

Alpha Sigma Nu[®]

*The Honor Society
of Jesuit Institutions of
Higher Education Since 1915*



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(Company of Honor Students).
Founded 1915

Mission History And Bylaws

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Alpha Sigma Nu Chapters and Date of Activation

- 1915 Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
- 1921 Creighton University, Omaha, NE
- 1923 St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO
- 1924 University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI
- 1936 Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
- 1937 Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL
- 1938 Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1939 John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH
- 1939 Boston College, Boston, MA
- 1939 Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA
- 1939 Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH
- 1939 Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
- 1939 St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA
- 1940 Seattle University, Seattle, WA
- 1940 College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA
- 1941 University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 1942 Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
- 1942 Loyola College in Maryland, Baltimore, MD
- 1943 University of Scranton, Scranton, PA
- 1950 Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- 1951 Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY
- 1953 Rockhurst College, Kansas City, MO
- 1955 Canisius College, Buffalo, NY
- 1959 Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV
- 1961 Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
- 1966 Regis University, Denver, CO
- 1967 St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ
- 1975 Sogang University, Seoul, Korea
- 1982 Fordham University, Bronx, NY
- 1994 Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, CA
- 1994 Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA
- 2000 Regis College, Toronto, Canada
- 2005 Campion College, Regina, SK, Canada

Gamma Pi Epsilon Chapters and Date of Activation

- 1925 Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
1947 St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO
1950 Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA
1951 Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY
1952 Creighton University, Omaha, NE
1953 University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI
1958 University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
1959 Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV
1962 Seattle University, Seattle, WA
1963 Georgetown University, Washington, DC
1964 John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH
1966 Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
1971 Regis University, Denver, CO
1971 Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

Executive Directors of Alpha Sigma Nu Center

Richard J. Panlener	1975-1987
Ann J. Panlener	1987-1994
Peg Fennig	1994-2004
Kate Gaertner	2004-

History of Alpha Sigma Nu

Alpha Sigma Nu was founded at Marquette University in 1915 by the Rev. John A. Danihy, S.J., as Alpha Sigma Tau, Jesuit honor society for men.

The society was known as Alpha Sigma Tau until 1930 when a conflict of names with a national educational sorority organized in 1898 prompted the change to Alpha Sigma Nu.

Alpha Sigma Tau spread from Marquette to Creighton University, 1921, St. Louis University, 1923, and to the University of Detroit, 1924, in its first decade.

By 1924 Marquette had become coeducational, and women wished to honor their leaders. Gamma Pi Epsilon was approved in 1925 as an honor society for women, also dedicated to scholarship, loyalty and service.

Alpha Sigma Nu and Gamma Pi Epsilon pursued separate but similar paths for almost 50 years, expanding nationally and cooperating to varying degrees on campuses where they existed together.

Alpha Sigma Nu held its first national convention in Milwaukee in 1925, and William Hebard became the first national president. Gamma Pi Epsilon went national in 1947 when the St. Louis chapter was formed. Mabel Mannix McElligott was the first national president of Gamma Pi Epsilon.

Both societies experienced steady growth into the '70s, with Gamma Pi Epsilon concentrating on service to student members and recent graduates. Alpha Sigma Nu evolved into a larger organization with alumni chapters, a national office and budget for national activities.

On March 11, 1972, the joint boards of the two societies meeting at the University of Detroit voted to take formal merger steps at the 1973 convention in Omaha.

Delegates from Gamma Pi Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Nu, representing 22 of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities, approved the merger unanimously. With merger, Gamma Pi Epsilon ceased, and all GPE members became members of Alpha Sigma Nu.

In May 1975 the board of the new Alpha Sigma Nu hired an executive director. Alpha Sigma Nu was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in the State of Wisconsin in 1977 and in 1978 was listed by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization.

Today, Alpha Sigma Nu is open to men and women at Chapters on all 30 campuses in the United States, two in Canada, and one in Korea. With more than 60,000 known members, $\text{A}\Sigma\text{N}$ inducts more than 1,800 students and honorary members each year.

Alpha Sigma Nu was admitted to membership in the Association of College Honor Societies in 1976.

Presidents of Alpha Sigma Nu

1924-1926	† William J. Hebard, Marquette University '24
1926-1928	† Nicolas J. Wagener, University of Detroit '24
1928-1930	† Charles Bongardt, Creighton University '21
1930-1932	† Thomas Colfer, St. Louis University '23
1932-1934	† Arthur Mullen, Creighton University '29
1934-1936	† Charles O'Gorman, University of Detroit Mercy '31
1936-1938	† Al Hoffmeister, St. Louis University '26
1938-1940	† Stephen A. Spitznagle, Creighton University '23
1940-1942	† William Lamers, Marquette University '21
1942-1951	† William McGrail, Jr. University of Detroit Mercy '34
1951-1954	William C. Rogers, Loyola College in Maryland '45
1954-1958	Paul Elward, Loyola University Chicago '44
1958-1963	William C. Rogers, Loyola College in Maryland '45
1963-1966	† Eugene F. Stanton, Creighton University '37
1966-1974	† Everett J. Moen, Marquette University '30
1974-1979	† Theodore Erlandson, Loyola Marymount University '39
1979-1982	† Edward J. Gehringer, University of Detroit Mercy '33
1982-1985	William J. Parente, University of Scranton '71
1985-1991	Stephen R. Kuder, S.J., Seattle University '77
1991-1997	Thomas J. Regan, S.J., Fairfield University '84
1997-2003	Daniel K. Lahart, S.J., Georgetown University '82
2003-2006	Mark A. Kadzielski, John Carroll '67
2006 -	David T. Ralston, Jr., Georgetown '76
†Deceased	

National Presidents of Gamma Pi Epsilon

1948-1949	† Mabel Mannix McElligott Marquette University	'42
1949-1951	† Martha Kane Niland Marquette University	'45
1951-1953	† Mary Alyce Divis Beardslee St. Louis University	'47
1953-1955	Emily Ehlinger Gonzaga University	'50
1955-1957	Mary Reichmann Klein St. Louis University	'52
1957-1959	Winifred Coleman Le Moyne College	'54
1959-1961	† Rosemary Rocca Tlachac Marquette University	'54
1961-1963	Annette Mundy Schweiss St. Louis University	'58
1963-1965	Margel Foote Kaufman Gonzaga University	'62
1965-1967	Mary Ann Poszgay Krebs St. Louis University	'61
1967-1969	Rita Henry Parsonage St. Louis University	'66
1969-1973	Caroline Roulier University of Detroit Mercy	'66

† Deceased

MISSION

Alpha Sigma Nu advances the core principles of Jesuit education—scholarship, loyalty and service. The Society acknowledges, awards and inspires a select group of students who distinguish themselves with respect to these principles while attending Jesuit institutions of higher education. AΣN also honors others who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service through their intellectual, civic, religious, professional or commercial pursuits. Our mission is to understand, appreciate and promote the ideals of Jesuit education—opening minds, doors and hearts to a lifelong journey in wisdom, faith and service.

BYLAWS OF ALPHA SIGMA NU

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be Alpha Sigma Nu, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as “the Society”). The Society is the Honor Society of Jesuit institutions of higher education.

Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Society shall be to honor students of Jesuit institutions of higher education who distinguish themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service; to honor persons who may or may not be Alumni of Jesuit institutions of higher education who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service in their intellectual, civic, religious, professional or commercial pursuits; to band together and to encourage those so honored to understand, to appreciate and to promote the ideals of Jesuit education; to encourage the establishment and proper functioning of Chapters in accredited Jesuit institutions of higher education; and to encourage the establishment and proper functioning of Alumni Clubs.

Article 3 - Members

Section 3.1 Qualifications

Qualifications for membership shall be based on scholarship, loyalty and service in the institution or community.

Scholarship means a notably above-average interest and proven intellectual competence.

Loyalty means a demonstrated commitment to Jesuit ideals of higher education —intellectual, moral, social and religious.

Service means a proven concern for others demonstrated by activities in support of the institution or the community.

Section 3.2 Membership

Membership shall be attained by one of two methods: Nominations by Chapters of (1) Students in an accredited Jesuit institution of higher education, or (2) Individuals who qualify as Honorary members.

Section 3.3 Nominations for Student Induction

- 3.3.1 General Nomination Provisions:** Student members shall be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs in a Jesuit institution at the time of their induction into the Chapter. Nominees to the Society shall comprise either no more than four (4%) percent of the total student enrollment at a given institution or consist of no more than two (2) students from each college and each graduate school in the institution, whichever number is greater. The full-time equivalent of part-time students attending the institution shall be calculated and added to the number of full-time students to determine total student enrollment. Further, each year the institution's President is accorded the privilege of nominating from the scholastic eligibility list not more than three (3) additional candidates for membership. The President of the institution must approve the list of candidates nominated.
- 3.3.2 Requirements for Undergraduate Nomination:** Students nominated for membership in the Society must have scholastic rank in the top fifteen (15%) percent of their class. They must also have distinguished themselves in displaying qualities of loyalty and service as defined in Section 3.1. Undergraduate transfer students shall have completed not less than one and one-half (1-1/2) semesters at a Jesuit institution by the time of their nomination. Part-time undergraduate students shall have completed not less than one-half (1/2) of their degree program by the time of their nomination.
- 3.3.3 Undergraduate Nomination Procedure:** The Student Chapter may recommend candidates selected from the junior and senior classes for nomination to the Society. The number of nominees shall not exceed more than four (4%) percent of the full-time enrollment of the nominee's class. This list of candidates is

submitted to the dean of each school or college in the Jesuit institution with undergraduate students. The dean may delete any name from the list if s/he believes that the candidate is not qualified for membership. The dean may recommend one (1) or more qualified candidates subject to Chapter approval. The Chapter will forward the final list of candidates to the President of the institution for approval.

- 3.3.4 Requirements for Graduate Nomination:** Graduate students nominated for membership in the Society shall have completed not less than one-half (1/2) of the credit requirements for their graduate degree at a Jesuit institution at the time of their nomination. They must have distinguished themselves in displaying qualities of scholarship, loyalty and service as defined in Section 3.1.
- 3.3.5 Graduate Nomination Procedure:** The Student Chapter or department chairs may recommend for nomination to the Society not more than four (4%) percent of the total enrollment of their respective graduate program or department, provided that they are also ranked scholastically in the top fifteen (15%) percent of their program or department. The list of students nominated shall be forwarded to the dean of the graduate school. The dean may delete any name from the list if s/he believes that the candidate is not qualified for membership. The dean may recommend one (1) or more qualified candidates, subject to Chapter approval. The Chapter will forward the final list of candidates to the President of the institution for approval.
- 3.3.6 Exceptions:** When an institution is so organized that the rules set forth in this Section are impracticable, the Board of Directors shall determine how the choice of members is to be made on petition from the Chapter's Faculty Adviser.

Section 3.4 Nomination of Honorary Members

A Chapter may select for honorary membership Alumni of its own institution or of another Jesuit institution of higher education who have proved worthy of membership. Such membership will be limited to one (1) each year in a school or college of a university and two (2) each year in a Jesuit college. The nominations shall be approved by the President of the institution.

Any Chapter may also recommend for honorary membership persons who are not Alumni who have distinguished themselves in scholarship,

loyalty and service in intellectual, civic, religious, professional or commercial pursuits.

Similarly, the Board of Directors may recommend qualified persons to a Chapter for its nomination to honorary membership.

Each person nominated by a Chapter requires the approval of the President of that institution. No Chapter may submit more than a combined total of four (4) honorary nominations each year.

Section 3.5 Ex-Officio Members

The President, Chief Academic Officer and the Faculty Adviser of the institution having an Alpha Sigma Nu Chapter are, by reason of their office, eligible to be active members of this Society with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto. Keys and certificates for these individuals may be awarded by the Board of Directors upon petition by the Chapter.

Section 3.6 Equal Opportunity Statement

Alpha Sigma Nu is committed to equal opportunity for all qualified candidates in light of criteria established above.

Section 3.7 Induction and Pledge

Each member shall be inducted in accordance with the provisions of the Society and shall take the following pledge:

As a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, I promise to do everything in my power to carry out the ideals of scholarship, loyalty and service. I will be committed to intellectual integrity and the pursuit of wisdom. I will be loyal to the moral, social and religious ideals of my education. And I will continue to be genuinely committed to the well being of others and active in serving them. I will do all of this in light of the Jesuit concern for the greater honor and glory of God.

Section 3.8 Privileges of Membership

Names of those nominated for student or honorary memberships shall be submitted to the Executive Director for inscription on the records of the Society and for the proper issuance of keys and certificates.

Graduates of Jesuit institutions of higher education who have been initiated into Alpha Sigma Nu or Gamma Pi Epsilon, the former

national society for women in Jesuit colleges and universities, and all honorary members enjoy lifetime membership in the Society and may participate in the activities of any Alumni Club.

Section 3.9 Induction Fee

The current induction fee, as established by the Board, shall be charged for each new member payable by the Chapter to the Central Office in advance of the induction ceremony. The fee shall be reviewed each year by the Treasurer.

Article 4 - Board Of Directors

Section 4.1 Composition

The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) members, two (2) of whom shall be student members at the time of their election at the Triennial Convention. A Faculty Adviser and an Alumni Adviser, appointed by the Board, shall serve as ex-officio members without vote.

Section 4.2 General Powers

Between sessions of the Triennial Conventions, the Board of Directors shall exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers of the Society as follows.

The property, business and educational affairs and policies of the Society shall be under the control of a Board of Directors which shall have and may exercise, subject to law and to these Bylaws of the Society, all of the powers of the Society and of the members thereof.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of the property, business and fiscal affairs of the Society, including the adoption of a budget; shall cause the financial reports of the Society to be examined annually and, at the time, shall determine what level of examination is appropriate; shall make and control the sale and purchase of land or buildings for the use of the Society, including additional construction or renovation of existing buildings; shall oversee the promotion of major fund raising efforts; shall determine qualifications and all rules pertaining to membership, as well as qualifications and all rules pertaining to Chapters and Clubs; shall govern the fixing of all fees and charges; the acceptance of gifts or grants, with or without restrictions therein; and shall supervise and control all other acts and functions which are not

inconsistent with the laws governing the Bylaws and general operations of the Society.

Section 4.3 Nominations

At least sixty (60) days prior to the Triennial Convention, the Secretary shall inform each Chapter and Club of their privilege to submit nominations for membership on the Board. Nominations shall be made by forwarding to the Secretary a detailed biography of the nominee. These nominations shall then be circulated to the official delegates of all Chapters and Clubs thirty (30) days prior to the Triennial Convention. This Bylaw provision is not intended to restrict the list of candidates available for service on the Board to official Triennial Convention delegates or those previously recommended by one of the local Chapters or Clubs as herein provided.

Nominations other than those submitted in accordance with the above shall be by written petition bearing the names of at least six (6) official delegates from at least three (3) different Chapters and Clubs. Biographical information shall be included with the nominating petition and shall be made available to Triennial Convention delegates prior to the election.

The President shall appoint a nominating committee prior to the Triennial Convention consisting of five (5) delegates, at least two (2) of whom shall be students, who will carry out the duties set forth in Section 7.6.

Section 4.4 Qualifications for Nomination

Nominees for the Board must be members of the Society and reflect its geographical distribution.

A student member who is from the same Chapter of initiation as one (1) of the other Board members may be elected to the Board, but the two (2) student members may not be from the same Chapter.

At each Triennial Convention, there shall be elected four (4) Directors who are not student members and two (2) Directors who are student members.

Section 4.5 Elections

The President shall preside at the election and may appoint assistants as necessary. Nominees receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

The ballot of an official delegate shall be declared void if it fails to list the required number of candidates or if it contains a vote for a person not nominated.

All balloting for members of the Board shall be secret. The Secretary shall be responsible to ensure that ballots are cast only by official delegates.

Section 4.6 Term of Office

A Director who is not a student member at the time of election shall serve a term of six (6) years or until a successor is elected. A Director who is a student member at the time of election shall serve a term of three (3) years or until a successor is elected. The term of office shall begin at the close of the Triennial Convention at which they are elected. No voting Director shall serve consecutive terms. All Directors shall serve without compensation.

Section 4.7 Vacancies

The existence of any vacancy or vacancies in the membership of the Board shall not affect the power or authority of the Board members then in office to take any corporate action.

Between Triennial Conventions the Board of Directors shall be empowered to fill all vacancies on the Board by election.

Section 4.8 Resignations

Any Board member may resign membership at any time by giving a written notice of his or her resignation to the Board of Directors in care of the President or Secretary.

Section 4.9 Removals

Any Board member may be removed for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Sufficient cause for removal may be violation of the Bylaws or other conduct deemed by the Board to be prejudicial to the best interests of the Society.

Section 4.10 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed, from time to time, by resolution of the Board, provided, however, the Board shall meet at the time of the Triennial Convention.

Section 4.11 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by written request of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors. Notice shall be given as provided in Section 4.12 except for meetings which may be called during a Triennial Convention. Business shall be limited to that which is stated in the call.

Section 4.12 Notice of Meetings

It shall be deemed sufficient notice to a Board member if written notice of a meeting is sent and received at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting, addressed to Board members at the usual or last known business or residence address, or is delivered to the Board member in person at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting.

Section 4.13 Quorum and Manner of Acting

Except as otherwise specifically required by law or these Bylaws, a majority of the Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. At any meeting at which a quorum is present, a majority vote of the Directors present and voting shall be sufficient to authorize any corporate action. Directors shall be deemed to be present at a meeting if a telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time is used. A majority of the Directors present at any such meeting, although less than a quorum, may adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present. At the reconvened adjourned meeting, if a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if, prior to such action all of the members of the Board or such committee, as the case may be, shall consent thereto in writing, and such consent or consents are filed with the minutes of the proceedings of such Board or committee.

Section 4.14 Waivers of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of law or of these Bylaws, such notice or a waiver thereof by those not present and entitled to attend and vote at any meeting may be given by telegram, electronic mail, cablegram, fax or other writing.

Article 5 - Officers

Section 5.1 Duties

The Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

Section 5.2 Titles

At the first organizational meeting immediately following elections to the Board, the Board shall elect from its membership a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as Officers of the Society. The offices of the President and Vice President shall not be held by the same person.

Section 5.3 President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of this Society and shall preside at the Triennial Convention and at meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be delegated, from time to time, by these Bylaws or by the Board.

Section 5.4 Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President and perform duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or disability. In the event neither the President nor Vice President is available, the Board shall designate another Board member to perform the duties of the President.

Section 5.5 Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and act as clerk thereof and shall record or cause to be recorded all votes and minutes of all proceedings of the Board in books to be kept for that purpose, which books shall be open at all reasonable times for the inspection of Board members. The Secretary shall also keep or cause to be kept records which shall contain a complete list of all Board members and committee members and their residence and business addresses. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given such notices as may be required by law or these Bylaws and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be delegated, from time to time, by law, by these Bylaws, by the Board or by the President.

Section 5.6 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of this Society and shall, subject to the control and discretion of the Board or the President, have general charge of the financial affairs of the Society and the care and custody and disbursement of its funds and securities. The Treasurer shall deposit or cause to be deposited all funds and securities of the Society to the credit or in the name of the Society in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as may be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. The Treasurer shall disburse or cause the disbursement of funds of the Society under the general control of the Board or the President based upon proper vouchers for such disbursement. The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept accurate books of account available at all reasonable times for inspection by any Board member and shall furnish such financial statements and render such accounting of his or her transactions as Treasurer as, from time to time, may be required by the President or the Board. With other designated officers of the Society, the Treasurer shall sign such notes, bonds, other evidences of property or indebtedness or other documents requiring the Treasurer's signature as shall be necessary to safeguard the assets of the Society and execute its business. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be delegated, from time to time, by the Board or the President.

Section 5.7 Board Faculty Adviser

The Board Faculty Adviser shall be a Jesuit Priest appointed by the Board and associated with the work of higher education. He shall serve as special counsel to Board members, officers and members of the Society. The duties of the Board Faculty Adviser are to assure that the Society's goals and criteria of scholarship, loyalty and service are adhered to in all organizational endeavors. He will encourage an exchange of information among local Chapter Faculty Advisers regarding projects, as well as the induction process, and serve as a resource for information relating to Jesuit ideals of education. He will celebrate the Eucharist monthly for the intention of the deceased members of the Society.

Section 5.8 Alumni Adviser

An Alumni Adviser to Alumni Clubs will be appointed by the Board. The Alumni Adviser shall assure that the Society's goals and criteria are adhered to in all club organizational endeavors. The Alumni Adviser will be the liaison and resource for information between the Alumni Clubs and the Board.

Section 5.9 Terms

All Officers shall continue in office until their successors are elected. All Officers serve without compensation.

Article 6 - Executive Committee

Section 6.1 Members

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Director and the Advisers shall be ex-officio members without vote.

Section 6.2 Powers

The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Board of Directors. Between meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee shall have all the powers and duties of the Board except that the Committee shall not have the power to approve or authorize any change in the Bylaws, to effect any major change in the operations of the Society, to authorize the sale, conveyance, mortgage or encumbrance of all or any substantial part of the Society's assets, or to take any action specifically entrusted to the full Board by the provisions of these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have the power to rescind any vote or resolution of the Executive Committee, but no such rescission shall have retroactive effect with respect to the action which shall previously have been taken in reliance thereon.

Section 6.3 Meetings and Quorum

Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the President and may be held without notice whenever and wherever a majority of the Committee is assembled provided all members of the Executive Committee are notified in writing of the action taken at the meeting within forty-eight (48) hours thereof and no written objection is filed with the President within forty-eight (48) hours thereafter.

A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and, at any meeting at which a quorum is present, a majority of those present and voting shall determine all matters brought before the meeting.

Executive Committee members shall be deemed to be present at the meeting if a telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at

the same time is used. A majority of the members present at any such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present. At such an adjourned meeting when reconvened, at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if, prior to such action all of the members of the Committee shall consent thereto in writing, and such consent or consents are filed with the minutes of the proceedings of such Committee.

Section 6.4 Minutes and Reports

Minutes of all proceedings of the Executive Committee shall be maintained and copies thereof shall be promptly distributed to each member of the Board of Directors after such minutes have been approved by the President. At each and every meeting of the Board of Directors, the proceedings and actions taken by the Committee since the last meeting of the Board shall be reviewed and considered by the Board.

Article 7 - Committees of the Board

Section 7.1 Standing and Special Committees

The Board may create and establish standing and special committees to manage the affairs of the Society. The Board, in its discretion, at any time may discontinue any such committees. The Chairs and members shall be appointed by the President unless stipulated otherwise elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Section 7.2 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have the duties described in Article 6.

Section 7.3 Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee shall study issues referred to it by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee and any proposed amendments submitted by individual members or committees and prepare appropriate amendments for consideration by the Executive Committee and the Board.

Section 7.4 Investment Committee

The Investment Committee shall advise the Treasurer on management of all funds. The Investment Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and four (4) members appointed after the conclusion of the Triennial Convention for renewable three-year terms. Investment Committee members will include at least one (1) Board member in addition to the Treasurer.

Section 7.5 Standards and Eligibility Committee

The Standards and Eligibility Committee shall study issues related to Chapter standards and membership eligibility and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Section 7.6 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall study the qualifications of all nominees and make recommendations for Board membership to the Triennial Convention.

Section 7.7 Alumni Committee

The Alumni Committee shall encourage the formation and continuation of Alumni Clubs for this Society.

Article 8 - Executive Director

The Board of Directors shall employ an Executive Director who shall be the Chief Operational Officer of this Society. The Executive Director shall be responsible to the Board through its President and shall assist the Officers in conducting the affairs of this Society and in implementing decisions of the Board and its Committees.

The Executive Director shall attend all meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee and the Triennial Convention as a resource person to those bodies without vote. The Executive Director shall hire and supervise such staff members as may be needed for operation of the Central Office.

Article 9 – Chapters and Clubs

Section 9.1 Organization

This Society shall consist of Student Chapters and Alumni Clubs organized in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of this Society.

Each Chapter and Club shall have its own Officers and be self-governing, enacting rules for its own organization consistent with the Bylaws of this Society. Dues shall be determined by each Chapter/Club.

Section 9.2 Student Chapters

A Student Chapter may be established at an accredited Jesuit institution of higher education through a petition in writing from the President of that institution addressed to the Board Secretary. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required for approval.

A Student Chapter shall consist of duly inducted student members of the institution and a Faculty Adviser.

Section 9.3 Active and Inactive Student Chapters

To be considered active, a Student Chapter must induct at least four (4) qualified new members each year, elect officers, send at least one (1) representative to the Triennial Convention, and submit an annual report to the Central Office.

If a Student Chapter does not meet these requirements, the President of the institution will receive a written warning from the Central Office in the next academic year. If the Student Chapter does not meet the requirements for the second academic year after such warning, the Board shall designate the Student Chapter as “inactive.” Inactive Student Chapters may not induct new members unless they are reinstated by the Board. Petitions for reinstatement must include a specific explanation as to how the Student Chapter proposes to continuously meet the requirements for active Student Chapters.

Section 9.4 Meetings and Activities

Each Student Chapter shall hold regular meetings and establish its own quorum. Each Student Chapter may undertake activities to promote the intellectual and cultural interests of its membership, the institution and the aims and purposes of the Society.

Section 9.5 Student Chapter Officers

The Officers of a Student Chapter shall consist of the Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and any other Officers designated by the Student Chapter. Student Chapters shall have a Faculty Adviser appointed by the President of the institution.

Section 9.6 Student Chapter President

The Student Chapter President shall preside at all meetings of the Student Chapter, appoint committees, and plan inductions, programs and activities.

Section 9.7 Student Chapter Vice President

The Student Chapter Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Student Chapter in the absence of the Student Chapter President, regularly submit Chapter information to the Central Office for the Alpha Sigma Nu Newsletter, and assist the Chapter President in all duties as assigned.

Section 9.8 Student Chapter Secretary

The Student Chapter Secretary shall attend all Student Chapter meetings and act as clerk thereof and shall record or cause to be recorded all Chapter minutes, keep documents and records, handle all Chapter correspondence and submit an annual report of Chapter activities to the Central Office.

Section 9.9 Student Chapter Treasurer

The Student Chapter Treasurer shall have general charge of the financial affairs of the Chapter, reporting to the Chapter on collection of fees, deposit of funds and authorized expenditures.

Section 9.10 Student Chapter Faculty Adviser

The Student Chapter Faculty Adviser shall ensure that the Student Chapter complies with the Bylaws of the Society and its own Bylaws, and shall keep the Student Chapter informed of the policies and activities of the institution with respect to all matters under Chapter consideration.

The Student Chapter Faculty Adviser shall submit an annual report to the Central Office.

Section 9.11 Alumni Clubs

An Alumni Club may be established through a petition addressed to the Board Secretary of the Society and signed by a minimum of eight (8) Alumni members residing in a geographic area where such a Club does not exist. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required for approval.

Alumni Club membership may include all Alumni and honorary members of the Society in its geographic area. Alumni Clubs shall use a local name and will be independent but supportive of area Student Chapters. Alumni Clubs are established independently from any local institution although a natural affinity can be expected to exist with a Jesuit institution in the same city or region. Only the Central Office may raise funds for the Society as a whole.

Alumni Clubs send a delegate to the Triennial Convention with full privileges.

The Board will foster the development of Alumni Clubs where there is sufficient interest.

Section 9.12 Active and Inactive Alumni Clubs

To be considered active, an Alumni Club shall elect four (4) Officers; have at least eight (8) active members, establish Bylaws, send an annual report to the Central Office, send a representative to the Triennial Convention, and maintain liaison with the Board Alumni Adviser.

If an Alumni Club does not meet these requirements, the Board Alumni Adviser will consult with the Club's Officers. If the Club does not meet the requirements thereafter, the Board will designate the Alumni Club as inactive. Inactive Alumni Clubs may petition the Board for return to active status.

Article 10 – Triennial Convention

Section 10.1 Meetings

The Triennial Convention shall meet every three years (3) at a time and place chosen by the Board of Directors. For extraordinary reasons by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, the Triennial Convention may be deferred for a period not exceeding one (1) year or a Special Convention may be called. A Special Convention shall have all the powers of a Triennial Convention.

Section 10.2 Powers and Duties

Officers of the Board shall serve as Officers of the Triennial Convention. The Board Treasurer shall make available to the membership a certified statement of the financial condition of the Society. The President shall appoint an official parliamentarian for the Triennial Convention.

Section 10.3 Delegates and Voting Rights at the Triennial Convention

Each Student Chapter shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, each with one (1) vote. If only one (1) delegate is present, that delegate shall be entitled to exercise two votes. It is recommended that the Faculty Adviser be one (1) of the delegates.

Each Alumni Club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) vote.

Each Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Each Chapter/Club shall certify its official delegates to the Board Secretary prior to the opening session of the Triennial Convention.

Section 10.4 Quorum

A quorum shall consist of the delegates of a majority of the Student Chapters and Alumni Clubs registered as attending the Triennial Convention.

Section 10.5 Finances

Reasonable and necessary expenses related to attendance at the Triennial Conference of (a) official delegates, and (b) other attendees for whom expense reimbursement is authorized by the Board of Directors, shall be borne by the treasury of the Society. The Board of Directors shall determine what expenses are reasonable and necessary.

Article 11 - Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Society, the assets of the Society, both real and personal, shall vest, in full accord with applicable statutory provisions, in the Jesuit institutions in proportion to the number of members of the Society from each institution as determined from the official records of the Society.

Article 12 - Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 12.1 Publications

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for all official publications of the Society including the annual publication of the Newsletter and an official Directory of all members at such intervals as deemed appropriate.

Section 12.2 Insignia

The official insignia of the Society shall be a gold pin or key bearing the Greek letters Alpha Sigma Nu for *_Ad_lf_t_V Scslastik_n Nikhf_rwn* (Company of Honor Students).

The official colors of the Society shall be maroon and gold.

The official banner of the Society shall assume the medium proportions of 4' x 6' with a gold key in the center of a maroon background surrounded by a gold border. Arched above the key are the words Alpha Sigma Nu and below, the name of the Chapter, all in gold lettering.

Article 13 - Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

Article 14 - Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended in any one of the following ways:

By a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a Triennial Convention provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the Board Secretary at least forty-five (45) days before the first day of the Triennial Convention and submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and all Chapters and Clubs at least thirty (30) before the Triennial Convention.

By a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a Triennial Convention without notice provided that the amendment is accepted for consideration by a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

An amendment approved by the Board of Directors by a majority vote may be submitted to the Chapters by mail ballot to be acted upon at a regular or special meeting of each Chapter. Adoption shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Chapters returning ballots by a date clearly specified on the mail ballot.

ΑΣΝ Pledge.

*“As a member of Alpha Sigma Nu,
I promise to do everything in my power
to carry out the ideals of scholarship,
loyalty and service.*

*I will be committed to intellectual integrity
and the pursuit of wisdom.*

*I will be loyal to the moral, social,
and religious ideals of my education,
and I will continue to be genuinely committed
to the well-being of others
and active in serving them.*

*I will do all of this
in light of the Jesuit concern
for the greater honor and glory of God.”*



*The name of Alpha Sigma Nu
signifies the Greek words
ΑΔΕΛΦΟΤΗΣ ΣΧΟΛΑΣΤΙΚΩΝ ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΩΝ
(Company of Honor Students).*

*The Alpha Sigma Nu key bears the three
Greek letters together with the eye of wisdom.*