

Bylaws of Beta Theta Rho Chapter

CHAPTER 1. Name of Chapter

The name of this chapter of Phi Theta Kappa shall be Beta Theta Rho.

CHAPTER 2. Purpose

The purpose of Beta Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Randolph Community College shall be the promotion of scholarship, the development of leadership and service, and the cultivation of fellowship among qualified students of this college.

CHAPTER 3. Membership

Section 1. Types of membership in—Chapter shall consist of member including early college, alumni member and honorary member as defined in Article IV, section 1, of the *Phi Theta Kappa Constitution and bylaws*. *

- A. *Member.* In addition to meeting membership eligibility requirements as stated in Article IV and Chapter 1 of the *Phi Theta Kappa constitution and Bylaws*. *each candidate for membership (**full-time or part-time**) must have completed **12 credit hours** of associate degree course work, with a Grade Point Average of **3.50** on a **4.0** scale, and adhere to the school conduct code and possess recognized qualities of citizenship. Grades for courses completed at other institutions will be considered when determining membership eligibility. A cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 must be maintained to remain in good standing. Failure to maintain the required cumulative Grade Point Average may result in the member being removed from good standing as stated in the *Phi Theta Kappa Constitution and Bylaws*, *Chapter 1, Section 3.
- B. *Provisional Member.* In addition to meeting eligibility requirements as stated in Article IV, section 1B of the *Phi Theta Kappa Constitution and Bylaws*, * a student must have earned a cumulative Grade point Average of 3.5 on all course work completed in high school. A student must be currently enrolled in an associate degree course work at the two-year college, adhere to school conduct code, and possess recognized qualities of citizenship. Provisional members will pay local chapter dues once, but are not required to pay the international and regional induction fee until they have qualified for full membership.
- C. *Alumni Member.* An individual must meet eligibility requirements as stated in Article IV, Section 1C of the *Phi Theta Kappa Constitution and Bylaws*. *
- D. *Honorary Member.* An individual must meet eligibility requirements as stated in Article IV, Section 1D of the *Phi Theta Kappa Constitution and Bylaws*. *

- E. *Transfer Member*. A member from another Phi Theta Kappa chapter may transfer membership to Beta Theta Rho Chapter if he or she is currently enrolled at Randolph Community College and meets the membership eligibility GPA of the chapter.

CHAPTER 4. Chapter Advisor

In addition to carrying out the duties as stated in the *Phi Theta Kappa Constitution and Bylaws*, *Chapter IV, Section 5, the chapter advisor shall be responsible for overseeing the completion and submission of Membership Report Forms, Student Profile Forms, and fees to Headquarters. The advisor shall be a non-voting member of the chapter.

CHAPTER 5. Officers

Section 1. All officers must be members of Phi Theta Kappa, in good standing, have a Grade Point Average of 3.5 and must be carrying a course load of 12 semester hours (or equivalent).

Section 2. The Beta Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa shall have the following officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Public Relations Secretary/Historian. A chapter may elect additional officers.

Section 3. The duties of the president shall be as follows:

- a. Preside over all business meetings.
- b. Appoint and establish any necessary committees.
- c. Vote only in case of a tie.
- d. Serve as an ex-officio member on all committees.
- e. Present business to the organization.
- f. Represent the organization at all times.
- g. Appoint a committee to review and/or revise the chapter bylaws annually.
- h. Appoint a committee to prepare the Annual Report to be sent to Headquarters each spring.

Section 4. The duties of the vice-president shall be as follows:

- a. Perform all duties of the president in the event of his or her absence.
- b. Take roll at all meetings.
- c. Coordinate all committees.
- d. Head the committee reviewing the chapter bylaws and the annual report.
- e. Act as program chairman.

Section 5. The treasurer shall:

- a. Open and/or maintain a bank account for the society. (if allowed by college).
- b. Receive all money and write all checks.

- c. Keep a set of books which shall be audited by the chapter advisor and notarized before the office is relinquished.
- d. Make a report of finances at each business meeting.

Section 6. The recording secretary shall:

- a. Take and read minutes of meetings.
- b. Maintain records of the meetings.
- c. Maintain a file of chapter correspondence.
- d. Serve on the committee to prepare the Annual Report to be sent to Headquarters each spring.

Section 7. The public relations secretary shall:

- a. Keep a full record of chapter functions.
- b. Draft and submit press release whenever possible to all area newspapers.
- c. Prepare and maintain the chapter scrapbook for regional, state, and international meetings and conventions.
- d. Submit to Regional Coordinator and Headquarters reports of chapter activities and Five-Star Chapter Update Forms.

CHAPTER 6. Election of Officers

Section 1. In addition to meeting requirements as stated in Chapter IV, Section 3 of the *Phi Theta Kappa Constitution and Bylaws*, * all candidates for office must be members of Phi Theta Kappa, and in good standing.

Section 2. Elections will be held in December, as deemed necessary.

Section 3. Officers shall hold office from the beginning of their inaugurations, which shall be at the first meeting following the election to the time of the next inauguration.

Section 4. Nominations from the floor can be made at the same meeting as the election.

Section 5. A simple majority vote shall elect any officer.

Section 6. In any case when an officer must resign his or her office, an election shall be held to elect a new officer. Nominations shall be made from the floor, and will be made at the first meeting following the resignation of the officer. The election will be held at the first meeting following nominations. Plurality of the votes cast will determine the new officer. The president shall have the power to make a temporary appointment at his or her discretion until an election can be held.

CHAPTER 7. Meetings

Section 1. All business meetings will follow the general agenda:

Order of Business

- a. Call to order
- b. Roll call
- c. Reading of the minutes
- d. Treasurer's report
- e. Committee reports
- f. Old business
- g. New business
- h. Announcements
- i. Adjournment

Section 2. A quorum of three members of the membership, excluding members excused for other school functions, must be present before any official meeting can be called to order.

Section 3. All meetings shall be governed by an adaptation of Robert's Rules of Order.

CHAPTER 8. Finances

Section 1. Finances for this chapter will be raised primarily by projects voted on by a majority vote of the members.

Section 2. Payment of the International Membership fee must be received by the chapter treasurer before members can be inducted.

Section 3. All members must pay the local fee prior to induction.

Section 4. All members must pay the regional fee prior to induction.

Section 5. Disbursement vouchers must be submitted with supporting invoices and/or statements attached to the original invoice.

Section 6. Financial records of the chapter shall be annually audited by the advisor.

CHAPTER 9. Amendments and Revision

Section 1. The chapter bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented at a previous meeting. Any changes to the bylaws must be sent to Headquarters for final approval.

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