

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SPHEX CLUB
Incorporating the proposed change relating to classes of membership
as recommended by the Membership Committee (Article III, par. 6)

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DURING WWII

ARTICLE I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the SpheX Club.

ARTICLE II. Object.

The object of this club shall be, primarily, the intellectual and social culture of its members and, secondarily, the encouragement of philanthropic, educational and civic progress.

ARTICLE III. Membership.

(1) Membership shall be either active or honorary.

(2) The maximum limit of active membership shall be thirty (30).

(3) Any member has the privilege of presenting to the Membership Committee, in writing, the name of any person for active membership.

(4) If such proposed person receive the unanimous approval of the committee, his name shall then be presented to the club for election. The vote shall be by secret ballot, and one negative vote shall indicate exclusion.

(5) No election of members shall be held unless previous notice of such election shall have been given by the Secretary, in writing, to every member of the club.

*(6) Any active member, having made known his desire to the Secretary, may, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, be made an honorary member, continuing with all the privileges of active membership, but free of the obligation to read papers, and to attend meetings regularly; provided, however, that such honorary membership be not included within the constitutional limit provided for active membership.

(7) The name of any member may be dropped from the roll by a majority of the total enrolled membership voting affirmatively.

ARTICLE IV. Officers.

(1) The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

(2) Election of officers shall be held annually at the second regular meeting in the fall. Election shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall suffice for election. The President shall not be eligible to succeed himself.

(3) In the event of the death or resignation of any officer, the club shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term at its next regular meeting, proceeding in the manner prescribed for the annual election.

ARTICLE V. Committees.

(1) The following committees, consisting of three members each, shall be appointed by the President as soon after his election as possible: (a) Membership Committee; (b) Program Committee.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to consider all persons for active membership whoss names shall be proposed to it in writing. If such person receive the unanimous approval of the Committee, the Committee shall then notify the Secretary as to the date upon which it is proposed that the election be held.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Program Committee to arrange and publish the schedule of speakers for the regular club meetings for the year beginning January 1st. after its appointment; to secure the speaker and make all other provisions for the annual dinner, and to make all necessary provisions for special meetings of any nature.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments.

All proposed changes in this Constitution shall be presented in writing to the club for discussion. Such proposed changes shall then lie over until the following regular meeting, at which time they may, if duly seconded, be adopted by a majority vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

(1) The club shall meet, as far as practicable, once every two weeks, from October 1st. to May 15th., at such time and place as may, from time to time, be designated.

(2) The annual dues of each active member shall be \$2.00 plus such other charges as may be properly assessed against him.

(3) If any member fails to pay such dues and other charges as may be properly assessed against him, his name shall be automatically dropped from the roll of the club six months after the end of the club year during which such indebtedness was incurred; provided, that he shall have been twice previously reminded of this law by the Secretary or the Treasurer.

(4) Any active member who shall be absent from at least 60% of the regular meetings during one club year, except for reasons acceptable to the club, shall no longer be considered a member of the club, and the Secretary shall so notify him. Such a member may, however, upon application in writing, be re-instated as an active member of the club by a majority vote of the members present at the time of the consideration of such application; provided, that such re-instatement may be effected within the membership limit imposed by the Constitution.

(5) The emblem of this club, as adopted, shall be a circular gold pin, or button, one-half inch in diameter, on the face of which is a wasp (SpheX) having outspread white enamel wings, black enamel body, and gold legs and antennae. The wasp is on a background of red enamel, and beneath the wasp is the Greek word "SpheX" in gold letters.

(6) All proposed changes in the By-Laws shall be presented in writing at any regular meeting of the club and may be adopted by a majority of the members present.

(End of Constitution and By-Laws)

* Present Paragraph (6) Article III of the Constitution for which the new Paragraph (6) is offered as a substitute, reads as follows: "Only former active members shall be eligible to honorary membership, and may be elected to such membership by a majority vote of the members present."

NOTE: It is felt by this committee that the recommendation of the Membership Committee relative to certain privileges to be extended to members by reason of existing war conditions is not a matter of Constitutional provision, but that it may best be dealt with by the adoption of a special resolution. The following is suggested:

RESOLVED, that all members temporarily absent from the city by reason of their enlistment in the service of their country be relieved of that provision of the Constitution which provides that extended absence without excuse automatically severs connection with the club, and also of the payment of the stipulated dues; such privileges to be extended for the duration of the war, or until their prior return to the city.

Be it further RESOLVED, that all members who, by reason of place of residence, or other reasons acceptable to the club, are prevented from regular attendance upon the meetings of the club, are, for the duration of the war, relieved of that provision of the Constitution which provides that extended absence without excuse automatically severs connection with the club.

Respectfully submitted,
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