

**Constitution of the Hippodamus Chapter
of Alpha Rho Chi at
Mississippi State University
Ratified March 6, 2012**

Preamble

In order to secure a closer fellowship among ourselves, and to encourage a greater interest in the study of Architecture and the Allied Arts, a Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi is hereby established and constituted, and we hereby declare for its government this Constitution.

Article I

Name, Emblems and Motto

Section 01: Name

The Corporate name of this organization shall be: "Alpha Rho Chi Hippodamus."

Section 02: Emblems, Motto, Badges, Etc.

The emblems of this Chapter shall be as designated by the Constitution of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

Section 03: Cadency

The cadency mark of the Hippodamus Chapter shall be a bell.

Article II

Objectives and Powers

Section 01: Objectives

The objectives of this Chapter are: to organize and unite in fellowship, for the education and professional development purposes, the students of Architecture and the Allied Arts of this University in order that this Fraternity may promote the ethical, artistic, scientific, and practical proficiency of its Membership and the profession.

Section 02: Powers

The Powers of this Chapter of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity are:

- A. To legislate and administrate pursuant to this Chapter Constitution and By-Laws and the National Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity for the general benefit and welfare of this Chapter and this Fraternity.
- B. To charge and collect dues and fees of its Members and on behalf of the National Fraternity.
- C. To determine, and to be the sole judge of any disputes, obligations, and responsibilities between each of its Members and between each Member and the Chapter.
- D. To accept Members of this Chapter.
- E. To perform any other acts for the benefit of its Members or Membership, which are not inconsistent with the applicable Federal, State, or Local Laws, Regulations, and or Ordinances; or the National Constitution, National By-Laws and the Franchise granted to this Chapter by the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

**Article III
Procedure and Government**

Section 01: Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, latest version, shall govern all meetings of the chapter and committee meetings, except in such cases where these rules conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Chapter or of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

Section 02: Government

- A. Those individual Members possessing the power and right to vote shall govern this Chapter during any Regular or Special Chapter Meeting.
- B. At all other times governing shall be upon the Chapter Executive Board and the officers of this Chapter, pursuant to the power and authority vested in them by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Chapter or the Chapter meeting.

**Article IV
Executive Board**

Section 01: Executive Board

This Chapter shall have an Executive Board consisting of the Worthy Architect (President), Worthy Associate Architect (Vice President), Worthy Scribe (Corresponding and Recording Secretary), Worth Estimator (Treasurer), and Worthy Superintendent ; as elected by the Chapter. The Executive Board will serves as Board of Directors of the Chapter.

**Article V
Membership**

Section 01: Membership

The classes of Membership shall be as described in the National Constitution of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. This Chapter shall have the power to initiate Active, Faculty, and (with the approval of Grand Council) Honorary Members of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. All Members must have completed the Fraternities Ritual.

Section 02: Eligibility

- A. Active members shall be students registered in professional courses leading to a Bachelor's or Master's Degree from Mississippi State University. Membership shall not be limited to certain majors, provided the Membership of this Chapter shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) of students registered in architecture or allied fields. Active Members transferring from another school with a Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity may affiliate as an Active Member of this Chapter with approval of the Chapter meeting.
- B. No Prospective Member, Active Member, Alumni Member, Honorary member, or Faculty Member shall be discriminated against because of age, race, sex, religion,

national origin, sexual orientation, financial status, disabilities, or physical appearance.

Section 03: Voting Rights

Only Active Members in good standing shall have the right to vote at regular or special meetings of this Chapter.

**Article VI
Seals**

Section 01: Seal

The Worthy Architect shall be the keeper of the Seal of this Chapter. This seal shall be impressed upon Chapter reports, notices, summons, and all official communications to the Grand Council. A copy of the Seal shall be deposited with the Worthy Grand Scribe.

**Article VII
Amendments**

Section 01: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution or this Chapter's By-Laws must be proposed in writing, signed by a minimum of three Members and must be presented to the Chapter at least one meeting before the meeting at which a vote is held.

Section 02: Voting

An amendment to this Constitution must be approved by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Membership present and voting, providing there is a quorum present.

Section 03: Approvals

Before any amendments go into effect, they must be approved by the Worthy Grand Architect of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity in writing.