



The Rho Chi Society

National Constitution and Bylaws

1999 Revision

A Brief History of The Rho Chi Society

The Rho Chi Society has its origin in the merger of two movements, both commencing in 1917, to create a national honor society for pharmacy. One had started on the campus of the University of Michigan where there had been a local honor society (known as the "Aristolochite Society") in existence at the Pharmaceutical Department since 1908. This group began to plan for national expansion in 1917, and finally established a second chapter at the School of Pharmacy of the (then) Oregon Agricultural College in 1919 and a third at the University of Oklahoma in 1922.

The other movement, originally independent of the Michigan movement, was initiated even earlier in 1917 by Rufus A. Lyman in his presidential address to the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties. Under the stimulus of his suggestion, and the conscientious efforts of Professor Zada M. Cooper, it was decided to take advantage of the activity in progress at Michigan.

The "Aristolochite Society" had in the meantime become the "Rho Chi Society," and had been granted a charter by the State of Michigan on May 19, 1922. The Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, finding that the group met the standards which the Conference had determined upon, extended its recognition to Rho Chi, as "the Honor Society of Pharmacy." Rho Chi, in turn, provided that chapters could be established only at colleges that were members of the Conference (now the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.)

A policy of conservative expansion followed. After five years of existence, Rho Chi could count eight chapters; and after ten years, eighteen, but thereafter, growth continued more rapidly. In 1999, there were seventy-five active chapters and additional chapters are anticipated at new schools of pharmacy.

The high standards maintained for membership in Rho Chi have resulted in the general recognition of the Society not only by Pharmacy, but also by academic circles generally. Rho Chi is accorded a place in *Banta's Greek Exchange* and a sketch of the Society appears in *Baird's Manual*. Since 1947 the Society has been a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

In July 1998, at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the Executive Council of the Society held a Rho Chi Mission and Vision Retreat to draft and adopt a mission statement and a vision statement for the Society that would guide the Society into the 21st century. These statements are given here.

The Mission of The Rho Chi Society

The Rho Chi Society, Pharmacy's academic honor society, encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and fosters fellowship among its members. Further, the Society encourages high standards of conduct and character, and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy.

The Rho Chi Society will achieve universal recognition of its members as lifelong intellectual leaders in pharmacy. As a community of scholars, the Society will instill the desire to pursue intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession.

Objectives of The Rho Chi Society

The fundamental objective of Rho Chi has always been to promote the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences through the encouragement and recognition of sound scholarship. High standards of intellectual and scholarly attainments have been demanded for election to membership; and such election, symbolized by the award of the Rho Chi key, supplies a unique scholarship incentive.

Rho Chi seeks to promote scholarly fellowship in pharmacy by bringing professional students, graduate students, and faculty members together in fraternal and helpful association. Regular chapter meetings, and other activities, emphasize the professional aspects of pharmacy and point the way to instructive study and research. By such means, Rho Chi, like its sister honor societies, seeks to increase the awareness of the ethical and social responsibilities of the profession, and thereby, to enhance the prestige of the profession.

The Society has also sought to encourage research in pharmacy and has established a first-year graduate scholarship in conjunction with the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) Board of Grants. This scholarship is awarded, on a competitive basis, to a student in the final year of professional studies or to a member who has completed professional studies. It is limited to members of the Rho Chi Society who enter graduate programs in accredited schools/colleges of pharmacy leading to the Ph.D. degree. A post-doctoral clinical fellowship award is anticipated. It too will be awarded in conjunction with AFPE but to a Rho Chi member entering the second year of fellowship training. Cash awards are presented to chapters who are selected in the Chapter Awards Program based upon competitive theme entries suggested each year by the Society's Executive Council and/or sustained activities of the chapter.

The Society's Insignia



The Greek letters, "Rho" and "Chi," were originally selected because, placed in the relative position in which they are found on the Key, they are emblematic of the prescription sign. The colors attached to the seal of membership were chosen to indicate the royalty of purple and the loyalty of white. The eight sides of the Key, although they have had different meanings in the past, now represent chemistry, biology, physiology, pharmaceuticals, pharmacology, and the biomedical, social/administrative, and clinical sciences.

Society Publications

Rho Chi has published an annual *Report of Rho Chi* since 1933. The Report contains rather complete accounts of the activities of the Executive Council, the National Office, and local chapters and has been distributed in print version among collegiate, associate, and honorary members. In 1999, the Report of Rho Chi will be published through the Society's Internet site, www.rhochi.org.

A historical study, called *The Rho Chi Society* by Roy A. Bowers and David L. Cowen, was issued by the Society in 1955 in cooperation with the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy. This work was first published in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* (19: 84-244, 1955).

A fourth revised edition was published in 1972. The fifth revision, originally published in 1992, is the current edition.

The Society's Theta Chapter located at the University of Southern California developed and now maintains an annual publication, *The Rho Chi Trade-Generic Therapeutic Handbook*. Local chapters may conduct sales of the Handbook as fund-raising projects for their local activities. Individual copies may be purchased from the National Office.

The most current information about the Society, useful both for members and non-members, can be found at the Society's Internet site, www.rhochi.org. Members and guests are welcome to visit the site and to contact the National Office for further information. The National Office may be contacted by email at RhoChi@unc.edu.

Rho Chi Society Chapters

Chartered	Chapter	University	City	State
1922	Alpha	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor	MI
1922	Beta	Oregon State University	Corvallis	OR
1922	Gamma	University of Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	OK
1923	Delta	University of Iowa	Iowa City	IA
1925	Epsilon	Washington State University	Pullman	WA
1925	Zeta	Auburn University	Auburn	AL
1925	Eta	University of Wisconsin	Madison	WI
1925	Theta	University of Southern California	Los Angeles	CA
1928	Iota	University of Florida	Gainesville	FL
1928	Kappa	North Dakota State University	Fargo	ND
1929	Lambda	Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
1930	Mu	University of Minnesota	Minneapolis	MN
1930	Nu	University of Texas at Austin	Austin	TX
1929	Xi	University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill	NC
1930	Omicron	University of Maryland	Baltimore	MD
1931	Pi *	North Pacific College of Oregon	Portland	OR
1931	Rho	University of Washington	Seattle	WA
1931	Sigma *	Western Reserve University	Cleveland	OH
1931	Tau	South Dakota State University	Brookings	SD
1934	Upsilon	Ohio State University	Columbus	OH
1934	Phi	University of Illinois at Chicago	Chicago	IL
1937	Chi	University of Mississippi	University	MS
1939	Psi	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Boston	MA
1940	Omega	State University of New York at Buffalo	Buffalo	NY
1941	Alpha Alpha	Creighton University	Omaha	NE
1941	Alpha Beta	Duquesne University	Pittsburgh	PA
1942	Alpha Gamma	University of Connecticut	Storrs	CT
1942	Alpha Delta *	Loyola University of the South	New Orleans	LA
1942	Alpha Epsilon	University of Nebraska	Omaha	NE
1945	Alpha Zeta	Purdue University	West Lafayette	IN
1947	Alpha Eta	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	Piscataway	NJ
1947	Alpha Theta	University of Colorado	Denver	CO
1947	Alpha Iota	Medical College of South Carolina	Charleston	SC
1949	Alpha Kappa	University of Georgia	Athens	GA

Chartered	Chapter	University	City	State
1949	Alpha Lambda	University of California	San Francisco	CA
1949	Alpha Mu	West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV
1949	Alpha Nu	University of Tennessee	Memphis	TN
1949	Alpha Xi	University of Kentucky	Lexington	KY
1950	Alpha Omicron	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	PA
1951	Alpha Pi *	University of Arizona	Tucson	AZ
1951	Alpha Rho	University of Kansas	Lawrence	KS
1951	Alpha Sigma	Drake University	Des Moines	IA
1951	Alpha Tau	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA
1951	Alpha Upsilon	Idaho State University	Pocatello	ID
1953	Alpha Phi	Butler University	Indianapolis	IN
1953	Alpha Chi	Wayne State University	Detroit	MI
1954	Alpha Psi	University of Arizona	Tucson	AZ
1954	Alpha Omega	University of Missouri at Kansas City	Kansas City	MO
1954	Beta Alpha	University of South Carolina	Columbia	SC
1954	Beta Beta	Samford University	Birmingham	AL
1954	Beta Gamma *	Columbia University	New York	NY
1954	Beta Delta	St. John's University	Jamaica	NY
1955	Beta Epsilon	University of Utah	Salt Lake City	UT
1955	Beta Zeta *	George Washington University	Washington	D.C.
1955	Beta Eta	University of Toledo	Toledo	OH
1955	Beta Theta	Long Island University	Brooklyn	NY
1955	Beta Iota	University of Arkansas	Little Rock	AR
1955	Beta Kappa	St. Louis College of Pharmacy	St. Louis	MO
1955	Beta Lambda	Temple University	Philadelphia	PA
1955	Beta Mu	Ferris State College	Big Rapids	MI
1956	Beta Nu	University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH
1956	Beta Xi *	Fordham University	New York	NY
1958	Beta Omicron	University of Houston	Houston	TX
1959	Beta Pi	University of Rhode Island	Kingston	RI
1960	Beta Rho	University of Montana	Missoula	MT
1960	Beta Sigma	Howard University	Washington	D.C.
1961	Beta Tau	Northeastern University	Boston	MA
1961	Beta Upsilon	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Weatherford	OK
1961	Beta Phi	University of Wyoming	Laramie	WY
1961	Beta Chi	Northeast Louisiana State College	Monroe	LA
1962	Beta Psi	Ohio Northern University	Ada	OH

Chartered	Chapter	University	City	State
1964	Beta Omega	University of the Pacific	Stockton	CA
1966	Gamma Alpha	Mercer University	Atlanta	GA
1968	Gamma Beta	University of New Mexico	Albuquerque	NM
1976	Gamma Gamma	Union University	Albany	NY
1977	Gamma Delta	Texas Southern University	Houston	TX
1977	Gamma Epsilon	Xavier University of Louisiana	New Orleans	LA
1980	Gamma Zeta	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Tallahassee	FL
1986	Gamma Eta	University of Puerto Rico	San Juan	PR
1993	Gamma Theta	Nova Southeastern University	Ft. Lauderdale	FL
1994	Gamma Iota	Campbell University	Buies Creek	NC
1995	Gamma Kappa	Midwestern University	Downers Grove	IL
2000	Gamma Lambda	Wilkes University	Wilkes Barre	PA
2000	Gamma Mu	Texas Tech University	Amarillo	TX
2001	Gamma Nu	Midwestern University - Glendale	Glendale	AZ

* Designates an Inactive Chapter

The Rho Chi Society CONSTITUTION

Article I: MISSION, AND VISION

Section 1. This organization shall be called The Rho Chi Society.

Section 2. The Mission of the Society is to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement and foster fellowship among its members. Further, the Society encourages high standards of conduct and character, and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy.

Section 3. The Society's vision is to achieve universal recognition of its members as lifelong intellectual leaders in pharmacy. As a community of scholars, the Society will instill the desire to pursue intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession.

Article II: CHAPTERS

Chapters may be established at universities, schools, or colleges that are members of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and have curricular programs which are accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education, have been granted candidate status by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education, or meet the minimum standards of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

The Society shall consist of collegiate, associate, and honorary members.

Article IV: ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The election of members may take place at any time as provided by the bylaws of local chapters.

Article V: NATIONAL OFFICERS

The National Officers shall consist of a President, an Immediate Past-President, President-elect, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Historian, and eight Council members. Each Councilor shall represent a specific geographic district. The President-elect and four Councilors from the even-numbered districts shall be nominated in odd-numbered years and elected in even numbered years; the Secretary, Historian, and four Councilors from the odd-numbered districts shall be nominated in even-numbered years and elected in odd-numbered years. All Officers shall serve two-year terms. Only members within a given district shall be eligible to cast a ballot for the Councilor to be elected from that district. The election shall take place at the Annual Convention of the Society unless the President calls for a special election by mail.

(a) The districts shall be comprised of the following geographic sections consisting of the following States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico:

(1) **District I - Northeastern Section**

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

(2) **District II - East Coast Section**

Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC

(3) **District III - Southeastern Section**

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

(4) **District IV - Mid-Eastern Section**

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin

(5) **District V - Mid-Western Section**

Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming

(6) **District VI - Gulf Coast Section**

Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas

(7) **District VII - Northwestern Section**

Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington

(8) **District VIII - West Coast Section**

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah

(b) The districts shall be represented by active chapters from the following Universities, Colleges, or Schools of Pharmacy:

(1) **District I - Northeastern Section**

Long Island University (Beta Theta)
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Psi)
Northeastern University (Beta Tau)
St. John's University (Beta Delta)
State University of New York at Buffalo (Omega)
University of Connecticut (Alpha Gamma)
University of Rhode Island (Beta Pi)
Union University (Gamma Gamma)

(2) **District II - East Coast Section**

Duquesne University (Alpha Beta)
Howard University (Beta Sigma)
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (Alpha Tau)
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Alpha Eta)
Temple University (Beta Lambda)
University of Maryland (Omicron)
University of Pittsburgh (Alpha Omicron)
Wilkes University (Gamma Lambda)

(3) District III - Southeastern Section

Auburn University (Zeta)
Campbell University (Gamma Iota)
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (Gamma Zeta)
Virginia Commonwealth University (Lambda)
Medical University of South Carolina (Alpha Iota)
Mercer University (Gamma Alpha)
Nova Southeastern University (Gamma Theta)
Samford University (Beta Beta)
University of Florida (Iota)
University of Georgia (Alpha Kappa)
University of Mississippi (Chi)
University of North Carolina (Xi)
University of Puerto Rico (Gamma Eta)
University of South Carolina (Beta Alpha)
University of Tennessee (Alpha Nu)
West Virginia University (Alpha Mu)

(4) District IV - Mid-Eastern Section

Butler University (Alpha Phi)
Ferris State University (Beta Mu)
Midwestern University (Gamma Kappa)
Ohio Northern University (Beta Psi)
Ohio State University (Upsilon)
Purdue University (Alpha Zeta)
University of Cincinnati (Beta Nu)
University of Illinois at Chicago (Phi)
University of Kentucky (Alpha Xi)
University of Michigan (Alpha)
University of Toledo (Beta Eta)
University of Wisconsin (Eta)
Wayne State University (Alpha Chi)

(5) District V - Mid-Western Section

Creighton University (Alpha Alpha)
Drake University (Alpha Sigma)
North Dakota State University (Kappa)
South Dakota State University (Tau)
University of Iowa (Delta)
University of Minnesota (Mu)
University of Nebraska (Alpha Epsilon)
University of Wyoming (Beta Phi)

(6) District VI - Gulf Coast Section

University of Louisiana at Monroe (Beta Chi)
Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Beta Upsilon)
St. Louis College of Pharmacy (Beta Kappa)
University of Arkansas (Beta Iota)
University of Houston (Beta Omicron)
University of Kansas (Alpha Rho)
University of Missouri (Alpha Omega)
University of Oklahoma (Gamma)
University of Texas (Nu)
Texas Southern University (Gamma Delta)
Texas Tech University (Gamma Mu)
Xavier University of Louisiana (Gamma Epsilon)

(7) District VII - Northwestern Section

Idaho State University (Alpha Upsilon)
Oregon State University (Beta)
University of Montana (Beta Rho)
University of Washington (Rho)
Washington State University (Epsilon)

(8) District VIII - West Coast Section

Midwestern University - Glendale (Gamma Nu)
University of Arizona (Alpha Psi)
University of California at San Francisco (Alpha Lambda)
University of Colorado (Alpha Theta)
University of New Mexico (Gamma Beta)
University of the Pacific (Beta Omega)
University of Southern California (Theta)
University of Utah (Beta Epsilon)

- (c)** Newly established active chapters will be assigned to the appropriate geographic district by the Executive Council.

Article VI: CHAPTER OFFICERS

Each chapter shall designate in its bylaws the following elective officers: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer (or a secretary and a treasurer) and historian. A chapter may have additional elected officers that are deemed necessary by the chapter. Each chapter shall designate in its bylaws the duties of the officers, the duration of their office and the manner of their election. Each chapter shall have a faculty advisor.

Article VII: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Executive Council shall consist of the national officers (Article V) and one, two, or three Student Representatives, depending on the number of chapter awards granted in a given year. The Student Representative(s), shall be a member (or members) of the Chapter(s) receiving the most recent Rho Chi Chapter Award(s). The Student Representative(s) shall be installed with the officers at the Annual Convention and shall serve until replaced by (an) eligible Student Representative(s) at the next or succeeding Annual Convention.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall be the governing body of the Society. It shall transact business relating to the Society as a whole in the interim between conventions.

Article VIII: NATIONAL OFFICE

Section 1. The Society shall establish and maintain a National Office adequately staffed and equipped to serve the members of the Society.

Section 2. The duties and responsibilities of the National Office of the Society shall include: supervision of the election of new members of the Society and maintenance of membership records, issuance of charters and installation of new chapters, assistance to national officers in the conduct of the duties and responsibilities of their respective offices, publication of reports and papers as requested by the Executive Council, management of the financial assets and liabilities of the Society, and other duties as authorized by the Executive Council. Management of the finances of the Society shall be handled in accordance with policies established by the Executive Council and shall be subject to annual review by the Auditing Committee. This Committee shall be appointed by the National President and shall consist of three members of the Society.

Article IX: CONVENTIONS

A convention of the Society shall be held annually, and the Executive Council shall have the power to designate the time and place.

Article X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All amendments presented shall require an affirmative vote by a majority of the Executive Council and an affirmative vote by three-fourths of the total number of active chapters.

Section 2. All amendments shall be presented in writing at the convention or to each chapter by mail through the National Office. Balloting on all new amendments shall take place at the Annual Convention. A special balloting period may be designated at the discretion of the Executive Council and may be conducted by mail.

The Rho Chi Society BYLAWS

Article I: CHAPTER NAMES

Each chapter shall be designated by a Greek letter or letters in the alphabetical order in which the chapter was chartered.

Article II: CHAPTERS

Section 1. At least five students shall be necessary for the establishment of a chapter. The petition for a chapter is sent to the National Office for submission to the Executive Council. If the petition is approved by a majority vote of the Council, it shall be sent to the chapters for their approval. An affirmative vote of three-fourths of the chapters shall be necessary for the granting of a chapter.

Section 2. Any chapter failing for three successive years to have a delegate or an alternate in attendance at the annual convention shall be declared inactive by the Executive Council and may not elect members until reinstated as provided in Article II, Section 3 of these Bylaws.

Section 3. A chapter shall be inactive when the school or college in which the chapter is located has been removed from the list of accredited colleges of pharmacy of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or has been placed on probation by the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada.

Section 4. In the event that a chapter becomes inactive, the chapter must apply to the Executive Council for reinstatement; reinstatement will require a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The full collegiate membership of the Society shall consist of professional (entry-level, post-baccalaureate, and non-traditional) students, graduate students, and members of the teaching staff who have been duly elected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 2. In regular meetings of the active chapters of the Society, associate members shall have all privileges of full collegiate members except the right to vote and to hold office.

Section 3. The charter members of a chapter shall consist of professional and graduate students enrolled in the school of pharmacy at the time the charter is granted and of members of the institution's teaching staff who are eligible for induction as full collegiate members. No student, graduate or professional, or faculty member is eligible as a charter member if already elected to full collegiate membership in another chapter of the Society. The charter members shall meet the membership requirements as listed under Article IV, Section 1 and Section 2, Items (a), (b), or (c) of the Bylaws.

Alumni of the school or college are not eligible for charter membership, but may be elected as associate members as provided for under Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

Section 4. Honorary membership in the Society shall be restricted to those who have given evidence of distinguished scholarship, rendered distinguished service to pharmacy, and who have been elected to such membership in accordance with the provisions stated in these Bylaws. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5. Any member of the Society who may change residence shall be entitled to affiliation with the local chapter upon presentation and acceptance of satisfactory credentials from the National Office. Such members shall have the same active, alumni or honorary status in the new

chapter as was held in the one from which membership was transferred. Such status may be altered by vote of the new chapter in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article IV, Section 2 paragraph (e).

Article IV: ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The qualifications outlined in Article IV, Section 2, Section 3, and Section 4 are considered to be minimal standards. Chapters may set higher membership standards provided that academic qualifications are the essential criteria. Discrimination in membership selection that is based on race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin or ancestry, age, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited. Use of an application process to educate candidates for membership on the mission, vision and objectives of the Society is optional, but encouraged. The purpose of an application, if used, would be to make invitation to membership an active process. Applications should be used only with students who meet all other eligibility criteria, and not for the purpose of identifying eligible candidates.

Section 2. Eligible for election as **full collegiate members** are:

a) **Professional entry-level degree students** who:

1. are enrolled in, or accepted into, a professional pharmacy program that is accredited by or has been granted candidate status by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE), and
2. have completed no less than one-half of the required professional didactic course work as defined for their degree. Chapters have the option of excluding experiential courses that are graded on a Pass/No Pass basis in the determining the number of credits that must be earned to be eligible for election to membership, and
3. rank in the highest 20 percent of their class as determined by the school or college in which they are enrolled and have attained a minimum professional grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Programs unable to calculate a professional GPA may utilize the cumulative GPA for purposes of determining membership eligibility. In dual-track programs, the Baccalaureate and Doctor of Pharmacy classes should be evaluated separately when determining the number of students in the top 20%.

3a) The chapter shall base the determination of the highest 20 percent upon class size at the time those students become eligible for membership in the Rho Chi Society. If the 20 percent calculation results in a fraction, the number should be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number. Once the class size is determined, the number may not be increased or decreased due to addition, attrition, or early graduation.

3b) In calculating professional GPA and class standing, chapters are to use the same criteria for transfer students, including those who may hold a prior degree as for students who have been enrolled in the parent institution for their entire academic career, and

4. have been certified eligible for membership by the dean of the pharmacy school or the dean's designee. The dean or the dean's designee shall certify that candidates have no known disciplinary action for academic reasons or for unprofessional conduct.

b) **All Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy students** who:

1. have completed no less than one-half of the required professional didactic course work as defined for their degree with the stipulation outlined in paragraph 2, subsection a) of this section, and
2. have maintained a professional GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in post-baccalaureate course work, and
3. are nominated for membership by a student or faculty member of Rho Chi or by a faculty member who is not a member of the Society themselves and
4. meet the requirements for membership set forth in paragraph 4 of subsection a) of this section.

c) **All graduate students** who:

1. are pursuing a Master of Science or a Doctor of Philosophy degree and are majoring in one or more areas of pharmaceutical study mentored or supervised by a member of the pharmacy faculty, and
2. have completed no less than one-half of the required course work as defined for their degree by the program, and
3. have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in graduate course work, and
4. are nominated for membership by a member of the faculty or self and
5. meet the requirements for membership set forth in paragraph 4 of subsection a) of this section.

d) **Faculty members** who:

1. are appointed in a school or college of pharmacy, and
2. are eligible to vote on faculty matters of the school or college of pharmacy, and
3. have a principle duty to instruct either professional or graduate students in one or more of the professional areas of the pharmacy curriculum, or
4. hold research or administrative appointments in the school or college of pharmacy.

Section 3. Eligible for election as **associate members** are graduates of an ACPE- accredited Baccalaureate or Doctor of Pharmacy degree program who:

1. earned a professional and cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at graduation, and
2. have, since graduation, exhibited evidence of intellectual excellence and critical inquiry, and
3. are nominated by a full member of the Society, and
4. are invited to apply for associate membership by an established collegiate chapter and
5. have their application favorably reviewed by the sponsoring chapter, the school or college dean, and the appropriate Regional Councilor.

Section 4. Eligible for election as **honorary members** are persons who have given evidence of

distinguished scholarship and have rendered distinguished service to pharmacy. Honorary members may be nominated by any chapter or by any member of the Executive Council. Criteria for honorary membership shall be established by the Executive Council and distributed to the chapters by the National Office in a timely fashion. Nominations, including qualifications of the nominees, shall be submitted in writing to the National Secretary at least three months prior to the annual convention of the Society, and the National Office shall transmit any such nominations and credentials to the members of Executive Council at least one month prior to the annual convention. Election shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council. An appropriate certificate and pin shall be issued to each honorary member with the fees paid by the chapter making the nomination or by the National Office when the nomination is made by a member of the Executive Council.

Article V: ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Duly qualified candidates for collegiate or associate membership in the Society shall become members upon receiving the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the voting members present providing that a quorum as defined in the chapter's bylaws is met.

- (a) Chapters may elect members annually or semi-annually.
- (b) A quorum of voting members, as defined by the chapter bylaws, is required for the election of new members.
- (c) A majority vote of the membership present is required for election of new members.
- (d) Individuals shall become members of the Society upon complying with membership requirements, election to membership by the active members of local chapters, payment of initiation fees, and after being duly initiated in the presence of the chapter membership.

Section 2. Nominees for honorary membership in the Society shall be elected by members of the Executive Council. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Council is required for election to honorary membership.

Article VI: INITIATION

Section 1. Notice of election to chapter membership shall be made in writing.

Section 2. Successful candidates for full collegiate and associate membership shall be initiated according to the official ceremony.

Section 3. Successful candidates for honorary membership shall be inducted into membership at the annual convention if possible. Otherwise the chapter concerned shall conduct the initiation.

Section 4. A membership certificate shall be presented to each elected member at the time of initiation. The certificate will be signed by the National President and the Chapter President and shall be stamped with the official seal of the Society.

Section 5. All certificates issued shall be ordered from the National Office and shall be paid for by the chapter ordering them.

Section 6. A key shall be presented to each elected member at the time of initiation. The key shall be ordered through the National Office and shall be paid for by the chapter ordering it.

Article VII: NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. The National President shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office of president including, but not limited to, planning and presiding over the National Convention of the Society and meetings of the Executive Council, appointing members to committees of the Society, and installing new chapters.

Section 2. The Executive Vice President is the chief administrative officer of the Society. The Executive Vice President shall conduct the business of the Society in accord with the Society's Constitution (See Article VIII of the Constitution) and Bylaws and the policies established by the Executive Council. As executive head of the Society, this officer shall direct the National Office and shall employ, direct, and supervise all members of the Society's staff.

The Executive Vice President shall be elected by majority vote of the Executive Council from among one or more nominees presented by the National President. The term of office shall be two years, but subsequent appointments of the same person may be made. The Executive Vice President shall receive suitable compensation as determined by the Executive Council.

Section 3. In the absence of the National President, the National President-elect shall perform the duties of the office of the National President.

Section 4. The National Secretary shall, in consultation with the National President and Executive Council members, develop the agenda for the National Convention of the Society and the Executive Council meetings. The National Secretary shall record and maintain the records of the proceedings of those meetings and distribute copies to the chapters, members of the Executive Council, and the National Office.

Section 5. The National Historian shall serve as the editor of the publication, The Rho Chi Society, and at the discretion of the Executive Council, provide for the periodic revision and update of that publication. The Historian shall serve as the collector of the archival records of the Society and shall forward these to the National Office, which will serve as the repository for these records.

Section 6. Expenses of the presiding officer (National Vice-President in case the National President is absent) incurred by attendance at the annual meeting may be paid in whole or part from the national treasury upon a majority vote of the Executive Council.

Section 7. The delegate to the annual meeting of the Association of College Honor Societies shall be appointed by the Executive Council. Reasonable expenses-incurred by the delegate may be paid from the national treasury upon a majority vote of the Executive Council.

Section 8. A Regional Councilor may petition the Executive Council for funds needed to conduct Rho Chi business within the district of the Councilor.

Section 9. The candidates for national office shall be nominated by a committee of five members to be appointed by the National President. The Nominating Committee will meet in the year prior to that election to assemble a slate of nominations for the following year. At least one candidate shall be nominated for each office. Biographical information on all candidates will be distributed to the chapters by the National Office prior to the Convention. Additional nominations from the floor of the Convention may be made by any delegate who has a signed statement from the nominee agreeing to serve if elected.

Section 10. The election of national officers shall be conducted at the convention. It will be by written ballot. A majority of the votes cast by the delegates in attendance and voting will be required to elect. In case of a tie vote, the National Secretary shall break the tie by polling the national officers.

Section 11. The officers thus elected shall take office upon installation at the close of the convention. They shall serve for two years or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Section 12. A national officer may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of the chapters.

Section 13. In the event that a convention is not held in any year, the National President shall appoint the nominating committee by mail and the election shall be conducted by mail as provided in Section 9. The active chapters nearest the residence of the officer-elect shall carry out the installation.

Section 14. If for any reason a vacancy occurs in any national office, it shall be filled by the Executive Council until the succeeding election.

Article VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Society shall have the following standing committees: Nominating Committee, Scholarship/Fellowship Committee, Faculty Advisor Award Committee, Rho Chi Lecturer Award Committee, Chapter Awards Committee, and Auditing Committee. These committees shall report each year at the Annual Convention of the Society.

Section 2. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past-President, who serves as Chair, and four Regional Councilors. Councilors from the even-numbered regions shall serve on the committee in the even-numbered years and those from the odd-numbered regions shall serve on the committee in the odd numbered years. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to provide nominees for the offices of President-elect and Councilors for the even-numbered districts in odd-numbered years and for Secretary, Historian and Councilors for the odd-numbered districts in even-numbered years.

Section 3. Scholarship/Fellowship Committee: The Scholarship/Fellowship Committee is composed of three members appointed by the National President for six-year terms. The President of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education serves as an *ex officio* member. The term of the members shall be staggered with the National President making an appointment of new members in odd-numbered years. Committee members serve as Chair during the final two years of their six-year term. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to promote the availability of all Rho Chi Scholarships and Fellowships, receive applications and determine recipients for scholarships, the number and amount of which, if any, is determined by the Executive Council. Recipients shall be announced at the Annual Convention.

Section 4. Auditing Committee: The Auditing Committee shall consist of three members appointed annually by the National President. It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to annually audit the financial records of the Society.

Article IX: CHAPTER OFFICERS

The chapter secretary shall report the names and addresses of the chapter officers to the National Office at the time of the election. The secretary shall promptly report any changes in this list which may occur during the year.

Article X: INSIGNIA

Section 1. The insignia of the Society shall be in the form of an old-fashioned watch key, embodying the Greek letters Rho Chi in a definite configuration raised upon an oblong eight-sided base.

Section 2. The colors of the Society shall be purple and white.

Section 3. The official seal shall be the same general configuration as the insignia.

Section 4. The official banner should be purple and white with the official insignia of the Society in the center, the words "Rho Chi Society" appearing above the insignia and the words "Pharmacy Honor Society" appearing below the insignia.

Section 5. Official cords may be worn by members of active chapters during commencement exercises conducted by their respective school or college of pharmacy. These honorary cords shall be purple and/or white in color.

Article XI: CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Delegates.

(a) Each active chapter shall be entitled to two delegates, one voting and one alternate. Alternate delegates shall be allowed all the privileges except that of voting and shall be allowed to vote in the absence of the voting delegate.

(b) Any chapter failing for three successive years to have a delegate or an alternate in attendance at the annual convention shall be declared inactive by the Executive Council and may not elect members until reinstated as provided in Article II, Section 3 of these Bylaws.

Section 2. Chapters shall report their official delegates to the National Office no later than thirty days before the convention. The procedure for reporting delegates and any necessary delegate forms will be made available to the chapters by the National Office.

Section 3. The voting body shall consist of one delegate from each chapter and the national officers. Proxies shall not be recognized.

Section 4. Voting delegates from one-third of the active chapters shall constitute a quorum. (In the event of a quorum being unobtainable, business may be transacted and then mailed to the chapters for ratification, which will require a two-thirds affirmative vote).

Section 5. The expenses of the chapter delegate may be paid by the chapter sending the delegate.

Section 6. The National President shall, at least 48 hours before the convention convenes, appoint a credentials committee (three members); a nominating committee (five members); and an auditing committee (three members).

Section 7. The agenda for the Annual Convention shall be determined by the National Secretary in consultation with the National President and the Executive Vice President.

Article XII: CHAPTER FEES

Section 1. The initiation fee shall include the cost of the official key, the certificate of membership, and the national membership fee. The cost of a banquet or other special event associated with the initiation ceremony may be assessed in excess of the initiation fee.

Section 2. There shall be no initiation fee for honorary members.

Section 3. Chapters shall fix the amount of the annual dues to suit their respective needs.

Section 4. Each chapter shall have power to assess its members as it sees fit.

Article XIII: NATIONAL FEES

Section 1. Charter fees for new chapters will be set annually by the Executive Council. The charter fee shall not include the cost of keys or membership certificates. The charter fee shall be paid to the National Office.

Section 2. The initiation fee for new members will be set annually by the Executive Council. This fee, which includes the cost of a membership certificate and insignia, shall be paid to the National Office for each member initiated.

Section 3. Sponsoring chapters shall pay for the certificates and insignia of honorary members.

Article XIV: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All amendments presented shall require an affirmative vote by a majority of the Executive Council and an affirmative vote by three-fourths of the total number of active chapters.

Section 2. All amendments shall be presented in writing at the convention or to each chapter by mail through the National Office. Balloting on all new amendments shall take place at the Annual Convention. A special balloting period may be designated at the discretion of the Executive Council and may be conducted by mail.

Article XV: DISSOLUTION OF LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1. In the event a collegiate chapter becomes inactive or its charter is revoked, all funds on hand after liabilities have been paid, all equipment bearing the name of the Society, and all the books and records pertaining to chapter activities shall revert to the Society. Appropriate arrangements for storage or disposition of these materials shall be made by the National Office.

Article XVI: DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. Upon dissolution of the Society, the assets of the Society, shall, after payment of all liabilities, be distributed to the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education to be used for general educational purposes for pharmacy students.