PHI RHO PI

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I . . . NAME

The official name of the association shall be Phi Rho Pi, the National Junior and Community College Forensic Association and Honor Society, a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II . . . PURPOSE

Phi Rho Pi is to be operated for educational purposes as that term is used in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, specifically to educate students, professionals, and the general public to foster, promote, and increase knowledge and appreciation of the forensic arts throughout the United States. The association shall not operate for the purpose of benefiting any one person or group but shall be operated for the Junior and Community College forensic community as a whole. The association shall have all the powers of non-profit corporations which are now or hereafter may be authorized and granted by law.

The specific purposes of Phi Rho Pi shall be:

A. To promote educational forensic programs in individual Junior and Community Colleges throughout the United States.

B. To promote educational regional forensic associations to foster the growth, development, and participation of forensics in that area.

C. To promote an educational national association to foster the growth, development, and participation of all member Junior and Community Colleges in the forensic arts; to promote educational services to the

membership; to provide national conventions and tournaments; to provide a national Honorary Society; and to promote competitive forensic

activities, and educational, professional, and leadership experience in the field of forensics.

ARTICLE III . . . MEMBERSHIP

A. College Chapter Affiliation

1. Phi Rho Pi may grant annual chapter memberships to Junior and Community Colleges and upon payment of the annual chapter

membership fee.

2. Special Affiliation - General Chapter

Special affiliation with full rights or participation in the

National and Regional tournaments and activities shall be

granted to individuals whose school regulations prohibit

institutional memberships. When special applicants

participate in the National Tournament, a special fee shall

be assessed each school so represented; such fees shall be

equal to regular chapter dues.

B. Individual membership

1. Individuals may affiliate with Phi Rho Pi by becoming either a member of a currently active college chapter of Phi Rho Pi or a member of a Phi Rho Pi General Chapter and upon payment of the Lifetime Membership fee.

2. Lifetime Membership: There shall be one class of membership - Lifetime Membership, and it shall include those candidates,

students and faculty, who have met the requirements of any of the following degree classifications.

a. Degree of Associate. Any student who indicates interest in Forensic Activities may enter at this level upon the

recommendation of the chapter sponsor.

b. Degree of Fellowship. Any student who participates with merit in Forensic Activities may be advance to this degree

upon recommendation of the chapter sponsor.

c. Degree of Honor. Any student who has participated in a minimum of five intercollegiate tournaments or who has

placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any tournament or who has

advanced to either the semi-finals of individual events or

the quarter-finals of team events at the Phi Rho Pi National

Tournament shall be advanced to the Degree of Honor

upon verification of the above criteria by the chapter

sponsor.

d. Degree of Highest Achievement.

1) Any student who is advanced to the final round of

individual events or semi-finals of team events at

the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament shall be

advanced to this degree upon verification by the

tournament Vice-President to the Secretary

Treasurer.

2) Each chapter may award to one student, or up to 5%

of its paid membership, the Degree of Highest

Achievement.

3) All chapter sponsors are automatically members of

this degree.

3. Individual Professional membership: Membership is available to professional individuals not included under other membership provisions.

ARTICLE IV . . . ORGANIZATION

Phi Rho Pi shall be composed of three administrative levels; the National Association, the Regional Association, and the College Chapter.

A. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

1. Government. The National Association shall be governed by the voting delegates of the currently active college chapters in

convention. When the National Association is not in convention,

the government of the National Association shall be administered

by the Executive Board.

2. Time and Place. The National Association shall convene annually at the time and place chosen by a previous National

Convention/Tournament assembly. In the event a National

Convention/Tournament assembly has not selected the time and

place prior to its adjournment, or a pre-selected site becomes

unavailable, the Executive Board shall act on behalf of the

National Association.

3. Power. The National Association in convention shall be invested with the supreme executive, legislative, and judicial power. It shall

be the source of all authority in the Association, except as

otherwise provided for in this Constitution, and its rules and

regulations shall be binding upon all Regional Associations and

College Chapters within the Association. It shall elect the official

national officers it may deem necessary or expedient. It shall have

the power to vote expenditures from the National Treasury.

4. Representation. Each active chapter shall be entitled to two voting delegates in the business meeting of the National/Tournament. One of these votes shall be cast by the sponsor or their delegate. The

second vote shall be cast by a student member of the chapter.

Selection of the student representative shall be by whatever

method is deemed appropriate by each chapter.

5. Quorum. A quorum of the National Association shall consist of at least one voting delegate from a simple majority of the college

chapters in registered attendance.

6. Eligibility. The National elective offices shall be filled by chapter sponsors who are active members of the Association.

7. The National Executive Board. The National Executive Board shall consist of those officers who are elected by the National

Membership at a National Convention/Tournament: the President,

the Association Vice-President, the Tournament Vice-President,

the Secretary-Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, and the

Comptroller.

a. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

1) To act as a Board of Trustees for this non-profit

organization.

2) To administer all rules, regulations, and activities of

the association.

3) To carry out the directives of the membership. 4) To act as a decision-making body when the membership is not in National Convention for the

continual and proper functioning of the Association. Decisions made by the Executive Board are subject to the approval of the membership by letter ballot or at the subsequent National Convention/Tournament.

b. A simple majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

c. The President shall fill vacancies in the Executive Board by appointment if the National Convention/Tournament is not in session.

d. The Executive Board will meet at the National Convention/Tournament and at least one other time during the year to make and/or confirm plans for the National Convention/Tournament as well as for the association in general. The National Tournament Host should meet with the Executive Board at these meetings.

8. <u>The National Executive Committee.</u> The National Executive Committee shall be composed of the National Executive Board, regionally elected Regional Governors, the Immediate Past President, the National Tournament Host Director, the future National Tournament Host Director, the Website Administrator, the Chairs of the Standing Committees, the Ombudsperson, other

appointments, and any person holding an officially designated title of the National Association.

a. Members of the Executive Committee shall carry out their duties and responsibilities as assigned by the membership and the Executive Board as well as advise the membership and the Executive Board.

b. The Executive Committee shall meet with the Executive Board as scheduled at the annual Convention/Tournament. They are invited to attend, as advisors, other Executive Board meetings.

c. The President shall fill vacancies in the Executive Committee by appointment.

d. The National Association will make all committee assignments mindful of diversified geographical

representation of members.

B. REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

1. The Regional Governor shall function as the Executive Office of the Regional Association.

2. Each region may organize a Regional Association, with such officers as it may deem appropriate.

3. Each region should promote active participation of all eligible colleges in the region.

4. Each region may promote such other activities as it deems appropriate to encourage forensic activities.

5. In all matters affecting regional activities, each active chapter shall exercise one vote.

C. COLLEGE CHAPTER

1. Activities. The local chapter shall have full charge of all its activities within the limits of this constitution and the rules and regulations of the National Association.

2. Sponsor. Each local or college chapter shall have a chapter sponsor, preferably the faculty forensics or speech director.

3. Officers. Each local chapter shall elect at least once a year a President and a Secretary-Treasurer; it may elect other officers as it sees fit to meet local needs.

4. Duties. Each local chapter should provide itself with a local constitution, should meet regularly, should initiate new members annually, and should support and encourage forensics activities.

5. Fees. The National Chapter fee and Lifetime Membership fees for all members shall be payable to the National Secretary-Treasurer upon application for membership. The local chapter shall have power to levy such assessments upon its active members as it may choose.

6. Expulsion from Local Chapter. The local chapter shall have power to expel any member.

7. Transfer of Membership. Any active member in good standing may transfer their membership from one local chapter to another. 8. Voting Power. Each local chapter shall have one vote in Regional activities and two votes in the affairs of the National Association. These votes may be cast by mail ballot or by representatives at the National Convention/Tournament. Chapters may not vote by proxy at the National Convention/Tournament. In case of a referendum, the vote must be by a majority of the chapter's active membership. 9. Suspension of a Chapter. Any chapter which does not meet the requirements of the constitution and By-Laws may be suspended. 10. Reinstatement of Suspended Chapters. A chapter may be reinstated by a decision of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V . . . OFFICIAL KEY AND COLORS

A. The official colors of Phi Rho Pi shall be purple and gold.

ARTICLE VI . . . RULES OF ORDER

A. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the association's guide in parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE VII . . . FINANCES

A. The association shall be registered as a non-profit organization. B. All chapter fees, membership dues, National Tournament fees, interest, dividends, donations, and gifts shall be collected and disbursed for the purposes stated in the Constitution and By-Laws, under the direction of the membership and the Executive Board.

C. All purchases and expenditures must be approved by the membership, the Executive Board, or its authorized representatives.

D. In addition to the powers granted corporations, the association shall have the full power and authority to make distributions, in keeping with the corporate purposes, to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

E. No part of the dues, fees, interest, dividends, donations, gifts, or net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees,

officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable

compensation for services rendered, to present awards, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes herein set forth. However, the association shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor carry on any other activities not permitted by a corporation exempt from Federal Income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

F. The funds of the association shall be held in depositories approved by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII . . . RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Recognition and/or awards may be conferred upon any person or group who has made outstanding contributions to the association or to the field of speech and forensics.

ARTICLE IX . . . DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of Phi Rho Pi, in no event shall any assets of the association be distributed to or inure to the benefit of the members, officers, or trustees of the Corporation. The assets of the association shall be applied and distributed as follows:

A. All liabilities and obligations of the association shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provisions shall be made therefore.

B. Assets held by the association upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of dissolution, shall be returned, transferred, or conveyed in accordance with such requirements.

C. All assets remaining after the distribution set forth above shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more corporation, societies, or

organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of Phi Rho Pi.

ARTICLE X... AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at a regular National Convention/Tournament by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 . . . THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. The National elective officers of the Executive Board shall be the President, the Association Vice-President, the Tournament Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, and the Comptroller. B. The duties of the officers shall be:

1. National President

a. Shall be the Executive head of Phi Rho Pi and preside at all meetings of the National Convention/Tournament and of the Executive Board and shall bear responsibility for coordination and implementation of all activities of the association.

b. Shall represent Phi Rho Pi as a goodwill ambassador in all activities concerning the association.

c. Shall, after consultation with the Executive Board, appoint all members of the Executive Committee not otherwise selected.

d. Shall, after consultation with the Vice-President for Association and Vice President for Tournament, appoint all Standing Committees and assignments for the National Tournament.

e. Shall appoint additional Standing Committees and Special Committees not specifically selected or elected in convention.

f. Shall assign all officers and committee chairmen their duties and responsibilities.

g. Shall replace all vacancies in the Executive Board, the Executive Committee, appointive officers, and Standing and Special Committees.

2. Vice-President for Association

a. Shall act as an Executive Officer of Phi Rho Pi

b. Shall assume the duties of the President in cases of absence, resignation, or vacancy.

c. Shall perform such duties as assigned by the President and the membership.

d. Shall coordinate the efforts and duties of the Regional Governors.

e. Shall assist the President in the selection of Standing and Special Committees for Association.

f. Shall plan and supervise programs and/or workshops for the National Convention/Tournament to provide learning experiences for the membership.

g. Shall help facilitate inter-organizational activities. 1) Plan Phi Rho Pi participation in the National

Communication Association (NCA).

2) Encourage and promote Phi Rho Pi participation in other professional organizations and activities.

h. Shall chair the Site Selection Committee.

3. Vice-President for Tournament

a. Shall act as an Executive Officer of Phi Rho Pi.

b. Shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the Vice-President for Association.

c. Shall perform such duties as assigned by the President and the membership.

d. Shall coordinate the efforts of all individuals and committees connected with the National Tournament.

e. Shall assist the President in the selection of Standing and Special Committees for Tournament.

f. Shall, after consideration with the Executive Board and the Tournament Host, prepare the Tournament Brochure.

g. Shall, if advised, visit the Tournament site; shall make certain that all materials, awards, equipment, and personnel are arranged.

h. Shall supervise, direct, and manage the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament.

4. Secretary-Treasurer

a. The Secretary-Treasurer shall act as an Executive Officer of Phi Rho Pi.

b. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform such duties as assigned by the President and the membership.

c. The Secretary-Treasurer serves as the Chief Financial Officer of Phi Rho Pi and shall be responsible for the fiscal management, accounting, financial reporting, and budget oversight of the organization. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have full access to all financial accounts of Phi Rho Pi and is responsible for the day-to-day fiscal transactions of the organization, including deposits, disbursements, and reconciliation.

e. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting all chapter fees and membership dues: Chapter and membership applications shall be sent to all current members as well as prospective junior and community colleges. All chapter and membership records shall be kept current. Chapter and membership certificates shall be delivered upon payment of fees and dues.

f. The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect all fees for the National Convention/Tournament.

g. The Secretary-Treasurer shall purchase needed supplies and materials for the proper functioning of the association and shall maintain complete records and receipts of all transactions.

h. The Secretary-Treasurer shall pay all authorized charges and bills of the association and shall maintain complete records and receipts of all disbursements.

i. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deposit Phi Rho Pi funds in an interest-bearing checking account or equivalent account, with access shared with at least one other Executive Officer.

j. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make the following financial reports: Shall present the financial records to the Comptroller for review and collaboration in the preparation of the annual fiscal report and audit. Shall present a financial report to the membership at the National Convention/Tournament and to the Executive Board upon request. Shall work in partnership with the Comptroller to prepare and present a joint fiscal report and audit to the National Executive Board no later than June 30th of each year.

k. The Secretary-Treasurer shall retain all current official financial records of the organization and, upon the end of their term, shall transfer all records to the incoming Secretary-Treasurer or the Comptroller.

5. Recording Secretary

a. Shall act as an Executive Officer of Phi Rho Pi.

b. Shall perform such duties as assigned by the President and the membership.

c. Shall keep records of all association meetings, of the business Meetings of the National Convention/Tournament, including the Awards Program, and make them available to the membership.

d. Shall keep records of the Executive meetings and make them available to the membership

e. Shall maintain a current roster of chapters and sponsors. f. Shall supply information about the association to

prospective members and answer all Phi Rho Pi

correspondence.

g. Shall keep all records in a permanent form and, at the end of the period as Recording Secretary, give the records to

the new Recording Secretary or to the Archivist.

6. Comptroller

a. The Comptroller shall act as an Executive Officer of Phi Rho Pi.

b. The Comptroller serves as the officer responsible for leading fundraising and advancement initiatives on behalf of Phi Rho Pi. This officer shall identify, cultivate, and steward relationships with prospective donors, sponsors, alumni, and philanthropic partners to secure external funding and support aligned with the mission of the organization.

d. The Comptroller shall serve as the liaison to the financial institution(s) or investment firms that manage Phi Rho Pi's long-term reserves, investment, and brokerage accounts.

e. The Comptroller shall provide regular reports to the membership and the National Executive Board on the performance and status of these investment accounts, including portfolio allocations, gains or losses, and emerging financial trends.

f. The Comptroller may offer recommendations to the membership and Executive Board regarding the long-term financial sustainability of the organization and the strategic use of invested assets.

g. The Comptroller shall collaborate closely with the Secretary-Treasurer, who maintains responsibility for all operational and accounting functions of the organization, including access to all financial accounts. The Comptroller shall work in partnership with the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare and present an annual fiscal report and audit to the National Executive Board no later than June 30th of each year.

C. These officers shall serve for a period of three years and may be re-elected. 1. Elections of President, Comptroller and Recording Secretary shall be held every three years from the date of the last election for this group. Elections of VP of Tournament, Secretary/Treasurer and VP for Association shall be held every three years from the last

election for this group. Individuals who are elected begin their term July 1st.

2. The Nominations committee shall search out prospective officers, talk to representative members regionally diversified about

prospective candidates, interview prospective candidates, secure their permission to be candidates for the respective offices, and present a final slate of at least one candidate for each office to the membership at the time of elections.

3. Additional nominations for any or all offices may be made from the membership at large during the time of elections.

4. Where there are multiple candidates for any office, a secret ballot election will be held. A winning candidate must receive a majority

of the votes cast.

5. Candidates running for any office shall be provided a bulletin board in the judge's lounge for members of the organization to

know who the candidates are as well as providing candidates the

opportunity to post their vita and or qualifications for the office

they are seeking. Posting of such material will be from the

morning following the opening ceremonies until the end of the

business meeting.

6. Candidates running for office shall have the opportunity to

introduce themselves to the members of the organization during

the business meeting before the members cast their votes.

Introductions cannot exceed two minutes in length per candidate.

ARTICLE II . . . THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE A. The following officers shall constitute the Executive Committee: The Regional Governors, the Immediate Past-President, the National Host Director, the Future National Host Director, the Website Administrator, the Chairs of the Standing committees, the Archivist, the Ombudsperson, and other appointments.

B. The duties of these officers shall be:

1. Regional Governors

a. Shall act as advisors to the membership and the Executive

Board.

b. Shall act as regional coordinators of Phi Rho Pi activities.

1) Shall encourage 100% membership and

participation of Junior and Community Colleges in

their respective regions.

2) Shall promote an annual Phi Rho Pi Regional

Tournament.

3) Shall encourage attendance at each National Phi

Rho Pi Tournament.

c. Shall perform other duties as appropriate to stimulate active interest in Phi Rho Pi.

d. Regional Governors shall be elected on even-numbered

years. They shall serve a term of two years and may be re

elected. Each Region shall elect its Governor at a time and

place it selects but must report the name of the Governor

each year at the National Convention/Tournament.

2. Immediate Past-President

a. Because of the many years of active service to Phi Rho Pi,

the Immediate Past-President shall act as a general advisor

to the membership, the Executive Board, and the Executive

Committee.

3. National Host Director

a. Shall work closely with the Vice-President for tournament and other officers and committees having to do with the

National Convention/Tournament and shall attend the

necessary planning meetings.

b. Shall oversee all local arrangements for the National Convention/Tournament including:

1. Local judges are to be hired or arranged with the

approval of the Vice-President for Tournament.

2. Provide adequate working space, materials,

supplies, equipment, and personnel for both before,

during and after the National Tournament.

3. Provide local information for entertainment,

recreation, transportation, and/or sight seeing.

4. T-shirt design and negotiation.

5. Create tournament nametags for students, judges, coaches, and tab room staff. Arrange to purchase

necessary nametag holders.

6. Inventory remaining supplies and place packing

slips in the boxes to be shipped within one month of

the conclusion of the National Tournament.

7. Arrange for the use of at least one copier for the

tournament.

8. Arrange for computers and other necessary

technical support as deemed by the Vice-President

of Tournament.

9. Assist the Vice-President for Tournament as

needed.

4. Future National Host Director

a. The person or persons designated to host the National Convention/Tournament for the coming year will benefit by working with the Vice-President for Tournament, the Host Director, and other officers and committees concerned with the tournament.

5. Website Administrator

a. Shall work with the membership and the Executive Board to determine the number and types of publications to be

sent to the membership.

b. Shall work with other speech and forensic associations to arrange joint or shared publications.

c. Shall maintain and update the Phi Rho Pi national website. 6. Standing Committees

a. The Nominations Committee shall present to the membership a slate of officers as prescribed in Article I, C, 2 of the By-Laws.

b. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall update, correct, and make available copies of the association's

Constitution and By-Laws.

c. The Site Selection Committee shall solicit bids for National Tournament sites, review them, and present them to the

membership for consideration.

d. The Inter-Organization Committee shall determine and recommend ways in which Phi Rho Pi may work

cooperatively with other organizations and activities.

e. The Awards Committee shall solicit nominations and determine the winners of the Phi Rho Pi Service and

Fellowship Awards, as well as other approved awards.

f. The Debate Committee shall solicit and review suggested rule changes concerning any of the tournament's debate

events and present them to the membership, with or without recommendations.

g. The Public Speaking Committee shall solicit and review suggested rule changes concerning any of the tournament's individual public speaking events and present them to the membership, with or without recommendations.

h. The Interpretation Committee shall solicit and review suggested rule changes concerning any of the tournament's interpretation events and present them to the membership, with or without recommendations.

i. The Rules Committee shall solicit and review suggested rule changes for any tournament concern, except those

covered by the committees listed above, and present them to the membership, with or without recommendations.

j. The Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Ethics Committee shall be called into session when a challenge of ethical

conduct has been issued and the Ombudsperson determines not to hear it, or the Ombudsperson's decision is

challenged. (Challenges concerning rules or procedure shall be determined by the Tournament Committee.)

k. The Tournament Evaluation Committee shall observe and gather information from interviews and/or questionnaires concerning all aspects of the Phi Rho Pi

Convention/Tournament and report its findings to the

membership so that the association may applaud its

strengths and improve upon any weaknesses.

7. <u>Ombudsperson</u>

a. Shall act as a mediator in misunderstandings, rulings, or disputes between individual members, schools, or groups and the association.

b. Shall, if they determines not to rule on an issue or if their decision is challenged, call upon the Tournament

Committee to rule on matters of rules and procedures or the

Ethics committee for matters of ethical conduct.

8. Other Officers:

Other officers or assistants may be appointed to perform such

duties as may be necessary or beneficial to the association.

ARTICLE III . . . REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

A. The Chapters of Phi Rho Pi shall be divided into geographical regions. 1. The Regions shall be as follows:

a. Region I: Northwest: Washington, Oregon, Idaho,

Wyoming, Alaska, Nevada, Utah and Colorado

b. Region II: Northern California (Bay Area, Sacramento

Area, San Joaquin District and Monterey Bay Area:

c. Region III: Southwest: Southern CA (Los Angeles, San

Diego/Imperial, Orange County and Inland Empire / Desert

Regions of CA CC System): Hawaii, Arizona and New

Mexico

d. Region IV: Northeast / Midwest: Illinois, Indiana,

Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin,

Delaware, Washington D.C, Maine, New Hampshire, New

Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont,

Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Virginia, Connecticut,

Maryland, Kansas and Missouri.

e. Region V: Southeast / Central: Alabama, Mississippi,

Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South

Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Arkansas, Louisiana,

Oklahoma and Texas.

2. A chapter may affiliate with any contiguous Region in which the majority of its activities takes place. Such affiliation shall be

approved at the National Convention/Tournament.

3. The Executive Board will periodically examine the regional divisions and make recommendations for change.

ARTICLE IV . . . AWARDS

Awards shall be established by the association to honor outstanding service and contribution.

A. The Service Award

1. The Service Award may be given annually to a person or persons who have provided special service to the association or forensics

activities.

2. The Executive Board shall maintain appropriate symbols to be presented to recipients.

3. The Awards Committee shall select the recipients after careful consideration of candidates who have been recommended by the

membership.

B. The Distinguished Service Award

1. The Distinguished Service Award shall be given to that person or persons who have demonstrated, over time, dedication,

commitment, and action to the purposes and goals of the

association.

2. The Executive Board shall maintain appropriate symbols to be presented to recipients.

3. The Executive Board shall determine the recipients of this award; except under unusual circumstances if the candidate is an active member of the association, the recipient should first have received a Service Award.

C. The Presidential Award

1. The retiring President of Phi Rho Pi shall be given an award at the close of the Convention/Tournament where their term of office is completed.

2. The award shall be appropriate.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer and Host Director shall be responsible for selecting and presenting this award.

D. The Fellowship Awards

1. Each year at the National Convention/Tournament, the Collie Taylor Fellowship Award shall be presented to one forensic coach from each region, and the Warren-Dahlin Fellowship Award shall be presented to one student participant from each region. Process and criteria for awarding both awards shall be determined by each region. Each region shall furnish the nominee to the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of semi-final rounds of

competition.

2. The recipients shall be selected by nominations and vote by the student participants. Students may not vote for their own coaches or other students from their own squad.

3. The Awards Committee shall supervise this activity.

E. The National Tournament Awards

1. The National Tournament Awards include the Sylvia D. Mariner Perpetual Sweepstakes Award, Bovero-Tabor Outstanding Speaker Award, the Bell-Scroggins and Lynch-Grossman IPDA Awards, the Bossard-Twohy Parliamentary Debate Award, the Huffer-Goldman Interpreters' Theatre Award, the Rolland

Shackson Distinguished Service Award, the Warren-Dahlin

Student Fellowship Award, the Collie-Taylor Coach Fellowship Award, Sweepstakes Awards, Team Awards, Individual Awards, Certificate Awards, and other awards.

2. These awards shall be presented during the awards assembly of the National Convention/Tournament.

3. Tournament rules shall determine the winners of these awards. F. Other Awards

The Executive Board or the membership may establish other awards, special or regular, as they may determine.

ARTICLE V...EVENTS

The national tournament shall offer a variety of events to meet the educational needs and interests of member college students. Specific rules regarding these events may be found in the annual tournament brochure/invitation. The 11 individual events shall include: Extemporaneous Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Persuasive Speaking, Impromptu, Speaking to Entertain, and Communication Analysis. The tournament shall also offer a variety of debate events which shall include: NFA

Lincoln/Douglas Debate, Parliamentary Debate, and IPDA. Finally, the tournament shall offer Interpreters' Theatre. The Vice President of Tournament reserves the right to amend the standard events due to low entry numbers of tournament logistical issues.

ARTICLE VI . . . AMENDMENTS

A. All standing rules of procedure and administration shall operate as part of administration shall be published on the Phi Rho Pi website each year as part of the association's National Convention and Tournament Booklet. B. These By-Laws may be amended in the following manner:

1. By a majority vote of the membership attending a National

Convention/Tournament.

2. By a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board when the membership is not in convention. Any action by the Executive Board which

alters the By-Laws must be submitted to the membership at the

next Convention/Tournament for approval.

C. All proposed amendments introduced by members prior to the tournament shall be assigned to the appropriate standing committee by the President. In the event that a proposal is relevant to more than one area, the chair of the assigned committee should seek feedback from other relevant

committee(s). The chair shall present all additional feedback during the committee meeting and the business meeting.

D. All proposed amendments that come out of any standing committee as recommended shall be posted in the judge's room and student posting areas by 3 pm the day before the national business meeting.