

Article I: Name: Lambda Sigma

Article II: Objectives

1. To recognize and encourage high scholastic achievement.
2. To promote knowledge and acceptance of the Land Surveying profession.
3. To recognize the fundamental characteristics of the successful Land Surveyor and to aid in the development of these characteristics.
4. To support and enhance professional and student Land Surveying organizations in their growth.
5. To encourage understanding and cooperation between Land Surveying and other professions.

Article III: Organization and Membership

1. The selection of membership shall be based upon scholarship, integrity, and camaraderie, which are the three primary requirements of a successful land surveyor.
2. The membership shall consist of distinguished Land Surveying students. A chapter's land surveying staff and faculty shall be eligible for associate membership.
3. Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic group, national origin, sex or sexual preference.
4. Names of the Charter Members initiated at Purdue University on the 19th of April, 1978:

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| 1. Michael L. Bishop   | 10. Terance D. Lang     |
| 2. Michael G. Buettner | 11. William A. Luecht   |
| 3. Gregory D. Deeds    | 12. Gerald S. McEntyre  |
| 4. Gregory B. Eveslage | 13. Randy R. Mull       |
| 5. Charles B. Forbush  | 14. Paul W. Ogren       |
| 6. Frederick W. Groth  | 15. Thomas M. Orisich   |
| 7. Phillip J. Hoene    | 16. Matthew J. Pietryka |
| 8. Scott A. Iseminger  | 17. Randolph A. Sexton  |
| 9. Gregory J. Kennedy  | 18. Pamela M. Sostarich |

Article IV: Membership:

1. The three categories of membership are as follows:
  - a. Active members which consist of undergraduate students enrolled in the Land Surveying curriculum.
  - b. Associate members which consist of faculty, alumni, and graduate students in Land Surveying.

- c. Honorary members which consist of individuals who have contributed significantly to the areas set forth in Article II for which this organization was formed.
2. In general, a sliding academic scale shall be used to consider an undergraduate student distinguished and to determine eligibility as active members to this honorary society as follows:
  - a) The top one-quarter of the class for juniors
  - b) The top one-third of the class for seniors...based on the major grade point average or any junior or senior containing an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale. Active members automatically become associate members upon graduation.
3. Graduate students who have or are completing a broad-based land-surveying curriculum at the graduate level are eligible for initiation as associate members. Eligible individuals must have completed or be scheduled to complete at least one-half of their graduate work by the end of the semester in which the initiation occurs. The officers, with the aid of the faculty advisor, will determine the eligibility of such individuals. Associate and honorary members will be elected by a majority vote of the active members with the aid of the faculty advisor.
4. Active members to retain active status must attend at least one regular business meeting per academic year. If said requirement is not met, such member will be subject to temporary dismissal. All temporary dismissals are subject to review by active members and the faculty advisor.
5. All active members must be members of the local student chapter of the respective professional surveying society.

#### Article V: Officers

1. Offices of the Honorary Society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. Method of selection of the officers shall be by majority vote of the members present. The election of officers will take place during the last sixty days of the spring semester.
3. The term of office is for one year for all officers with termination being at the end of the spring semester.
4. Candidates for elective offices must be members of the honorary society and meet the requirements of the chapter's university regulations.
5. The Faculty Adviser must be an associate member and shall be selected for a period of two years by a majority of the members present.

## Article VI: Duties of the Officers

1. The President shall preside at all meetings and perform duties consistent with the objectives of the honorary society as are deemed necessary to the efficient performance of the office. The President shall appoint the standing and special committees and act as ex-officio to all committees.
2. The Vice President in the absence of the President or upon his/her disability shall assume the duties of the President. Upon resignation or death of the President, the Vice-President shall become President.
3. The Secretary shall handle and keep a record of all transactions, business, and correspondence; keep minutes of the chapter meetings to be presented to the chapter at the next meeting; maintain an active file of all members addresses and pertinent information; inform all members of activities of the chapter. The Secretary shall take attendance at each meeting and include such list in the minutes at said meetings.
4. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, assessments, and all other money owed to the chapter and act as custodian thereof; and shall audit, with the Faculty Adviser and the incoming Treasurer, the books and finances to ensure proper accounting of funds. The Treasurer shall keep accounts, deposit the organization's funds, and make expenditures in a manner approved by the official of the Fiscal Director of Student Finances. The Treasurer shall complete a list of membership and submit said list to the secretary for the active file.

## Article VII: Official Colors (PROPOSED)

1. The official colors of Lambda Sigma are green and orange, representing the colors the instruments commonly used by surveyors in the mid 1900's.

## Article VIII: Pledge Stake (PROPOSED)

1. Each new initiate shall complete a stake before being inducted into Lambda Sigma.
2. Said stake shall be nominally 2"x2"x16" with one flat end and one pointed end. On one side shall be the Greek letters  $\Lambda$  &  $\Sigma$  being 7/8" in height and placed at an azimuth of  $135^\circ$ , 2" from the top. On the same side as the letters shall be the year of the candidate's initiation and the initiate's name. Signatures of all of each candidate's pledge class shall be placed on the stake at various places. The side opposite the lettering shall be used for any personalization of the stake. The stake is to generally remain the natural color of the wood with the exception of any lettering, writing, etc., but may have a clear coat applied in order to preserve the stake. A chord shall be tied through a hole at the top end of the stake.

## Article IX: Call for Conclave (PROPOSED)

1. A conclave of representatives of the chapters will be held a minimum of once every three years.

2. The purpose of the Conclaves shall be to hear a report of each chapter, discuss the long term direction and set a vision for the next three years, to vote on proposed amendments and changes to the national constitution, and transact other business as needed.
3. Each chapter shall have two voting representatives excepting the Purdue chapter, which will have three voting representatives. Chapter representatives will be elected by popular vote of the members of each respective chapter and a list of such persons will be submitted to the hosting chapter at least two months in advance of the conclave.
4. Conclaves will be hosted on a rotating basis between active chapters as solicited by the member chapters. If no chapter requests to host the conclave, the Purdue chapter will hold it.
5. The host chapter will appoint a President of the Conclave at least 6 months prior to the date of conclave.
  - a) The President of the Conclave will be entrusted with directing the proceedings of the conclave.
  - b) The President of the Conclave shall send out a tentative agenda to all the member chapters approximately one month before the date of the Conclave.
  - c) The proceedings of the conclave are to follow Robert's Rules of Order.
6. The proceedings of the Conclave are to be recorded and filed by a Secretary who shall be appointed by the President of the Conclave. The Purdue chapter will hold all conclave records until such time as other arrangements are made for a central office.
7. At such time as the membership of Lambda Sigma shall reach seven (7) chapters, a reorganization to a central controlling body with authority over all chapters shall be considered at the next scheduled conclave.

#### Article X: Amendments to the Articles of Constitution (PROPOSED)

1. Amendments to the Articles of Constitution shall be voted upon during Conclaves.
2. A vote of 3/4 of all possible votes (not just those attending) must be cast in favor of an amendment for it to pass.
3. It is suggested that any proposed amendments be filed with the President of the conclave at least two months before the date of Conclave in order for it to be set on the agenda and distributed to the chapters for consideration ahead of time.
4. Article XII, By-Laws, shall be controlled by each individual chapter, but must remain consistent with the principles of Lambda Sigma. The purpose of the by-

laws is to regulate the general day-to-day operations of the chapters and shall not generally be subject to approval of the Conclave excepting at the time of initial induction of a chapter. The By-Laws shall cover items not specifically covered by the other Articles and may not contradict any of the other Articles.

#### Article XI: Initiation of New Chapters (PROPOSED)

1. New chapters must adopt the articles of constitution as approved by the most recent conclave.
2. New chapters must adopt by-laws to govern chapter operations that are consistent with the spirit of Lambda Sigma.
3. The Purdue Chapter and a majority of all other member chapters must ratify acceptance of a new chapter and its by-laws into Lambda Sigma.
4. Ratification of and initiation of a new chapter may be held at the same time and place. Ratification of a new chapter may be voted upon in absentia if said proceedings are to take place at a time other than a regularly scheduled Conclave.
5. The Purdue chapter president shall preside over all chapter initiations until such time that a central organization is formed.
6. Membership into Lambda Sigma is limited to colleges with four-year surveying degree programs accredited and recognized by the controlling surveying society and/or governmental body.

#### Article XII: By-Laws

1. Meetings
  - a. Meetings of the honorary society will be held at a time and place determined by the officers.
  - b. There shall be at least two regular business meetings per academic year.
  - c. A quorum of fifty percent of the active members is required to transact the official business of the honorary society.
  - d. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.
2. Dues
  - a. There shall be an initiation fee charged at pledging time.
  - b. The amount of said initiation fee shall be established by majority vote of the members elect.
  - c. Dues shall be paid by the second pledge meeting.
  - d. Whenever funds are insufficient to meet the honorary society's expenses, the deficiency shall be prorated among the members. The method of prorating a deficiency suffered by the honorary society shall be determined by the members.
  - e. The dues shall be used to account for:

- i. The banquet for the pledges.
  - ii. All correspondence.
  - iii. Certificates and pins for the pledges.
- 3. Amendments to By-Laws
  - a. Existing by-laws shall continue from year-to-year unless modified at a regular business meeting by a majority of the active members.
  - b. All ratified or modified by-laws are subject to the approval of the chapter's university regulations.
- 4. Pledges
  - a. There shall be one pledge class during the spring semester, exact time of pledging to be determined by the officers.
  - b. An undergraduate student to be eligible for active membership must have or be scheduled to complete at least sixty-two credits at least twelve of which shall have been in land surveying (including the introductory land surveying course) by the end of the semester in which the initiation occurs.

Date of Amendment

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President, Purdue University

Advisor, Purdue University

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President, Ferris State University

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