

Constitution of Lambda Pi Eta - National Organization

Article I - Name

The name of the Speech Communication Association's Honor Society shall be Lambda Pi Eta.¹

Article II - Purpose and Activities

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Section 2. Lambda Pi Eta is the honor society of the Speech Communication Association. Lambda Pi Eta exists to further the mission of the Association and is subject to the Association's policies and procedures.

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Article III - National Administration

Section 1. Lambda Pi Eta will be administered by the Speech Communication Association, which is not-for-profit organization, and housed in the national office of the Speech Communication Association. Administrative and financial records will be housed in the Speech Communication Association's national office. Lambda Pi Eta's financial records will be included as part of the yearly audit of the Speech Communication Association.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the Speech Communication Association is responsible to the Speech Communication Association for the management of Lambda Pi Eta.

Section 3. The Executive Director of the Speech Communication Association will appoint the National Director of Lambda Pi Eta, who will serve at the pleasure of the Executive Director.

Section 4. The Executive Director of the Speech Communication Association can appoint any staff support that is needed to carry out the programs and mission of the honor society.

Section 5. The National Director of Lambda Pi Eta will consult with Lambda Pi Eta's National Student Officers and Faculty Advisory Board in administrating the honor society.

¹ Lambda Pi Eta represents the first letter of what Aristotle described in *The Rhetoric* as the three modes of persuasion -- Logos, Pathos, and Ethos.

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North Carolina State's Beta Chapter of the national communication undergraduate honor society, Lambda Pi Eta, again struck pay dirt at the annual convention of the Speech Communication Association last week in Chicago.

The Beta chapter has long dominated the top offices in this prestigious honor society. The same held true this year as outgoing President Jill Miller was replaced by another Beta Chapter member, Christine Seichi. Ms. Seichi, who plans to attend graduate school at the University of Oklahoma and Southern California in intercultural communication, was elected without opposition.

In addition to again capturing the national presidency, the Beta Chapter will now serve as national headquarters of Lambda Pi Eta. Dr. Raymond S. Rodgers, Professor and Associate Head in the Department of Communication at State, moved up from National Faculty Advisor to National Executive Director of the society. Since its founding in 1985, LPH has been headquartered at the Alpha chapter at the University of Arkansas. All the society's files will soon be moved to State and the organization will be run from here.

In another important development, the national board of LPH has recently authorized the implementation of a national journal for undergraduate research. Named Mentor, the journal will also be housed at N.C. State, and its founding editor will be Dr. Robert Schrag, Associate Professor of Communication. Mentor will have an editorial board made up of both students and faculty, and will publish original research authored by undergraduates and research by faculty aimed at undergraduate curricular concerns.

The primary purposes of Lambda Pi Eta are to foster undergraduate research, to develop interest in graduate education in communication, and to encourage interest in academic careers. LPH membership is reserved exclusively for undergraduate communication majors who have earned minimum grade point averages of 3.0 overall and 3.25 in their major. In a typical department, this represents about the top 5% of students.

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February 15, 1988

Jill Holmes, President
Lambda Pi Epsilon
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Dear Ms. Holmes:

We have reviewed your organization's constitution and officers list and everything seems to be in proper order. You are now an officially registered student organization of North Carolina State University entitled to all privileges entailed in that status.

Understand that this recognition in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability which may be incurred by your group. Your status does, however, give you the opportunity to approach the Student Senate with a request for funds, and it also gives you certain on campus solicitation privileges.

Please be aware that we ask each student organization to update its file whenever there is a change of officers and at the beginning of each school year. Failure to do so will result in a loss of registration.

If the Department of Student Development can be of assistance to your group, please do not hesitate to call on us. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert S. Bryan".

Robert S. Bryan, Jr.
Assistant Director,
Student Development

RSBjr/dw

cc: Kevin Howell, President, Student Government
Laura Funck, Reservation &
Catering, Student Center

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