

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SPHEX CLUB

CONSTITUTION

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 emeritus.

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

(3) Any member has the privilege of presenting to the Membership Committee the name of any person for active membership. This committee may consider on its own persons it considers suitable for membership.

(4) If such proposed person receives 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 two negative votes 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 of long service and advanced years, having made known his desire to the Secretary, may, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, be made an emeritus 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 emeritus member be not included within the constitutional limit provided for active membership.

(7) The name of any member may be dropped 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 for active membership all persons proposed by members and those names originating in the Committee. If such person receives 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.

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ARTICLE V. Committees. (Cont'd)

(3) It shall be the duty of the Program Committee to secure the speaker and make all other provisions for the annual dinner, to assist the Secretary when so requested in arrangements of programs of meetings, and to make all necessary provisions for special meetings of any nature.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to arrange and publish to the members the schedule of speakers for the regular club meetings for the year, beginning in October, with the assistance of the Program Committee, as provided in Article V, Section 3 above.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments.

All proposed changes in this Constitution shall be presented in writing to the club for discussion. Such proposed changes shall 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 active members shall be such sum as may be found necessary from year to year.

(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 Treasurer..

(4) Any emeritus member may, upon his request, be reinstated as an active member by majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

(5) Recognition of decease of members shall be a simple statement of fact concerning the member.

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions above stated of these By-Laws, the majority of members at any meeting may, by special resolution, provide for unusual situations or conditions as may be deemed proper.

(7) 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.