

THE PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY  
ALPHA CHAPTER IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

This Chapter is a constituent member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, an unincorporated organization, or its successor in interest, and shall be known as the Alpha Chapter of the State of Washington. This chapter is located at the University of Washington Seattle campus.

ARTICLE II

This chapter is under the general supervision and control of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The object of the Phi Beta Society is to recognize and encourage scholarship, friendship and cultural interests, and to support excellence and integrity in the pursuit of the arts and sciences.

ARTICLE III

This Chapter is organized and is to be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) (reference herein to the Internal Revenue Code, hereinafter "IRC," include corresponding section(s) of any future United States tax code).

No part of the net earnings of this Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, members, trustees, or other private person, except that the Chapter shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the Chapter shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Chapter shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the Chapter shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under IRC 501(c)(3), or (b) by an organization, contribution to which are deductible under IRC 170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2), or 2522(a)(2).

Upon the dissolution of this Chapter, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the lawful debts and liabilities of the Chapter, the assets shall be distributed to one or more of the following categories of recipients, as the Chapter shall determine:

1. A nonprofit organization or organizations which may have been created to succeed the Chapter, as long as such organization or each such organization shall qualify as an organization described in IRC 501(c)(3); and/or
2. The Phi Beta Kappa Society, provided that it shall qualify at the time of distribution as an organization described in IRC 501(c)(3); and/or
3. A nonprofit organization or organizations having similar aims and objectives as the Chapter and which may be selected as an appropriate recipient of such assets, as long as such organization or each such organization shall qualify as an organization described in IRC 501(c)(3); and/or

4. The Federal government, or to a State or local government, but only if such assets will be used for a public purpose.

#### ARTICLE IV

The members of the Chapter shall be elected primarily from the best scholars of the graduating and junior classes of this university, and secondly, from any person distinguished in arts, letters, science, or education.

#### ARTICLE V

This Chapter shall send a delegation to represent it at each National Council of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, shall contribute its equal part to the financial support of the Society and all the lawful requirements of the National Council.

#### ARTICLE VI

This Chapter shall, by enactment of suitable by-laws, provide for its election of officers, the initiation of members, the conduct of its meetings, and for such other matters as it may deem wise to regulate.

#### ARTICLE VII

Amendments to this Constitution, not inconsistent with the Bylaws and other lawful regulations of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members present at a general meeting. Notice of the proposed change shall have been given at a previous meeting or ten days previously in writing and/or electronically.

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