

Constitution of the Metagenes Alumni Association of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

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Preamble

In order to secure a closer fellowship among ourselves, and to encourage a greater interest in the study of Architecture and the Allied Arts, this Association of Alumni of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity is hereby established and constituted, and we hereby declare for its government this Constitution.

Article 1. Name, Emblems, Motto, etc.

Section 1.1 Name

The corporate name of this organization shall be the "Metagenes Alumni Association of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity". This Association shall be incorporated as a non-stock corporation in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Section 1.2 Emblems

The emblems of this Fraternity shall consist of a badge, a coat-of-arms, a recognition button, a system of colors, and a flower.

Section 1.3 Colors

The colors of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity shall be Sanguine (Maroon) and Azure (Navy Blue).

Section 1.4 Flower

The flower of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity shall be the White Rose.

Section 1.5 Motto

The motto of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity shall be "Fidelitas Amor et Artes" (Fidelity, Love of the Arts).

Section 1.6 Badge, Coat-of-Arms, Cadency Mark

The official form of the badge, coat-of-arms, and recognition button shall be as prescribed in the Ritual. The Association shall adopt the cadency mark of the Metagenes Chapter of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, the pheon.

Article 2. Objectives and Powers

Section 2.1 Objectives

To organize and unite for education and professional development purposes the students of Architecture and its Allied Arts in the universities and colleges of America and the alumni members of this Fraternity in order that this Fraternity

may promote the artistic, scientific, and practical proficiency of its membership and the profession.

Section 2.2 Powers

The Powers of the Metagenes Alumni Association of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity are:

- a) To legislate and administrate pursuant to this Association's Constitution and the By-Laws and the National Constitution and the By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity for the general benefit and welfare of this Association and this Fraternity.
- b) To charge and collect dues and fees of its members
- c) To determine, and be the sole judge of any disputes, obligations and responsibilities of between each of its members and between each member and the Association.
- d) To perform any other acts for the benefit of the Fraternity or its local Chapters, Associations, members or membership organizations which are not inconsistent with applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or ordinances, or the Constitution, By-Laws and Charter of the Fraternity

Article 3. Organization, Discipline and Government

Section 3.1 Organization

The National Government of this Fraternity shall be by Delegates from the Alumni Associations, Chapters, the Grand Council and its Officers in Convention assembled, and at all other times as prescribed by the National Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3.2 Discipline

Robert's Rules of Order, [*The Scott Foresman Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 1990 Edition*] shall govern all meetings of the Fraternity including Conventions, Grand Council, Alumni Association, Chapter, Colony and Committee Meetings, except in such cases where these rules conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity.

Section 3.3 Government

Assistants to the elected officers may be appointed by the President, upon the recommendation of the elected officer, upon the recommendation of the elected officer, with the approval of the Board of Directors. The terms of appointed officers shall be terminated at the time of installation of incoming officers.

- a) This Association shall be governed during any Regular or Called Association meeting by those individual members possessing the power and right to vote and the meeting officers.
- b) At all other times by the Board of Directors and the Officers of this Association according to the power and authority vested in them by its Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, the national By-Laws and the franchise granted to this Alumni Association by the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

Article 4. Officers and Board of Directors

Section 4.1 Officers

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer and any other officers, assistant officers, committee chairmen or others as elected or appointed.

Section 4.2 Board of Directors

This association shall have a Board of Directors consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least two Directors-at-Large.

Article 5. Membership

Section 5.1 Membership

Membership in the Association shall be open to all alumni, non-graduate, honorary, and faculty members of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity affiliated with its Metagenes Chapter. The classes of membership — alumni, non-graduate, honorary, and faculty members — shall be the same as defined in the *National Constitution Of The Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity*.

Article 6. Amendments and Voting

Section 6.1 Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws must be proposed in writing, signed by a minimum of three (3) members, and must be presented to the Association at least one meeting before the meeting at which a vote is held. All Amendments to this Constitution and its By-Laws must first be approved in writing by the Grand Council of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

Section 6.2 Voting

An amendment to this Constitution and By-Laws must be approved by a 3/4 vote of the membership present and voting, provided there is a quorum present.

Article 7. Approval

Section 6.1 Approval

This Constitution and By-Laws are hereby declared the governing document of this Alumni Association of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity and all members shall respect them accordingly.

This Edition of the Alumni Association Constitution were approved by the Metagenes Alumni Association on _____, 2001 in a special Constitutional Meeting.

Chairman

Secretary