INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF BETA SIGMA PHI

Article I

The NAME of this organization shall be BETA SIGMA PHI.

Article II

The OBJECT of this organization shall be to unite congenially in fellowship and friendship those women accepted for membership; to promote the cultural development of such members by definite courses of study as prescribed by the governing body; to foster association with each other in pursuit of the liberal arts in a definite, concerted manner and without any individual right to deviate from the course or conduct prescribed by the Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi, hereinafter described.

Article III

The STRUCTURE of this organization shall be built of the relationships of members, chapters, and Executive Council, with duties and powers as hereinafter set forth.

Article IV

The POWERS of this organization shall be to advance its objectives by issuance of charters to chapters; to incorporate as an association for benevolent, educational, fraternal, or beneficial nonprofit purposes if deemed advisable by the Executive Council; to adopt insignia, seals, and ritual; to publish bulletins or magazines; to rent and maintain headquarters, employ legal counsel, employ other assistance; to change the name if necessary; to establish fees; and to do all things necessary to further the purposes and objectives of Beta Sigma Phi in an efficient, economical manner as decided upon by the Executive Council.

Article V

Section 1. The MEMBERSHIP of this Organization shall consist of the members of the Executive Council, the members of chapters, the members-at-large, honorary members and international honorary members, each of whom in accepting membership thereby ratifies, accepts, and agrees to be bound in all things not contrary to law by this constitution and to observe faithfully the provisions thereof.

Section 2. The EXECUTIVE COUNCIL shall be constituted as hereinafter set forth in Article VII hereof. Members of the Executive Council shall not be liable for any fees or assessments.

Section 3. The CHAPTERS of Beta Sigma Phi shall be composed of members of Beta Sigma Phi in the community or vicinity in which the chapter is organized. Chapters must organize; be accepted by majority vote of the Executive Council; be granted a charter by the Executive Council; be governed by the International and chapter constitutions and the rules and regulations of the Executive Council; and must initiate their members according to the ritual promulgated by the Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi.

Article VI

OFFICERS of this organization shall be as follows: president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer selected of, from, and by the directorate of this organization which directorate shall consist of three or more persons designated and appointed by the Board of Directors of Walter W. Ross and Co., Inc., a corporation, by virtue of the creation, financial assistance, and direction given this corporation by Walter W. Ross and Co., Inc., and its directors. These officers shall have duties and powers as their designations imply and as herein prescribed in their individual capacities and collectively as the Executive Council and cannot be members of a chapter.

Article VII

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ex officio the Board of Directors of the corporation, shall have complete charge of the policies and plans of Beta Sigma Phi, adopt necessary amendments to the constitution, reserve at all times the prerogative to determine when and where new chapters shall be organized, and to do all things lawfully necessary to fulfill its expressed purposes, including the fixing of fees other than chapter fees, fixation and payment of salaries and expense, employment of executive, clerical, or legal help, purchase of supplies, rental of headquarters offices, and execution of contracts.

Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held on the call of the president at headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri hereby established.

A quorum, to do business, shall consist of two members.

In the event of vacancy in the Executive Council, the remaining members shall notify the Board of Directors of Walter W. Ross and Co., Inc., which shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy on the Board of

Directors and the office in the Executive Council so vacated. The Executive Council may at its discretion without implication of any dishonor, drop from membership any member delinquent in fees or whose attitude or conduct toward the organization in the judgment of the Executive Council is adverse or incompatible to its purpose.

Article VIII

AREA CONVENTIONS shall be held on such date and at such place as agreed upon by the hostess city.

Such conventions shall be conducted on the Hostess Plan as defined in "Rules and Regulations," and under the direction of the Executive Council. No elections shall be held and no official business transacted.

The purpose of the convention shall be to advance the interests of Beta Sigma Phi through fellowship, the dissemination of ideas, and the discussion of policies to be adopted and promulgated by the Executive Council.

Article IX

TITLE and INSIGNIA authorized by the Executive Council may be used by all members in good standing, but not as a trademark or trade name.

Article X

RULES and REGULATIONS not inconsistent with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of this organization, may be adopted by the Executive Council.

Article XI

AMENDMENTS to this constitution shall be made only by the Executive Council by majority vote of the members thereof.