

**Laws of
PHI RHO SIGMA
MEDICAL SOCIETY**

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PREFACE

The evolution of the Laws of Phi Rho Sigma from the original Constitution written by the founders has been gradual and concomitant with the growth and development of the Society. When there was only one chapter, the requirements were simple, but after the parent chapter granted charters to two others, conditions began to change. At that time a Grand chapter was formed with representatives from the three chapters. This body granted charters to Delta, Epsilon and Zeta. By 1897 it had become apparent that a more representative form of government was essential to continued welfare and expansion. The prime mover in the reconstruction to make Phi Rho Sigma truly national in its scope was Ellis Kirk Kerr, who was a member of the Grand Council at that time, and who, together with E. Wyllys and G.A. Miller, was appointed to revise the Constitution. The work was done during the winter of 1898-99; the new Constitution was adopted in March, 1899; and the first National Convention or Grand Chapter, with representatives from all chapters, met in July, 1899. The present Laws take place of the former Constitution and By-Laws, but there has been no vital change in the form of government since 1899, simply an amplification and specialization to meet the demands of a much larger and more complex organization.

In 1920, The Chapter International was given formal recognition in the Laws. In 1928 the Grand Council appointed a committee consisting of Irving S. Cutter, Iota, Robert M. Graham, Mu, and D.E.W. Wenstrand, Alpha, to correct the 1924 edition of the Laws and to rewrite those portions that were obscure and to include the changes recommended by the Grand Council. The final report of the committee was approved by the Grand Council, including recommendations for an Executive Council and an International Board of Trustees was adopted at the Minneapolis meeting of the Grand Chapter, September, 1934.

At the Philadelphia meeting of the Grand Chapter in December, 1938, the Executive Council was enlarged by the addition of Chairman of Permanent Grand Chapter Committees, and several other sections were clarified or amended.

In 1948, by resolution of the Grand Chapter, a special committee on Laws was appointed, under the chairmanship of Robert M. Graham, Mu, to consider the 1939 edition of the Laws, new laws passed at three Grand Chapter meetings since 1939, and several proposals for modification of those Laws. After consideration by individual chapters, the special committee on Laws and the Executive Council, the new Laws were adopted by the Grand Chapter at the Lake Macatawa meeting in June 1950. Amendments were made in 1972, 1974 and 1976.

In 1988, a committee, chaired by David W. Schmidt, Zeta, revised the Laws to recognize the change in the name of this body from Fraternity to Society; to emphasize the Councilor system, the Chapter International, and the International Board of Trustees; and to incorporate amendments made since 1976 and to clarify several sections. This revision was presented and adopted at the Grand Chapter Centennial Meeting in Chicago, 1990.

In 2013, the Laws were updated to reflect the creation of the Phi Rho Sigma Foundation and the dissolution of the International Board of Trustees.

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CHAPTER I. THE SOCIETY

ARTICLE 1: Name

Section 1. This organization shall be known as Phi Rho Sigma Medical Society. It is registered as a 501 (C) (7) not for profit organization.

ARTICLE 2: Objects

Section 2. The objects of this Society shall be: first, to promote good fellowship among congenial students and alumni of medical school and college; second, to encourage a high standard of professional work and continued improvement in the medical profession; third, to assist, by every honorable means, the advancement of its members; fourth, to advance the interests of medical education and of every school of medicine; fifth, to promote the concept of medicine as a profession of service by a variety of community service projects.

ARTICLE 3: Organization

Section 3. The several constituted bodies of this Society shall consist of:

1. The Grand Chapter
2. The Executive Council
3. The Advisory Council
4. Local organizations known as Undergraduate Chapters or Colony Chapters
5. Local organizations known as Alumni Chapters
6. An alumni organization to be known as Chapter International
7. The Central Office

ARTICLE 4: Chapters and Colony Chapters

Section 4. Upon receiving a petition from seven (7) or more regularly enrolled students of a medical college accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) of the American Medical Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Committee for Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools or the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation are eligible to membership in this Society, and after such petitioning body shall have been investigated and favorably reported upon by the Executive Council, a charter may be granted as provided in Section 5.

Section 5. A charter may be granted a petitioning body by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the members of the Grand Chapter.

Section 6. A petitioning body shall send copies of its prospectus to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter, who, after making a determination that the information provided is adequate, shall forward a copy to each member of the Grand Chapter.

Section 7. Any member of the Grand Chapter not voting after an interval of thirty (30) days shall be counted in the affirmative.

Section 8. A Colony Chapter may be established under the sponsorship of an Undergraduate Chapter by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the members of the Grand Chapter, provided the initiates in such colony chapter shall not exceed the number of ten (10). The colony members shall be carried on the roster of the Undergraduate chapter until a charter is granted. The detailed procedure concerning the establishment of the Colony chapters as above outlined shall be vested in the Executive Council of Phi Rho Sigma.

CHAPTER II. THE GRAND CHAPTER

ARTICLE 5: Powers

Section 9. The supreme power of this society shall be vested in the Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter shall be the court of highest resort for all disputed questions.

Section 10. The Grand Chapter shall have the power to elect its own officers. It shall also have the power to enact general laws for the government of the Society in matters not specified by the Laws, to grant charters to new Chapters, to revoke or suspend the charters of existing Chapters for proper cause, and to transact such business of general interest to the Society as shall come before it.

ARTICLE 6: Membership

Section 11. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of :

1. The Officers of the Grand Chapter;
2. The other members of the incumbent Executive Council;
3. The past officers of the Grand Chapter;
4. One delegate from each Undergraduate Chapter;
5. The Councilors of the Undergraduate Chapters;
6. One delegate from each Alumni chapter, in accordance with Section 77.

Section 12. Whenever Chapters are in arrears for chapter reports or dues, they shall be exempted from all representation in the Grand Chapter until the same are received. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Executive Council.

Section 13. Any member of the Society shall be entitled to the floor of the Grand Chapter Convention if granted such privilege by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the convention. Only members of the Grand Council are entitled to vote.

ARTICLE 7: Meetings

Section 14. The Grand chapter shall convene biennially and at other times and places as determined by the Executive Council.

Section 15. Delegates from one-third (1/3) of the Undergraduate Chapters entitled to representation shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 8: Voting and Order of Business

Section 16. (a) Each member of the Grand Chapter present at the meeting of that body shall be entitled to one vote. No proxies will be allowed.

(b) In the Grand chapter meeting and in Chapter meetings the order of business and general procedure, when not otherwise stated, shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order or The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

ARTICLE 9: Committees

Section 17. Permanent Committees and special committees shall be appointed by the President to review and initiate reports, proposals and other business of the Grand Chapter. Committees shall customarily be appointed in the following areas but other committees may be added or substituted at the discretion of the President.

1. Credentials;
2. Resolutions;
3. Nominations;
4. Convention and Laws;
5. Reports of Officers;
6. Publications;
7. Finance;
8. Ritual and Regalia
9. Special Committees

ARTICLE 10: Officers

Section 18. the Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, an Editor of the Journal, a Historian, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be vested on one person. One of the Vice-Presidents may be elected from Canada.

Section 19. Any graduate member of the Society in good standing shall be eligible for any national office in the Society.

ARTICLE 11: Election of Officers

Section 20. All officers of the society shall be elected by a majority of the voting attendees of the Grand Chapter. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the biennial convention of the Grand Chapter.

Section 21. They shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices immediately upon adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected, and shall hold office until their successors are duly chosen and installed.

Section 22. (a) There shall be a Nominating Committee, at the discretion of and selected by the Executive Council, consisting of five accredited delegates, to present nominations for officers to replace those whose terms are expiring. Nominations may also be made from the floor by accredited attendees.

(b) Vacancies occurring in the interval between meetings of the Grand Chapter shall be filled in by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE 12: Duties of Officers

Section 23. The President shall be the active head of the society. The President shall enforce these Laws and the orders of the Grand Chapter and the Executive Council ; for this purpose the President may issue such orders as may be necessary. The President may, during the interval between conventions, visit each chapter or order such visitations by the Councilor or other members of the Society. Funding for this purpose shall be provided by the Society. The President shall be the chairman of the Executive Council.

Section 24. The Vice Presidents shall serve as President during the President's absence and shall carry out such assignments as given by the President or the Executive Council.

Section 25. The Secretary of the Grand Chapter shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon that officer and shall be in charge of coordinating operations of the Central Office of the Society.

Section 26. (a) The Treasurer of the Grand Chapter shall hold and dispense the general funds as directed by the orders of the Executive Council or of the Grand Chapter and by these Laws

(b) The Treasurer shall prepare a budget for the biennium to be presented to the Executive Council prior to each Grand Chapter meeting and for consideration and approval of the Grand Chapter at its biennial meeting.

Chapter III – The Executive Council

ARTICLE 13: Membership

Section 27. (a) The membership of the Executive council shall consist of the Officers of the Grand Chapter, the Chairpersons of the Permanent Grand Chapter Committees, one member of the Advisory Council, and four Undergraduate members and five Alternate Undergraduate members.

(b) The Undergraduate members and Alternate Undergraduate members shall be Undergraduate Chapter Delegates or Alternate Delegates to the Grand Chapter at the time of their election. They shall be elected by the Grand Chapter by ballot, with ties decided in like manner. The four Delegates receiving the most votes shall be elected as members. Delegates nominated for Undergraduate membership, but not being elected, may be nominated as Alternate Delegates. The five Alternate Delegates receiving the most votes shall be elected.

(c) While both Undergraduate members and Alternate Undergraduate members of the Executive Council may attend meetings of the Executive Council, there shall be only four voting undergraduate members of the Executive Council at the time of their election.

(d) Alternate undergraduate members are elected to serve in place of the Undergraduate members unable to attend, they may attend an Executive Council meeting, however there shall remain only four voting Undergraduate members of the Executive Council. The selection of Alternate Delegates to vote in place of Delegates unable to attend shall be at the discretion of the President.

Section 28. In the interim between the meetings of the Grand Chapter, the power of decision shall be vested in the Executive Council, which shall have charge of all business that must be transacted before or after the regular session of the

Grand Chapter. The Executive Council shall appoint the Chapter Councilors (or Co-Councilors) and shall fill vacancies in the Grand Chapter offices occurring between Grand Chapter Conventions.

Section 29. (a) The Executive Council shall meet upon the call of the President of the Grand Chapter.

(b) The Executive Council shall hold at least one regular meeting immediately before the Grand Chapter convenes to approve a proposed budget for the next biennium, to agree on a proposed slate of officers for the next biennium, and to consider other pertinent items of business.

Section 30. All members of the Executive Council shall be reimbursed from the treasury of the society for all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

CHAPTER IV. THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

ARTICLE 14: Advisory Council Membership and Composition

Section 31. (a) An Advisory Council may be appointed by the President or Executive Council to provide advice and assistance as deemed necessary. The Advisory Council shall be composed of Past Presidents and other past Officers of the Grand Chapter plus other individuals , at the discretion of the President.

(b) One member of the Advisory Council shall be chosen for membership on the Executive Council by the President

CHAPTER V. CHAPTER COUNCILORS

ARTICLE 15: Appointments and Duties

Section 32. (a) The President, with the approval of the Executive council, shall appoint Chapter Councilors. Ordinarily, one councilor shall be appointed for each Undergraduate Chapter. Co – councilors may be appointed if deemed necessary or desirable by the President. Each chapter is allowed only one Councilor vote in the Grand Chapter, regardless of the number of its Councilors.

(b) All councilors shall serve for two years, or until the Grand Chapter meeting following their appointment. The President shall have the privilege of reappointment.

Section 33. It shall be the duty of the Councilor:

- a. To visit the Chapter at least annually during the term of office;
- b. To instruct the officers and other members of the Chapter about the Laws of the Society, Ritual, grip, password, Chapter records and methods of bookkeeping;
- c. To transact any business suggested by the Executive Council;
- d. To report to the Executive Committee findings and business transacted;
- e. To attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, and of the Executive Council upon the request of the President

Section 34. Funding requests for the chapter visits of the councilors shall be paid from the Treasury of the Society. The Councilors shall be reimbursed for expenses necessary for attendance at Grand Chapter conventions. Ordinarily, only one councilor per chapter shall have expenses reimbursed; however, the President has the discretion to authorize reimbursement for more than one Councilor.

CHAPTER VI. UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

ARTICLE 16: Eligibility for Membership

Section 35. (a) An undergraduate medical student regularly enrolled at a medical school accredited by the LMCE or the COCA shall be eligible for membership in the Phi Rho Sigma Medical Society.

(b) A medical student in an accredited medical college which has no chapter of Phi Rho Sigma may be pledged and initiated by a chapter of Phi Rho Sigma in another accredited medical school and shall be carried on the membership roll of the chapter where initiated, unless and until a chapter of Phi Rho Sigma is established at the parent college of medicine.

ARTICLE 17: CHAPTERS

Section 36. The charter fee for an Undergraduate chapter shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). In addition, each Charter Member, except Honorary Members, shall pay the prescribed initiation fee in accordance with Section 50. These fees are payable to the Treasurer of the Grand chapter, immediately after the charter has been granted and before the initiation of the new Chapter can take place. These fees may be waived at the discretion of the President of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 18: Membership

Section 37. An Undergraduate chapter or Colony chapter may be formed by the authority of the Society as provided in Article 4.

Section 38. No Charter shall be voluntarily surrendered by any Undergraduate Chapter as long as ten members there, undergraduate and alumni, demand its continuance.

Section 39. An Undergraduate Chapter, once disbanded, may be reorganized under its original name by the approval of the Executive Council. In case of such reorganization, the old Charter shall be reissued if possible, with the names of the persons to whom it is reissued and the date of the reissuance being written thereon. If the old charter has been lost or destroyed, a new Charter shall be issued.

ARTICLE 19: Admission to Membership

Section 40. The election of a candidate for membership shall be held by means of an open ballot. The percentage of positive votes required to approve a candidate for admission shall be determined by the Undergraduate Chapter.

Section 41. The names of candidates approved for membership , and the dates of approval, shall be forwarded immediately by the Undergraduate chapter Secretary to the Grand Chapter Secretary.

Section 42. The approved candidate becomes a member of the Society only upon initiation.

Section 43. (a) The amount of the Grand Chapter initiation fee shall be determined by the Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter initiation fees shall not be used for chapter houses or other local chapter expenses.

(b) Each initiate shall pay his initiation fee at the time or before his initiation.

(c) The Undergraduate Chapter Secretary shall forward the Grand Chapter initiation fee together with the new member's initiation report to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter immediately after the initiation ceremony. No candidate shall be placed on the membership roll of the Society until the initiation report and fees are received by the Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 20: Honorary Membership

Section 44. Any member of a medical faculty where there is an Undergraduate Chapter shall be eligible to honorary membership.

Section 45. Honorary Members shall be elected after consultation with the Chapter Councilor and Alumni Chapter officers, by a majority vote of the Undergraduate Chapter.

Section 46. Under circumstances when advantage would accrue to the Undergraduate Chapter, a physician not connected with the medical faculty may be elected to honorary Membership of an Undergraduate chapter, provided permission is granted by the Executive Council. Application for such permission must be accompanied by a written supporting document and approved by the Executive Council.

Section 47. Under unusual circumstances when a layperson has made an especially valuable contribution to a Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma Medical society, such person may be eligible for Honorary Associate membership provided that credentials are presented to the Executive Council by the Undergraduate Chapter and that the application received majority approval of the Executive Council.

Section 48. There shall be no initiation fee for Honorary Members or Honorary Associates. The initiation of these members shall be at the discretion of the Undergraduate Chapter.

Section 49. An honorary Member shall have the privilege of becoming an Active Member in the Chapter International.

ARTICLE 21: Meetings

Section 50. Regular meetings of each Undergraduate Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma should be held during the regular school year at least once a month, at such time and place as each Undergraduate Chapter may determine. All members shall be duly notified in advance.

Section 51. Special meetings shall be called by the Chapter President upon written request of three members provided each active member of the Undergraduate Chapter is duly notified in advance, or by direction of the Grand Chapter or of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE 22: Dues

Section 52. Each Undergraduate Chapter shall determine its own dues.

ARTICLE 23: Election of Officers

Section 53. Each Undergraduate Chapter shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as shall be deemed necessary to carry out the business of the Chapter.

Section 54. Election of officers shall be held by ballot annually, except by permission of the Executive Council. The names of the incoming officers shall be immediately submitted to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter by the newly elected Undergraduate Secretary.

ARTICLE 24: Duties of Officers

Section 55. The duties of the Undergraduate Chapter officers shall be as stated in Robert's Rules of Order or The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, unless otherwise provided for in the Laws of the Society.

Section 56. (a) It shall be the duty of the Undergraduate Chapter Treasurer to keep the accounts in a form prescribed by the Society.

(b) It shall be the duty of every Undergraduate Chapter Treasurer to make reports in writing to the Treasurer of the Grand Chapter in accordance with the forms and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Section 57. (a) It shall be the duty of every Undergraduate Chapter Secretary to make reports to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter in accordance with forms prescribed by the Society, and an annual report or report at the close of the term of office.

(b) The Undergraduate Chapter Secretary shall furnish such material as may be desired at the request of the Editor for the Journal. The Secretary shall attend to such other correspondence as may be necessary.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the Undergraduate Chapter Secretary to keep accurate records of all meetings and to take charge of the records and archives of the Chapter.

ARTICLE 25: Delegates to the Grand Chapter Biennial Conventions

Section 58. Each Undergraduate Chapter shall elect one delegate to the Grand Chapter. One alternate, preferably not of the same class year, may be elected. These representatives shall be furnished with credentials signed by the President and Secretary of the Chapter, a copy of which will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter immediately after election. All Undergraduate Chapters in arrears for reports or dues may be excluded for the time being from representation in the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 26: By-Laws

Section 59. Undergraduate Chapters may adopt their own By-Laws provided they are consistent with these Laws or the orders of the Grand Chapter, and they may provide for their alteration and amendment.

Section 60. A copy of the Undergraduate Chapter By-laws, and changes when made, shall be forwarded to the Central Office .

ARTICLE 27: Initiation

Section 61 . (a) All initiation ceremonies shall be private, and shall be confined to the regular quarters of the Undergraduate Chapter or to such proper temporary quarters as may be provided for that purpose. All undue publicity and activity shall be carefullu avoided. No candidate shall be subjected to any physical harm or humiliation during initiation.

(b) Candidates approved by the Undergraduate Chapter shall be initiated at the earliest appropriate time to bring them into membership of the Society.

CHAPTER VII: CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL AND ALUMNI CHAPTERS

ARTICLE 28: Formation and Eligibility

Section 62. There shall be an organization known Chapter International, which consists of all alumni members of the Society. All members from Undergraduate Chapters of Phi Rho Sigma Medical Society shall automatically become members of Chapter International after graduation from medical school and the receipt of the M.D. degree.

ARTICLE 29: Income

Section 63. Dues:

(a). Dues for members of Chapter International shall be set by the Grand Chapter.

(b). Life Membership terms and conditions shall be set by the Grand Chapter.

Section 64. Other sources of income shall be such other and further sums as shall be appropriated to it by the Grand Chapter, or from other sources such as bequests.

Section 65. The Treasurer of the Grand Chapter is empowered to assess and collect the above dues.

ARTICLE 30: Alumni Chapters

Section 66. An Alumni chapter may be established in each vicinity where seven or more alumni members reside, upon petition of such members.

Section 67. These Chapters shall be chartered as Alumni Chapters by the Grand Chapter or, in the interim, by the Executive Council.

Section 68. Eligible membership is defined in Section 69, but each Alumni Chapter may elect its own members.

Section 69. Alumni Chapters shall be governed by the Laws of the Society.

Section 70. Alumni chapters shall have the same representation in the biennial Grand Chapter meeting as the Undergraduate Chapters, but Alumni Delegates shall not share in the convention fund unless by special permission of the Grand Chapter Executive Council.

Section 71. There shall be no charter fee for an Alumni chapter.

Section 72. Alumni Chapters may adopt their own By-Laws not consistent with these Laws or the orders of the Grand Chapter, and may provide for alteration and amendment of these. A copy of these By-Laws and changes when made, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

Section 73. The Secretary of an alumni chapter shall make reports to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter as requested.

CHAPTER VIII: CENTRAL OFFICE

Article 31: Central Office

Section 74. The Central Office provides administrative support to the Society as described and adopted by the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER IX: GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

Article 32: Convention Fund

Section 75. The necessary expenses of the members of the Executive Council to attend the Grand Chapter Convention shall be paid from the treasury of the Society.

Section 76. The traveling expenses, exclusive of meals, of the regular accredited delegate or alternate delegate of an Undergraduate Chapter shall be paid from the treasury of the Society, as may be authorized by the Executive Council. The traveling expenses shall be determined on the basis of the mileage from the domicile of the several chapters to the place where the convention is held or on the cost of a regular (coach) class of transportation.

ARTICLE 33: Inspection

Section 77. From time to time there may be a periodic through inspection of each Undergraduate Chapter, to be made as previously provided for on these Laws (Section 40). In addition, visitations to Chapters by members of the Executive Council may be authorized by the President.

Section 78. All books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings pertaining to the Undergraduate Chapter shall be subject to inspection as provided in Section 40.

ARTICLE 34: Discipline

Section 79. Offenses cognizable by the Society shall be:

1. Disregard for the Laws of the Society or of the lawful order in the community;
2. The commission of a scandalous offense against the rules and regulations of the Medical School or the laws of the community;
3. Unsatisfactory academic performance, as judged by the medical school;
4. Non-payment of financial obligations to the Undergraduate chapter or to the Grand Society;
5. Unprofessional conduct, as defined in the "Code of Ethics" of the American Medical Association, the Canadian Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association or the whichever is appropriate;
6. Failure to perform the duties of office.

Section 80. Penalties shall be:

1. Reprimand at the discretion of the Chapter;
2. Degradation from office;
3. Suspension of membership for a definite period;

4. Cancellation of membership in the Society.

Section 81. (a) Suspension consists of temporary withdrawal of privilege of a member of the Society and can be accomplished only after a trial for proper cause and by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Grand Chapter, or of the Executive Council in regular session. Any member subject to trial is entitled to due process. Such member shall be notified by registered mail at least sixty (60) days in advance of the time and place where the trial will be held; and a copy of said notice shall be sent to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter

(b) The length of time which suspension is to be in force shall also be determined by a three-fourths (3/4) of the Grand Chapter, or of the Executive Council in regular session.

(c) When an Undergraduate Chapter deems it advisable to suspend a member for causes other than those specified under Section 87, such matter shall be referred to the Executive Council for consideration.

Section 82. (a) Cancellation of membership consists of the involuntary severance of a members form all relations within the Society for all time and taking from him the Society Badge. The process of cancellation of membership shall be carried out by the councilor of the Undergraduate chapter in which the action takes place.

(b) An Undergraduate Chapter may request the cancellation of membership of one of its members by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of that chapter. The Executive Council shall determine proper cause for action after having obtained evidence from the Undergraduate Chapter and from the individual under charges. Each member is entitled to due process in the conduct of the investigation. The Executive council shall render its decision and report same to the Undergraduate Chapter and to the member under charges within three months.

(c) Any member whose relations with the Medical School are severed by the school for any cause other than scholarship or the infraction of a minor rule of the faculty, not involving moral turpitude , shall have membership in the Society cancelled automatically. Such member retains the right to appeal to the Grand Chapter.

Section 83. Upon recommedenation of an Alumni Chapter or upon information supplied by an alumnus or alumna, a member found to be unethical in practice may be deprivedof membership by unamious action of the Executive Council.

Section 84. All members of the Society shall have the right of appealing from the acts of the Undergraduate Chapter to the Executive Council and thence to the Grand Chapter, whose decision shall be final; but all decisions appealed shall be of full force and effect until reversed by proper authority.

Section 85. An Undergraduate Chapter one year in arrears for its financial obligation to the society shall be subject to suspension by the Executive Council.

Section 86. Fines may be levied as the Undergraduate Chapter deems necessary. Payment of fines shall have precedence over all other payments.

Section 87. When an undergraduate or graduate member of a Chapter has failed to fulfill any financial obligations to the Chapter, upon recommendation of its officers the name of said member may be referred to the Executive Council for legal action and cancellation of membership.

ARTICLE 35: Insignia of Membership

Section 88. The standard emblem of the Society shall be a gold monogram outline of the Greek letters Phi Rho Sigma in open work, the face of the letter "Phi" being of plain gold or set with pearls.

Section 89. The colors of the Society shall be scarlet and old gold.

Section 90. The official pledge badge of the Society shall contain the Greek letters Phi Rho Sigma in gold , on a scarlet face with gold border.

Section 91. The dimensions of the emblem and the pin shall be as specified by the Grand Chapter.

Section 92. The standard emblem of the Society can be obtained only through the Central Office of the Society or in a manner prescribed by the Grand Chapter.

Section 93. The emblem shall be held in trust by the member.

Section 94. A certificate of membership shall be forwarded to the Chapter by the Central Office of the Society for each initiate upon receipt of the initiation record and fee.

Section 95. The Coat of Arms of the Society shall be as specified by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 36: Awards

Section 96. Awards to individuals may be given by the Grand Chapter or the Executive Council for special recognition. These awards are the Cutter Medal, the Griffin Medal, the McLain Research Award, Certificate of Meritorious Service, and others as may be designated.

ARTICLE 37: “The Journal”

Section 97. “The Journal of Phi Rho Sigma” shall be the official public magazine of the Society.

ARTICLE 38: The Directory

Section 98. The Directory of the Society shall be published at such times as the Grand Chapter may dictate.

ARTICLE 39: Alterations and Amendments

Section 99. The Laws of the Society may be altered or amended only by the Grand Chapter in convention assembled, by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing to all Chapters and the the members of the Executive Council of such alterations and amendments at least sixty days before the meeting of the convention; but any section herein may be suspended for the time being at any stated meeting of the Grand Chapter by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Section 100. The Executive Council shall have authority to make interim rulings which result in modification of the Laws between meetings of the Grand Chapter as provide for in Section 28. Before such interim rulings constitute permanent modification of the Laws, they must be approved at the next regular meeting of the Grand Chapter called for that purpose. Notice of the interim ruling shall be sent to all Chapters and members of the Grand Chapter in writing at least sixty days in advance of the meeting of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 40: Dissolution

Section 101. The Society may be dissolved by action of the Executive Council,with the consent of a majority the Undergraduate Chapters then in existence, or in the absence of a sufficient number of Undergraduate Chapters by the Executive Council alone. Any Chapter not voting within thirty days of notification of the intent to dissolve shall be deemed to have approved the dissolution.

Section 102. In the event of dissolution of the Society, The Executive Council shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all assets exclusively for the purposes of the Society in such a manner as the Executive Council shall determine, to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, as at the time shall qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).