

## Motion 1

SIGMA XI, THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HONOR SOCIETY CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY ARTICLE I. Name, Object and Activities of the Society The name of this Society is SIGMA XI, THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HONOR SOCIETY. The Society is an honor society, and its motto is: "Companions in Zealous Research," from the Greek words, Σπουδῶν Ξυνῶνες (Spoudon Xynones). The object of this society is to encourage original investigation in science, pure and applied.

Section 10. The Corporation. The management of the property, affairs and the business of the Society is vested in a corporation known as SIGMA XI, THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HONOR SOCIETY, INCORPORATED, hereinafter and in the Bylaws referred to as the Corporation. The Board of Directors of said Corporation shall be identical with that of the voluntary association known as Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society, herein and in the Bylaws referred to as the Society.

## Motion 3

### Convening an Assembly of Delegates.

An Assembly of Delegates shall be convened annually **or biennially** in conjunction with the Society's Annual **or Biennial** Meeting which shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of each Annual **or Biennial** Meeting and the Assembly of Delegates shall be given to each chapter by letter, and also by announcement in the official journal of the Society at least 60 days prior to convening of the Assembly of Delegates.

**Board Members.** Each Officer and member of the Board of Directors in attendance at the Annual **or Biennial Meeting**, but not designated as an accredited delegate of a chapter or the membership-at-large shall be accredited as a delegate, without vote, and as such shall have the privileges of the floor in the Assembly of Delegates or in a caucus or in any electronic forum where Society issues are discussed.

## Motion 4: Constitutional change to Assembly of Delegates Constitution

### Section 2. The Assembly of Delegates.

**A. Governance.** The governance of the Society rests in an Assembly of Delegates at which the chapters and the membership-at-large are entitled to representation as hereinafter provided.

The "assembly of delegates" shall be defined as a group of active members, where "members" shall mean any person inducted into a grade of membership eligible for voting in the Society, comprised of one active member from each chapter, referred to hereinafter as a "chapter delegate", and a number of

active members from the membership-at-large, each referred to hereinafter as a “membership-at-large Delegate.”

**Motion 5: Convening an Assembly of Delegates.**

**At the discretion of the Board of Directors:**

- i. An Assembly of Delegates may be convened by the Board of Directors in a manner not connected with a meeting of the Society,
- ii. An Assembly of Delegates may be convened **in an electronically facilitated format, including the utilization of asynchronous electronic communication.**
- iii. When an Assembly of Delegates is to be convened by asynchronous electronic communication, there shall be a minimum period of time during which every delegate intending to participate shall acknowledge that intent, and at the end of this minimum period of time the quorum for the convening of this particular assembly shall be the total number of delegates having acknowledged intent to participate. This establishment of quorum shall not prevent other delegates from participating in any discussion and voting that shall occur.

This amendment in no way prohibits the involvement, without vote, of any active member in any convening of the Assembly of Delegates.

**C. Selection of Delegates.**

- I. **By Chapters. The leadership of each chapter shall have sole authority to appoint any active member affiliated with the chapter as its chapter delegate or as an alternate chapter delegate. Members of the assembly of delegates shall be appointed by effective July 1 of each year. Alternates may be appointed as needed when appointed members are unavailable for business.**
- II. For the Membership-at-Large The number of membership-at-large delegates shall be determined prior to any convening of the Assembly of Delegates in a manner to be determined by the board to assure equitable representation of the members-at-large. The director of the membership at large constituency shall have sole authority to appoint the membership-at-large delegates and alternate membership-at-large delegates.

#### **Motion 6: Notice and Response Requirements.**

- i. Notice to the Assembly of Delegates of a convening of the assembly and of the issues to be considered shall be communicated by the Executive Director to the delegates and to the Society membership no fewer than 10 business days in advance of the convening of the assembly. By the end of this 10 or more business day period, the quorum for the assembly shall be established as provided in this section.**
- ii. When a proposed amendment to the Constitution has been endorsed by the Board of Directors with the required  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote, the Assembly of Delegates may be convened within 30 calendar days to act on the amendment.**
- iii. When the Board of Directors adopts an amendment to the Bylaws by the required  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, immediately upon adoption of the amendment, notice shall be provided by the Executive Director to the membership, therewith announcing a comment period of 10 business days. If, during the comment period as many as five delegates objects to the amendment, the amendment shall remain in abeyance until it is acted upon by the Assembly of Delegates. The Assembly of Delegates may be convened within 30 days to act on the amendment.**
- iv. Policies deemed by the Board of Directors to be necessary for the operation of the Society and not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws may be established by the Board of Directors by simple majority vote at any time. Policy changes, including new policies, changes to existing policies, and deletions of policies shall be made in consultation with pertinent committees of the Society. A compilation of all policies shall be maintained by the Executive Director in an online form accessible to any member. No less frequently than semi-annually, the Executive Director shall notify the membership of all new, changed, and deleted policies.**
- v. Documented Procedures deemed necessary by the Executive Director to be necessary for the operation of the Society and its Headquarters and not in conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies shall be established by the Executive Director in consultation with the Board of Directors. A compilation of all documented procedures shall be maintained by the Executive Director in an online form accessible to any member.**

#### **Motion 7. Creating ARTICLE VIII, SIGMA XI AFFILIATE CIRCLE**

##### **ARTICLE VIII. Sigma Xi Affiliate Circle**

**Section 1. Criteria for Affiliation. Any individual with a passion for science or engineering, but who is not otherwise eligible for membership in the Society, may join the Sigma Xi Affiliate Circle. Further provisions for the Affiliate Circle are set forth in the Bylaws.**

**Motion 8 Sigma Xi Explorer.**

**Any individual in Kindergarten through Twelfth grade who has presented a science project at a science fair, together with a letter of recommendation from a science or Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) teacher, is eligible for election to be a Sigma Xi Explorer in the Society.**