsor and the social committee chairman. He will also be held responsible for his guest's paying of assessment fees.





## PHI CHI EPSILON

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I wish to express my thanks to this group. These brothers made up the active chapter the first semester, 1939-40, whose votes approved the revised edition of Phi Chi Epsilon's constitution.

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