

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

1. This organization shall be known as Psi Chi.
2. The badge shall be a key with the letters Psi and Chi, the former superimposed on the latter.

### ARTICLE II

1. The purpose of this organization shall be primarily to advance the science of psychology; and secondly to encourage, stimulate and maintain scholarship of the individual members in all academic fields, particularly in psychology.

### ARTICLE III

1. There shall be four divisions of membership: (1) Associate, (2) Active, (3) Honorary, (4) Alumni.
2. Minimum qualifications for associate membership shall be as follows:
  - a. Quality of work of upper half in other subjects.
  - b. Quality of work of upper third in psychology.
  - c. Registration for major or minor standing in psychology, or for a program in psychology which is equivalent to such standing.<sup>1</sup>
  - d. Three-fourths vote of those present at regular meeting of the chapter.
  - e. Associate members shall be elected for a term of not longer than one year. At the end of this time they may be dropped from membership, be reelected to associate membership, or elected to active membership at the discretion of the chapter, if they have not previously been promoted to active membership.
  - f. Associate members are not privileged to wear the key of Psi Chi, to hold office, or to vote on matters of national policy.
3. Minimum qualifications for active membership shall be as follows:
  - a. Candidates must fulfill the requirements of associate members.
  - b. Candidates must (1) either be engaged in, or have completed some research problem, or (2) must have completed or registered for at least twelve hours of psychology or its equivalent.

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<sup>1</sup>Amendment passed December, 1944.

- c. A three-fourths vote of the chapter members voting at a regular meeting of the local chapter.<sup>1</sup>
- d. Active members may attend all meetings of the chapter, vote, hold office, and may wear the key of Psi Chi.
- 4. a. Honorary members may be elected at the discretion of the local organization with the approval of the National Council.
- b. Honorary members must be active members of the American Psychological Association, or of equivalent standing.<sup>2</sup>
- c. Honorary members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of active members.
- 5. a. Alumni members are those who have been active members but who are no longer actively associated with the local chapter.
- b. Alumni may reestablish active standing at any time by the payment of current dues.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### 1. National Organization

- a. It shall be a federation of the local chapter.
- b. National officers
  - 1. The officers shall be President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Historian, elected by the National Convention; and four Vice-Presidents elected by the respective districts.
  - 2. The President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Historian shall be elected for a term of office of two years.
  - 3. Duties of officers shall be those prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order.
  - 4. Historian shall keep all documents and records and shall act as Editor of the semi-annual news letter.
- c. National Council

- 1. Membership: The National Council shall consist of the National Officers.
  - 2. Powers: Powers shall be to consider and recommend to
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<sup>1</sup>Amendment passed March 16, 1940. Changed from unanimous vote.

<sup>2</sup>Amendment passed December 29, 1930. Those listed not fulfilling this requirement were already honorary members of their local groups previous to national organization.

the national organization, either by mail or in convention, all matters which are national in scope.

d. National Convention

1. Each local chapter shall be entitled to one vote in the convention.
  - a. A vote by proxy shall be valid in the convention if said proxy is properly certified by the president of the local chapter, and by the national secretary-treasurer.
2. Quorum shall consist of a majority of chapters.
3. Convention shall be held annually.<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Time and place chosen at previous convention.
4. Power
  - a. To consider and pass upon all matters concerning the general welfare of the national organization.

e. Installation of new chapters

1. A petition for a charter shall first be submitted to the National Council. If rejected by unanimous vote, the petition shall not be submitted to the chapters.
2. A petition having been passed upon by the National Council shall be submitted with a record of the council vote to the active chapters. A charter is granted upon a three-fourths vote of approval of the active chapters.
3. Charter members shall be those whose names and credentials appear in the petition.<sup>2</sup>
4. New chapters shall pay an installation fee of fifteen dollars.<sup>3</sup>

2. District Organization

- a. The districts shall be Eastern, Midwestern, Southern, and Western divisions.
- b. Each district shall hold annual conventions.
  1. The presiding officers shall be the respective vice-presidents holding office for one year. Other officers shall be elected at the discretion of the districts.
  2. Should a vacancy occur in any vice-presidential office,

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<sup>1</sup>Amendment passed March 16, 1940. Changed from bi-annually.

<sup>2</sup>Amendment passed December 1, 1936.

<sup>3</sup>Amendment passed October 1, 1940.

this vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the National Council until a regular election in that division is held.

3. The aim of the district convention shall be to consider all matters concerning the district's welfare and to make recommendations to the National Council and Convention.

### 3. Local Organization

- a. The local chapter shall have full charge of all its activities within the limits of this constitution and the rules and regulations of the national organization.
- b. The national initiation fee for each active member shall be seven dollars and fifty cents.
- c. The local chapter shall have a simple but dignified ritual submitted to the National Council for approval and filing.
- d. There must be at least one faculty adviser within the institution in which the chapter is registered.
  1. Faculty advisers shall be actively engaged in teaching psychology, and shall be affiliated with the American Psychological Association.

### 4. Alumni Chapters<sup>1</sup>

#### ARTICLE V

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to govern all procedures.

#### ARTICLE VI

1. This constitution may be amended upon the recommendation of the National Council or upon motion from the floor of a regular National Convention, accepted by three-fourths of the chapters present or by two-thirds vote in referendum.

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<sup>1</sup>Amendment passed April 15, 1945, providing for these.

BYLAWS: UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CHAPTER  
of PSI CHI

Minimum Academic Standards for Admission:

1. Undergraduate
  - a. The candidate for admission shall have completed at least 12 hours in psychology and be registered for 6 more hours.
  - b. The candidate shall have at least a 3.00 index in psychology and an overall index of 3.00.<sup>1</sup>
2. Graduate
  - a. The candidate shall have completed 8 hours in psychology, either graduate or undergraduate courses, at the University of Delaware.<sup>2</sup>
  - b. In the semester in which the graduate student completes 8 or more hours in psychology, (including graduate and undergraduate courses), his index will be computed. It must be a 3.00 average or better, with no grade below a "C".

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<sup>1</sup>Amendment passed October 4, 1967. Changed from 2.75 overall.

<sup>2</sup>Amendment passed March 20, 1963. Changed from 9 hours.

Memo to: Cheryl Jean Yeager, Chairman  
SGA Constitution Committee

From: Winifred L. Angelo, Secretary *WLA*  
Psi Chi

Subject: Psi Chi Constitution and Bylaws.

Attached are two copies of the National Constitution of Psi Chi, the honor society in psychology. The constitution is essentially the same as the one presently on file with the SGA office.

The Bylaws of the Delaware Chapter of Psi Chi have been changed to meet requirements of the University of Delaware for honor society admissions. That is, in October 1967, this chapter changed its academic requirement for admission of undergraduates to a minimum overall index of 3.00.

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Attachments