

Constitution
Pi Omega Pi
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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization will be PI OMEGA PI, Business Teacher Education Honor Society.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

1. To establish and direct chapters of Pi Omega Pi in colleges and universities engaged in business teacher education.
2. To create a fellowship among teachers of business subjects.
3. To create and encourage interest and promote scholarship in business education.
4. To encourage civic responsibility.
5. To foster high ethical standards in business and professional life among teachers of business.
6. To teach the ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprises.

ARTICLE III

Establishment of Chapters

1. A chapter may be established and maintained in any accredited college or university that offers a business teacher education curriculum approved by the respective state department of public instruction for the certification/licensure of teachers. Accreditation in one of the following agencies is also required: National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Middle States Association of Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. No chapter may be reactivated unless it is located at a college or university that is accredited by one of these agencies.
2. More than one chapter may be established and maintained at a college or university that has two or more separate campuses that are for all practical purposes separate entities.
3. A chapter will be named in order of the Greek alphabet according to date of installation. The local chapter will be given its Greek letter name by the National President. Once a name is given to a local chapter, that name will never be assigned to another chapter.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

1. Membership will be classified as active, alumni, faculty, associate, and honorary.
 - a. Active membership will be for those who are enrolled as bona fide students in a college or university having a chapter of the Society and who have met the following requirements:
 - (1) Each candidate must have expressed an intention of becoming a teacher of business subjects.
 - (2) Each candidate must possess the following qualifications:
 - (a) Completion of at least three semesters or five quarters of college courses including at least 15 semester hours or 22 quarter hours in business and/or education subjects.
 - (b) Attainment of general scholarship sufficient to place the candidate within the upper 35 percent

of his/her college class (sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate) and the achievement of an average of "B" or higher, or its equivalent in other grading systems, in all courses in business and education.

- b. Alumni membership will be for graduates of colleges and universities who were active members while they were in school or for those who graduated before a chapter was established but who, since they attained the scholarship standards while a student, have been elected by the chapter to membership.
 - c. Faculty membership in a local chapter may be conferred on members of the department responsible for business teacher education. Chapter sponsor(s) must be a Pi Omega Pi member, either as a member of another chapter or as a faculty member in the local chapter.
 - d. Associate membership may be conferred on persons the chapter believes worthy.
 - e. Honorary membership may be conferred on persons of national reputation the National Council believes worthy. Honorary membership will be conferred at a national convention.
2. Each chapter will be limited to one faculty or associate member during the year, the privilege being cumulative.
3. Membership in any chapter entitles one to participate in the activities in any other chapter. Membership may be revoked by action of the local chapter in accordance with the local bylaws, and the name will be struck from the national membership records on proper notification to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE V

National Administration

1. This Society will be governed by a national council which will meet annually. This National Council will be composed of the following officers to be elected at the National Convention: President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor, and Student Representative.
2. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the President-Elect will automatically become President. Should a vacancy occur in any other national office, the President will be empowered to appoint some member of the organization to serve the unexpired term, with the approval of the majority of the members of the National Council.
3. The President will be chosen from those who have served as members of the National Council.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer will submit a report of the national finances, audited by a professional accountant biennially, to the various chapters. On the alternate years, a financial report is to be prepared and submitted to the chapters. The Secretary-Treasurer will be bonded.
5. The national headquarters will be considered the college or university of the President.

ARTICLE VI

Chapter Officers and Government

1. The officers of a chapter will be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian. Chapters may combine or expand offices as necessary.
2. Chapter meetings will be conducted according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.
3. Each chapter must adopt local bylaws that are consistent with the National Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

National Convention

1. A national convention will be held every two years at a time and place decided on by the National Council.

2. Each chapter may send one or two delegates to the National Convention and will be entitled to one vote per voting delegate.
3. Each chapter may be reimbursed for certain expenses of attending the National Convention within limitations set by the National Council.

ARTICLE VIII

Dues and Fees

1. Upon installation, a Chapter will pay an activation fee as designated by the National Council. There will be no fee for reactivation of chapters.
2. Each chapter will collect an initiation fee from each new member, as determined annually by the National Council, and forward that initiation fee to the National Secretary-Treasurer. The chapters may charge such additional fees and dues as they see fit.

ARTICLE IX

Publications and Projects

1. National Newsletter
 - a. The national newsletter of Pi Omega Pi is the *Here and There* and is published by the National Editor(s)
 - b. The newsletter will be published four times a year, and copies will distributed electronically.
2. National Chapter Award Competition
 - a. Each year the National Council will select ten chapters for special recognition. The first-place chapter will be presented a permanent plaque. The other Top Ten Chapters will receive certificates signed by the National Council.
 - b. Selection of the Top Ten chapters will be based on points accumulated for national, community, and local projects and publications reported by the various chapters along with promptness in turning in reports requested by the National Council members.
 - c. The first-place chapter will perform the judging for the next year's competition under the direction of the National President.
 - c. The competition year will be January 1-December 31.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

This national constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the official delegates at any national convention. Such proposed amendments must be submitted to the various chapters at least sixty (60) days in advance of the National Convention.