1. SIGMA XI, THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HONOR SOCIETY
2. BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY
3. BYLAW I. Activities of the Society. Activities appropriate to the fulfillment of the object of the Society include: the election to membership and associate membership in the Society of students, faculty members, investigators in research institutions and others who meet the requirements for membership set forth in Article II, Section 3 A and B of the Constitution; the maintenance of companionship among the membership in various fields of science through association with chapters; the holding of meetings for the discussion of scientific subjects; the publication of American Scientist and other publications devoted to the dissemination of scientific information, especially the results of research in progress; and the encouragement of scientific research through other means such as Grants-in-Aid of Research to individual investigators, the presentation of awards for excellence in research and the maintenance of the lectureship programs.
18. BYLAW II. Membership in the Society
19. Section 1. Membership of Chapters. A. Chapters. The membership of a chapter, subject to the requirements of Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, shall consist of the active Members and the active Associate Members who present satisfactory credentials showing election to membership in the Society, who request affiliation with the chapter and who are accepted by the chapter. They shall be recorded as such in the Headquarters of the Society. B. Membership-at-Large. The membership-at-large, subject to the requirements of Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, shall consist of the active Members and the active Associate Members who are not affiliated with any chapter. They shall be recorded as such in the Headquarters of the Society.
31. Section 2. Criteria for Membership. A. General Requirements. In the expanding field of science, enumeration of those disciplines appropriate to membership in the Society is not possible as the sole basis for defining the criteria for membership. For this reason, nomination of an individual engaged in scientific research may be made provided that the nominee is, by the quantitative emphasis of the work combined with its synthesis and qualitative stature, deemed eligible for nomination. B. Noteworthy Achievement. Noteworthy achievement in research specified for election or promotion to full membership, Article II, Section 3 A of the Constitution, must be evidenced by publications, patents, written reports or a thesis or dissertation. Membership in the
Society is neither linked to the possession of any degree nor contingent upon belonging to some other organization.

C. Research Aptitude. Research aptitude specified for election to associate membership, Article II, Section 3 B of the Constitution, must be evidenced by independent investigation or by two or more letters of reference from the supervisor and colleague(s), which state the nominee’s scientific contributions. Associate membership is offered to encourage young investigators with promise to continue careers in research and to the bench scientists and technicians who “do” the research but may never be recognized as authors or cannot be authors but hold full jobs in science research. In making the nomination for such membership, both the nominator and the seconder attest to the nominee’s potential for future promotion to Member or for continuation of their membership as an Associate Member.

Section 3. Nomination and Election and Initiation Procedures.

A. Responsibility. The Committee designated by the Board will have responsibility to set policy regarding nomination, election, and initiation procedures. Changes in policy will be communicated to the chapters for a comment period of not less than 30 days. After the comment period the changes may be revised for a new comment period. Should fifteen (15) or more chapters object to a policy change in writing and objections cannot be resolved in a new comment period, the policy change will be held in abeyance until the next Assembly of Delegates where it will be presented for vote. Otherwise the policy change will be implemented upon the close of the comment period.

B. Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall be initiated into the Society by the President, or by a person designated by the President, at a suitable ceremony.

C. Pledge of the Society. Members-elect and Associate Members-elect shall be informed of the aims and objectives of the Society, and shall be required to assent, either orally or in writing to the president of the electing chapter or the president's deputy, or in writing to the Chair of the committee designated by the Board, to the following Pledge: "Do you hereby pledge yourself, in accordance with the purposes and objectives of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society, to encourage original investigations in science, to foster companionship and cooperation among scientists, to maintain honor, integrity and honesty in all scientific activities, and to assume the other continuing responsibilities of membership?” Members-elect and Associate Members-elect who attend a regular initiation are
expected to have read the culture, mission and vision statements of
the Society, whereupon they are admitted to membership in the
Society.

D. Certificate of Membership. (i) Members and Associate
Members. Upon admission to membership, each new Member or
Associate Member shall receive a certificate of membership which
shall be in a form approved by the Assembly of Delegates, bear the
Seal of the Society, and be signed by the President of the Society, the
Executive Director, and the president and secretary of the electing
chapter or the Chair of the committee designated by the Board. Each
new Member or Associate Member shall also receive the official
emblem or the authorization to secure such emblem.

(ii) Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall receive a
suitable certificate of membership approved by the Board of
Directors, bearing the Seal of the Society, and signed by the
President and the Executive Director.

Section 4. Changes in Membership Status. A. Active to Inactive
Active members who fail to comply with the provisions of Article
IV, Section 1 of the Constitution shall be transferred to inactive
membership, and shall be recorded as such in the Headquarters of the
Society.

B. Inactive to Active. An inactive member may, at any time and at
the member's discretion, be returned to active membership by
complying with the provisions of Article IV, Section 1 of the
Constitution, and by indicating to the Headquarters of the Society the
chapter, or the membership-at-large, with which the member wishes
to be affiliated. Such change shall be recorded appropriately in the
Headquarters of the Society.

C. Emeritus Status. Once
Initiated into the Society and upon reaching the
age of 65 having been initiated at least 30 years ago a member,
full or associate, may upon retirement request emeritus status.
This status permits continued
active association with the Society as provided for in Bylaw IV,
Section 1 A (iii).

D. Policy on removal of Directors, Officers, or members.
Directors, Officers, or members can be sanctioned or dismissed for cause in
accordance with policy set by the Board of Directors. Changes in
policy will be communicated to the chapters for a comment period of
not less than 30 days. After the comment period the changes may be
revised for a new comment period. Should fifteen (15) or more
chapters object to a policy change in writing and objections cannot
be resolved in a new comment period, the policy change will be held
in abeyance until the next Assembly of Delegates where it will be
presented for vote. Otherwise the policy change will be
implemented upon the close of the comment period.

BYLAW III. Organization of the Society

Section 1. Chapters. A. Chapters. (i) Location and
Requirements for a Chapter. A chapter may be established by
action of the Board of Directors, advised by a committee designated
by the Board, at any location where scientific research is cultivated
and promoted. Of considerable importance are evidences of official
commitments to the development and support of research by the
institution in the immediate and long-range future.

Ordinarily locations approved for chapter status will be single
educational, governmental, or industrial institutions whose
permanency is reasonably assured. In some instances chapters may
be approved at locations whose research strength and potential is
dependent upon the combined research organizations of two or more
institutions so situated physically that they can participate together as
companions in zealous research.

Before any petitioning group can be recommended for chapter status,
a committee designated by the Board shall ascertain by inquiry,
study, and visits, where appropriate, if the conditions at the
institution(s) involved are conducive to further scientific research.

(ii) The Petition. A petition for the granting of a charter for the
establishment of a chapter shall be communicated to the Executive
Director, who, in turn, shall refer it to the committee designated by
the Board to determine the suitability of the petition. At least 10
active full or associate members, must agree in the petition to
become members of the chapter. If the
committee, by at least a three-fourths majority vote, recommends
approval of the Board of Directors, and it, in turn, approves by a like
vote, the Executive Director shall initiate the process of installation
of a new chapter.

(iii) Chapter Charter. Each charter for the establishment of a new
chapter shall be signed by the President and the Executive Director,
and shall be presented by the installing officer to the petitioning
group at a special installation ceremony arranged by the petitioning
group in consultation with the Executive Director. The form of the
charter is set forth in Bylaw III, Section 1 D (i) and (ii), below.

(iv) Affiliation with a Chapter. A Member or Associate Member,
upon presenting satisfactory credentials showing election to
membership in the Society, and complying with the provisions of
Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, is entitled to appropriate membership in any chapter depending upon such relationship to the institution(s) hosting the chapter as said institution(s) may require.

(v) Revocation of a Chapter Charter. Any chapter not in good standing (Bylaw III, 1C) will be placed on probation for a one year period by the committee designated by the Board to oversee chapter activities. If after one year on probation, a chapter has not returned to good standing, the committee may initiate the necessary action for revocation of the chapter's charter as indicated below. The charter of a chapter may be revoked by the Board of Directors, by a three-fourths majority vote of those present at a meeting of the Board, provided the Board action was taken in response to a three-fourths majority vote of the members of the committee present at a meeting following a thorough investigation of the chapter concerned and the taking of all possible remedial steps to preclude the necessity for such action by the committee.

B. Good Standing of Chapters. The Committee designated by the Board will have responsibility to set policy regarding good standing of chapters. Changes in policy will be communicated to the chapters for a comment period of not less than 30 days. After the comment period the changes may be revised for a new comment period. Should fifteen (15) or more chapters object to a policy change in writing and objections cannot be resolved in a new comment period, the policy change will be held in abeyance until the next Assembly of Delegates where it will be presented for vote. Otherwise the policy change will be implemented upon the close of the comment period.

C. (reserved)

D. The Charter. The charter issued to a chapter shall contain two paragraphs, to wit:

(i) First Paragraph. The first paragraph of the charter of a chapter shall be in the following form:

"Be it hereby known that a charter for the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society at ..........to be known as the ...........Chapter, is hereby granted to the following persons as Charter Members and Charter Associate Members, conveying to them and to their duly elected successors all the privileges and responsibilities conferred by the Constitution of the Society; (list of names)"

(ii) Second Paragraph. The second paragraph of the charter of a chapter shall be in the following form:

"In witness whereof, the signatures of the President and the
E. Geographic Regions. Chapters located in North America are assigned to the geographic region in which they are located. Chapters located outside North America shall be assigned to a geographic region by the Board of Directors after consultation with the chapter. A chapter having special ties to a chapter in another region may ask to be reassigned, and the Board of Directors shall act on such requests. Once each decade the Board of Directors shall evaluate the distribution of members and chapters within the geographic regions and make appropriate changes to geographic boundaries.

F. Constituency Groups. Chapters located in the United States and its territories are assigned by the Board of Directors to one of four constituency groups of chapters from similar institutions. Chapters located outside of the United States and its territories are assigned to the Canadian/International constituency group. A chapter may ask to be reassigned to a different constituency group, and the Board of Directors shall act on such requests.

Section 2. The Assembly of Delegates. A. Duties of the Assembly. The Assembly of Delegates shall meet in General Session either annually, biennially or at the discretion of the Board of Directors at which time the delegates shall consider and act upon business. Elections of officers will be carried out as described in Bylaw III 3. Elections of Directors, Associate Directors, and members of the Committee on Nominations will be carried out as described in Bylaw III 4. While in-person meetings are preferred, such Assemblies may be convened by any means that provide for discussion as needed to complete the business of the Assembly, including electronic.

B. Caucuses. In addition to the General Sessions of the Assembly of Delegates attended by all delegates, the Annual Meeting or Biennial Meeting or a convening of the Assembly of Delegates at the discretion of the Board of Directors shall provide time for caucuses of each geographic region and constituency group at which time the delegates may meet and conduct such discussions and business, including the election of a Director, a member of the Committee on Nominations, and members of the region or group nominating committees, as may be required. The appropriate Director shall preside over each caucus. Directors prepare agendas of matters to be discussed, which shall include matters of interest to science and to the Society as a whole, as well as
F. Agenda of the General Session of the Assembly of Delegates.

(i) Order of Business. The Preliminary Agenda of the General Session of an Assembly of Delegates shall set forth the order of business proposed by the President. The Preliminary Agenda may be amended at the opening of the First Session of said Assembly, and shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Assembly of Delegates.

(ii) Change in the Order of Business. The regular order of business, having been adopted, may be suspended or modified by a three-fourths majority vote of the Assembly of Delegates.

(iii) Rules of Order. Meetings of the Assembly of Delegates shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, except when in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws, in which case the Constitution or Bylaws shall prevail. The President shall serve as the presiding officer of the Assembly and the Executive Director as its secretary. The presiding officer may limit debate for the purpose of maintaining the time schedule of the Assembly.

(iv) Limitations on Resolutions. (a) No resolution, except those reported by official committees or those hereinafter defined, will be in order for consideration by an Assembly of Delegates unless having been presented first to the Committee designated by the Board. All proposed resolutions of a substantive nature, including motions, to be eligible for passage at an Assembly of Delegates, must have been submitted 120 days prior to the convening of that Assembly of Delegates and circulated to the chapters 30 days in advance of the meeting. The Executive Director shall inform the chapters of the final date for submission of proposed resolutions, and invite the chapters to make their submissions through the Executive Director. (b) Motions and resolutions of a substantive nature offered by the Board of Directors, or motions and resolutions merely expressing the sense of the Assembly, such as commemorative resolutions, are exempt from this provision. (c) Proposals concerning resolutions of a substantive nature may be considered by
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the Assembly of Delegates for inclusion on the agenda of the next
Assembly of Delegates, and a majority vote of the current Assembly
of Delegates on such a proposal shall require that it be placed on the
agenda of the next Assembly.

(v) Policy on Resolutions. The Committee designated by the Board
will have responsibility to set policy regarding the handling of
resolutions as submitted by chapters. Changes in policy will be
communicated to the chapters for a comment period of not less than
30 days. After the comment period the changes may be revised for
a new comment period. Should fifteen (15) or more chapters object to
a policy change in writing and objections cannot be resolved in a
new comment period, the policy change will be held in abeyance
until the next Assembly of Delegates where it will be presented for
vote. Otherwise the policy change will be implemented upon the
close of the comment period.

Section 3. Officers of the Society. A. Officers The officers of the
Society consist of the President, Past-President, President-Elect, and
the Treasurer. The Executive Director serving as Executive
Secretary is also an Officer of the Society but without vote.

B. Election of Officers. (i) Nomination by the Committee on
Nominations. The Committee on Nominations shall present to the
chapters through the Executive Director, at least 60 days prior to the
convening of the Assembly of Delegates, a report which shall
provide: (a) at least two nominees for President-elect; (b) at least
two nominees for Treasurer, when required; together with (c) the
normal biographical information such as would be available in
standard publications and, in addition, data on past service to the
Society together with the assurance that the nominee will serve if
elected. To assist the Committee in its selection of nominees for
Treasurer, the President, in consultation with the President-elect and
the Chair of the Committee, shall appoint a search committee of not
less than three and not more than five persons, none of whom may be
an officer of the Society and not more than two of whom may be
members of the Committee on Nominations. The search committee
shall be appointed not less than three months before the Committee
on Nominations meets to determine its nominees for Treasurer.
In seeking candidates for President-Elect, the Committee on
Nominations shall make clear to potential candidates that election is
to a three year term, each year with distinct title, duties, and
responsibilities, and that additionally there are duties and
responsibilities associated with being a retired president. Further, it
shall be made clear that failure to complete any part of the three year
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337. term for any reason will end the term in full—the President-Elect
338. must be in office on the day of transition to assume the title and
339. duties of President; the President must be in office on the day of
340. transition to assume the title and duties of Immediate Past President;
341. and the Immediate Past President must be in office on the day of
342. transition to assume the title and duties of a retired president.
343. (ii) Additional Nominations. Additional nominations for
344. President-elect and for Treasurer may be made provided each
345. nominee is supported by at least three chapters and further provided
346. that the chapters have been furnished by the proposers through the
347. Executive Director at least 21 days prior to the convening of the
348. Assembly of Delegates with the name of the nominee and the
349. additional information required in (i) above.
350. C. Voting. Voting for officers shall be by ballot, which may be electronic.
351. Each active full and associate member shall have one vote. The vote
352. shall be completed within one month of the Assembly of Delegates.
353. D. Vacancies. (i) In One Office. In the case of a vacancy in the
354. office of President, the President-elect shall assume the office and
355. the duties of the President they succeed and also serve the full
356. presidential term of one year for which they were elected. In the case
357. of a vacancy in the office of President-elect, the most recently retired
358. president shall assume the duties, but not the office, until the next
359. Assembly of Delegates, at which time both a President and a
360. President-elect shall be elected. The newly elected President shall,
361. in the interim between election by the Assembly of Delegates and the
362. beginning of the elected term, serve as the President-elect. In the
363. case of a vacancy in the office of Immediate Past President, the most
364. recently retired President available shall assume the duties, but not
365. the office, for the remainder of the term. In the case of a vacancy in
366. the office of Treasurer, the Executive Committee shall nominate and
367. the Board of Directors shall approve a Treasurer to serve until the
368. next Assembly of Delegates, at which time a successor shall be
369. elected for the unexpired balance of the term of office.
370. (ii) President and President-elect. Both Vacant. If the offices of
371. both President and President-elect are simultaneously vacant, the
372. Immediate Past President, or the Executive Director or Treasurer,
373. shall convene the Board of Directors, which shall have the authority
374. to fill the office of President and to appoint an individual to assume
375. the duties, but not the office, of President-elect until the next
376. Assembly of Delegates, at which time both a President and a
377. President-elect shall be elected. Those individuals elected shall
378. immediately assume office completing the unexpired terms of their
379. predecessors prior to serving the terms for which they were elected.
380. **Section 4. Board of Directors. A. Membership.** The Board of
381. Directors shall consist of the President, the President-elect, the
382. Immediate Past President, the Treasurer, the Executive Director
383. (without vote), a Director elected for each geographic region by the
384. chapters in the region, a Director elected for each constituency group
385. by the chapters in the group, and a Director elected by the
386. membership-at-large. No Director may occupy more than one seat
387. on the Board of Directors.
388. **B. Election of Directors, Associate Directors, and members of**
389. the Committee on Nominations for Geographic Regions and for
390. Constituencies. (i) Nomination and Voting. At the Annual
391. Meeting, Biennial Meeting or at a convening of the Assembly of Delegates
392. at the discretion of the Board of Directors
393. one year prior to electing a Director, Associate Director, or
394. member of the Committee on Nominations for a particular region or
395. constituency, the caucus of each geographic region or constituency
396. shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Director shall be an ex
397. officio member of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating
398. Committee shall report to the chapters of its region or constituency,
399. through the Executive Director, at least 60 days prior to the
400. convening of the caucus, a slate of nominees from the region or
401. constituency for each position up for election, together with the
402. normal biographical data, information on the nominee's past service
403. to the Society and the assurance that the nominee will serve if
404. elected. Voting shall be by ballot, which may be electronic, and each
405. active full and associate member in the appropriate region and
406. constituency shall have one vote. The vote shall be completed within
407. one month of the caucus.
408. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared
409. elected, except that if two, or more, nominees are tied for the largest
410. number of votes, they shall enter a run-off election. A Director shall
411. be limited to two full successive terms of office, but may be
412. nominated again for a term commencing at least three years after
413. termination of the previous term. The rotation of elections shall be set by the Board of
414. Directors, in compliance with Bylaw III.
415. (ii) Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Director,
416. that vacancy shall be filled by the Associate Director. If there is no
417. Associate Director, the Executive Committee shall nominate and the
418. Board of Directors shall approve a Director to serve until the next
419. Annual Meeting, Biennial Meeting or a convening of the
420. Assembly of Delegates at the discretion of the Board of Directors,
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421. at which time a special election shall be held by the
422. affected geographic region or constituency to fill the unexpired term,
423. following the regular procedures. If a Director of a region or a
424. constituency becomes a member of a different region or
425. constituency, the Director may, with the concurrence of the chapters
426. in the original region or constituency, continue to serve as a Director
427. until the expiration of the Director's term. Concurrence of the region
428. or constituency will be determined by ballot, which may be
429. electronic. A quorum will be considered as 50% plus one of the
430. chapters in that region or constituency. A 50% plus one or more
431. approval will be required.
432. (iii) Notification. The name of the newly elected Director (if any),
433. the members of the Committee on Nominations (if any), and the
434. members of the Geographic Region or Constituency Nominating
435. Committees shall be reported to the Executive Director by the
436. presiding officer of each caucus.
437. (iv) Duties. The Director for a geographic region or constituency, in
438. addition to the duties stated in the Constitution and in other sections
439. of the Bylaws, shall work with, give advice to, and contribute to the
440. health of chapters within the region or the constituency.
441. D. Quorum of the Board of Directors. Eleven of the Directors
442. (including designated Associate Directors) and Officers with vote
443. shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.
444. E. Terms of Regional and Constituency Group Elected
445. Positions. From time to time unanticipated events may require the
446. alteration of the normal three year terms of office for Directors,
447. Associate Directors, and members of the Committee on
448. Nominations. The Board of Directors will make such adjustments
449. to terms prior to the election for the affected term and announce
450. such changes along with the announcement of the nominees as
451. described in Bylaw III 4 B.
452. Section 5. The Executive Committee. A. Membership. (i) the
453. Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Past-President,
454. President-Elect, Treasurer, and two Directors selected as described in
455. (i). The Executive Director shall also be a member, without vote.
456. (ii) Selection of Members. The Board of Directors shall, at a
457. meeting held prior to 1 July of each year, designate in even-
458. numbered years a Director elected by a constituency group and in
459. odd-numbered years a Director elected by a geographic region to
460. serve on the Executive Committee for the ensuing two years. In
461. selecting the Director to serve, consideration shall be given to the
462. availability of the individual to serve for two years and to attend
meetings.

(iii) Selection of Alternates. If, in connection with the call of a meeting of the Executive Committee, it shall be determined that an officer or designated member will be unable to attend the meeting, it shall be the option of that individual to select, from among the other members of the Board of Directors, an alternate to attend in a non-voting capacity in the member’s place.

B. Duties and Limitations. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall have the following specific duties, subject, however, to the conditions, limitations and requirements set forth below.

(i) Responsibilities. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility to act for the Board of Directors between meetings with respect to matters not excluded in subsection (iv) below: (a) when action is required and the exigencies of the situation will not permit a delay until the next meeting of the Board of Directors or until a ballot can be taken; or (b) when the degree of confidentiality is so great as to require consideration by a smaller group; or (c) when the Executive Director requires an advise-and-consent service. The Executive Committee shall also have the responsibility to assist the Board of Directors by (a) giving preliminary consideration to matters where an appropriate committee does not exist or when time does not allow referral to the appropriate committee, (b) meeting shortly before each meeting of the Board of Directors to aid in assisting the Board of Directors in achieving informed decisions in a short period of time, and (c) taking action on specific matters as requested by the Board of Directors.

(ii) Limitations. The Executive Committee shall not have the power to: (a) elect or remove officers, except to recommend removal of the Executive Director; (b) act in contravention of policies established by the Board of Directors; (c) authorize the sale or other disposition of all or any substantial portion of the assets of the Society; (d) act for the Board of Directors in granting and revoking charters for chapters or (e) create and authorize new policy.

(iii) Record of Actions. A record shall be kept of the formal actions of the Executive Committee, and a report thereon shall be made to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

(iv) Quorum. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Committees of the Society. Unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws or in a resolution of the Board of Directors, the membership of Committees of the Society will be by appointment by
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the President, with the advice and consent of the President-elect,
upon recommendation of the Committee Chair. The President and
the President-elect shall be members, ex officio, and with the vote, of
all committees except the Committees on Audit Review and
Nominations. A Chair of a committee other than the Committee on
Nominations, may also invite other individuals, as resource persons
without vote, if in consultation with the Executive Director such
participation is deemed necessary for the discharge of the
Committee’s mandate. A. Committee on Finances. (a) Membership of the Committee.
The Committee on Finances shall consist of the Treasurer as Chair,
together with the President, the President-elect and the Executive
Director, ex officio, and six members, three of whom shall not be
Directors, nominated by the Treasurer and approved by the Board of
Directors for three-year staggered terms. An elected member of the
Committee shall be limited to two full successive terms but may be
nominated again for a term commencing at least three years after
termination of the previous term. (b) Duties. It shall be the duty of
this Committee to advise the Board of Directors of the Society and of
the Corporation regarding the raising and acquisition of capital
funds; the investment of its endowments, funds and reserves; and the
annual budgets for research, operations and capital equipment,
including the physical plant, debits/net assets, and
expenditure/income patterns. It shall review and modify the
Executive Director’s annual budget for the consideration of the
Board of Directors, and a copy of the annual budget will be furnished
to each chapter at least 60 days prior to the Assembly of Delegates.
B. Committee on Audit Review. The Committee on Audit
Review shall consist of three members appointed by the Board of
Directors of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Corporation to serve between Annual or Biennial Assemblies of Delegates for
three-year or four-year staggered terms. Current officers or Directors are not
eligible to serve on the Committee on Audit Review. The senior
member shall serve as Chair. It shall be the duty of this committee
to: (a) discuss with the auditors the scope and results of their
examinations, (b) establish and maintain an open line of
communication between the Board of Directors and the auditors, (c)
assure itself that the accounting procedures and financial controls of
the Society and of the Corporation adequately safeguard the assets of
the Society and of the Corporation and ensure the reliability of its
financial records and (d) ascertain that the official auditors do
contribute to Sigma Xi any and all of the affirmative comments and
suggestions which can be helpful in improving the overall operations
C. Committee on Nominations. (a) The Committee on Nominations shall consist of one member elected by each geographic region, one member elected by each constituency group, one member elected by the membership-at-large, and the three most recently retired and available presidents of the Society. The Chair shall be selected by the Committee from among its membership, but shall not be drawn from the retired presidents. No Director may serve on the Committee. The elected members of the Committee shall be elected to three-year rotating terms. An elected member of the Committee shall be limited to one three-year term but may be nominated again for a term commencing at least three years after termination of the previous term. It shall be the duty of this Committee to present nominations to the Assembly of Delegates the officers to be for elected as required by Bylaw III, Section 3 B (i), which nominations may not include individuals currently serving on the Committee. All nominations by this Committee shall reach Executive Director in the sufficient time to be included in the call of the Assembly of Delegates as required in Article III, Section 2 B of the Constitution. Procedures of this Committee shall conform to those established by the Executive Committee, and copies thereof shall be furnished to each member of the Committee immediately after election or designation. The term of this Committee shall commence upon the adjournment of the Assembly of Delegates and terminate upon the adjournment of the succeeding Assembly of Delegates.

D. Other Committees of the Society. Committees for the operations and activities of the Society may be established and disestablished by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Board of Directors shall define the duties and responsibilities of a committee, the number of members to serve on the committee, and the duration of the committee.

E. Terms of Chairs and Members of Committees. Terms of chairs and members of all committees of the Society, unless provided for in a specific Bylaw or Board Resolution, shall be for three-year periods.

F. Reports of Committees. Reports and recommendations of committees made to the Board of Directors of the Society shall also be considered made to the Board of Directors of the Corporation whenever and wherever deemed necessary.

Section 7. Meetings. A. Notice. Notice shall be interpreted to be: (a) 15 days for meetings of the Board of Directors, and (b) five days for meetings of the Executive Committee and any committee of the
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590. **B. Manner of Giving Notice.** Notice shall be given by mail, telephone, telegraph, electronically or personally. Meetings may be held by any means, including electronic means, which allows for discussion necessary to carry out business as is permitted by law.

594. Notice may be waived either before or after a meeting by any person entitled thereto.

596. **Section 8. Meetings of Substantial Importance or Emergency.**

597. Meetings of the Sigma Xi Board of Directors may be held by telephone conference or other appropriate means, as is permitted by law, with such notice as the officer calling the meeting deems appropriate. An electronic poll is acceptable to request Board approval regarding urgent issues requiring a timely response or action.

603. **Section 9. The Executive Director.** The Executive Director shall be the custodian of the Seal of the Society and of the Archives of the Society, and shall plan and direct the affairs of the Society in accordance with the input of the Executive Committee subject to the consent and policies established by the Board of Directors. Unless the Board of Directors shall make other arrangements, the Executive Director shall serve as the publisher of the publications of the Society.

611. **Section 10.** (reserved)

612. **BYLAW IV. Dues and Expenses of the Society**

613. **Section 1. Dues and Fees. A. Annual Dues. (i) How Set.** Dues for the active membership, and all associated fees, shall be recommended annually by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Board.

616. **B. Local Chapter Dues.** Local chapter dues, if assessed, shall be set in an amount and by procedures provided for in the bylaws of the chapter. The chapter shall have the option of collecting them directly or requesting the Treasurer of the Society to collect them.

620. **Section 2. Expenses. A. Proper Expenses.** The proper expenses of the Society shall include, but are not limited to, the following: operations of the Headquarters of the Society; publication of American Scientist; the Lectureships Program; Grants-in-Aid of Research; authorized travel expenses of the staff, officers, members of the Board of Directors and members of committees in accordance with regulations approved by the Board of Directors; subvention of travel for delegates attending an Assembly of Delegates in accordance with regulations approved by the Assembly of Delegates and local support allocations.

630. **B. Local Support.** The sum allocated from annual dues by the Board...
of Directors for local support of the chapters shall be forwarded by the Executive Director to the treasurers of the chapters, except that local support shall be withheld from any chapter not currently in good standing as defined in Bylaw III, Section 1 B.

**BYLAW V. Seal and Insignia of the Society**

**Section 1. The Seal of the Society.** The Seal of the Society shall show a wreath of laurel, typifying the honorary character of membership in the Society, arranged as an oval and enclosing the words "Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society" at the top, and the motto, in Greek, at the bottom. These words shall form an inner oval, concentric with the first, punctuated with ten stars, and enclosing a field illuminated by a Grecian lamp to represent the Lamp of Research. Above the lamp, in the field of illumination, shall be placed the monogram of the Society and the date, 1886, when it was founded.

**Section 2. Official Insignia.** The official insignia shall be:

**(A) The Key.** A gold watch-chain pendant, charm or pin consisting of a four-piece monogram style of insignia in the shape of a key described as follows: the base is a large, brightly polished Greek letter (Xi) scrolled out to shape and superimposed thereon a Greek Letter S (Sigma). Affixed to the top of the base letter is a decorative post and ring, and at the base, a standard decorative key end. On the reverse side of the key may be engraved the name of the chapter in which the Member or Associate Member was initiated together with the date of initiation and initiate's name.

**(B) The Ring.** A gold insignia ring bearing the monogram of the Society together with a wreath of laurel, appropriately mounted.

**Section 3. Procurement.** The various insignia shall be obtained only through the Office of the Executive Director, who shall arrange to have authorized orders filled by an official jeweler, the latter appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Colors.** The colors of the Society shall be electric blue and white.

**Section 5. Stationery.** The official stationery of the Society shall bear the monogram described in Article V of the Constitution.

**BYLAW VI. Sigma Xi Affiliate Circle**

**Section 1. Criteria for Affiliation.** Individuals eligible to join the Sigma Xi Affiliate Circle as set forth in Article VIII of the Constitution, may include science enthusiasts who have a passion for the advancement of research, college students pursuing studies in a science or engineering field, teachers who educate and encourage future researchers, technicians who educate and
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673. encourage future researchers and practicing clinicians who
674. translate research results into improved health.
675. **Section 2. Annual Dues.** Dues for Sigma Xi Affiliates shall be recommended
676. annually by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Board of
677. Directors of Sigma Xi.
678. **Section 3. Certificate of Affiliation.** Upon admission to the Sigma Xi
679. Circle, each new Affiliate shall receive a certificate of affiliation which
680. shall be in a form approved by the Assembly of Delegates, bear the
681. Seal of the Society and be signed by the President of the Society
682. and the Executive Director.
683. **BYLAW VII. Sigma Xi Explorer.**
684. **Section 1. Criteria for Sigma Xi Explorer.** As set forth in Article IX of the Constitution, any
685. individual in Kindergarten through Twelfth grade who has presented a science project
686. at a science fair, together with a letter of recommendation from a science or Science,
687. Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) teacher, is eligible for election to be
688. a Sigma Xi Explorer in the Society.
689. **Section 2. Annual Dues.** Dues for Sigma Xi Explorer shall be recommended annually by
690. the Committee on Finances and approved by the Board of Directors of Sigma Xi.
691. **Section 3.** Sigma Xi Explorer shall have the option to form a Sigma Xi Club mentored by a
692. member or an associate member affiliated with a sponsoring chapter, or two members or
693. associate members from the Membership-at-Large Constituency if there is not a sponsoring
694. chapter. Sigma Xi Clubs may be in person or virtual/networked.