

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Rho Lambda do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purposes be realized to its fullest extent.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization will be Rho Lambda at Louisiana State University and A&M College at Baton Rouge, henceforth referred to as Rho Lambda. Rho Lambda signifies "Panhellenic Leadership."

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to honor those women within Panhellenic who have been outstanding in the display of demonstrated leadership, ability and loyalty to Panhellenic and their sorority.

ARTICLE III. BASIC POLICIES

The following are basic policies of this organization:

- Section 1. The organization shall be non-commercial.
- Section 2. The name of the organization or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial concern.
- Section 3. The organization shall cooperate with Louisiana State University to support the improvement of education in ways that will not interfere with administration of the University.
- Section 4. The organization may cooperate with other organizations and agencies, but persons representing the organization in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the organization.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Any individual who subscribes to the purpose and basic policies of the organization may become a member of this organization, subject only to compliance with the provisions of the constitution. **NO STUDENT WHO MEETS THE OTHER CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP CAN BE DENIED MEMBERSHIP ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, DISABILITY, MARITAL STATUS, VETERAN'S STATUS, OR SEXUAL PREFERENCE.** An individual must also meet the following criteria to become member of organization:
 - A. A woman who in the opinion of the membership of Rho Lambda has displayed outstanding leadership, ability and loyalty throughout her years of sorority affiliation shall be eligible to become a member of the society.

- B. An overall average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for membership.
- C. Only active members in their junior or senior year are eligible. They must have been initiated active members of their sorority for at least two full academic terms or semesters.
- D. A candidate must be a regularly enrolled, full-time undergraduate student in the university.

- Section 2. Active membership is restricted to LSU students. Associate membership is restricted to LSU faculty and staff. Associate members are non-voting members.
- Section 3. Selection of members shall take place in the fall and/or spring of each academic year.
- Section 4. Only members in good standing with the organization shall be eligible to participate in its business meetings or to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions.
- Section 5. A one-time initiation fee of \$20 shall be paid prior to induction. (\$7.00 shall be paid to the national office; \$10.00 shall cover the cost of the badge.) Semester dues, the amount to be determined by the membership, shall be paid at the beginning of each semester.
- Section 6. In the event that this organization become inactive, all monies left in the treasury after all outstanding debts and claims have been paid shall be donated to the Panhellenic Council.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

- Section 1. To be eligible to be elected to, appointed to, or to hold an office or be a standing committee chairperson, a student must:
- A. Be enrolled as a full-time student at LSU, as defined by the University.
 - B. Not be on University disciplinary or scholastic probation.
- Section 2. The officers of this organization shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.
- Section 3. Duties of officers:
- A. President
 - 1. She shall preside at all meetings of the organization.
 - 2. She shall see to it that fairness and sincerity are demonstrated among the active members when selecting membership in this honor society.

3. She shall be responsible for induction services for new members and for ordering membership certificates from the National Office prior to the induction services.
4. She shall be responsible for seeing to it that an annual report is filed in the National Office by June 1 of each year.

B. Vice-President

1. She shall act as president pro-temp in the absence of the president.
2. She shall serve as chairman of tapping programs.
3. She shall keep a record of the names and tapping dates of all members of the organization.

C. Secretary

1. She shall keep minutes of all meetings, giving a copy to the president and advisor.
2. She shall be responsible for any correspondence.
3. She shall handle all other paper work such as: Constitution and by-laws, revisions, congratulatory notes to new members of the organization, etc.

D. Secretary

1. She shall be responsible for collecting dues and for entering items in the ledger, and paying bills.
2. She shall order the organization's badges.

Section 4. Election of officers shall take place after initiation of new members in the spring of each academic year.

Section 5. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the non-expired term by a person elected by majority vote of the remaining members of the executive committee.

Section 6. Any officer of Rho Lambda in violation of the organization's purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

- A. A written request by at least three members of the organization.
- B. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.
- C. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is necessary to remove the officer.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers and the advisor of Rho Lambda

ARTICLE VII. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Committees shall be appointed by the president as needed and committee chairmen and committee members shall serve until new officers are elected.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

- Section 1. Regular meetings of this organization shall be held a minimum of three times per academic semester.
- Section 2. Twenty-five percent of active members present shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of the organization.
- Section 3. The privilege of holding office and voting shall be limited to active members.

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are applicable.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Dean of Students or his/her designee.
- Section 2. A committee may be appointed to submit a revised constitution for the existing constitution only by a majority vote at a meeting of the association, or by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. The requirements for adoption of a revised constitution shall be the same as in the case of an amendment.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Rho Lambda will apply to the Center for Student Leadership & Involvement for registration on an annual basis two weeks after Rho Lambda's new officer elections.