

## Mississippi Alpha Chapter

### The Constitution of KAPPA MU EPSILON

#### Article I - The Society and Its Objectives

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Mississippi Alpha Chapter of KAPPA MU EPSILON, Mathematics Honor Society.

Section 2. The objectives of the Society shall be

- A. to further the interests of mathematics in those schools which place their primary emphasis on the undergraduate program;
- B. to help the undergraduate realize the important role that mathematics has played in the development of Western Civilization;
- C. to develop an appreciation of the power and beauty possessed by mathematics, due, mainly to its demands for logical and rigorous modes of thought;
- D. to provide a society for the recognition of outstanding achievement in the study of mathematics in the undergraduate level;
- E. to disseminate the knowledge of mathematics and to familiarize the members with the advances being made in mathematics.

#### Article II - Membership

Section 1. The active members shall consist of those who have been initiated and who have paid their current dues.

Section 2. Qualifications for membership. A member

- A. must be or have been a faculty member or a regularly enrolled student at this institution;
- B. must have completed at least three semesters of the college course and rank in the upper 35% of his class;
- C. must have completed at least three college courses in mathematics including at least two semesters of Calculus, and attained an average of B or better in all mathematics courses.

Section 3. Election to membership shall be irrespective of membership in any other organization and no person shall be excluded on the grounds of sex, race, creed, or color.

Section 4. Members of this chapter upon moving to the locality of another chapter may become affiliated therewith by presenting credentials of membership in good standing from the secretary-treasurer of this chapter.

Section 5. Associate membership shall be open to any student interested in mathematics. Associate members will be extended all privileges of active membership with the exceptions of voting and participating in the initiation ceremony.

### Article III - Dues

- Section 1. Dues for active membership will be set, by a vote of the active members, at a certain rate above the current national dues.
- Section 2. Associate membership dues will be set at the discretion of the active membership.
- Section 3. Dues shall be payable by the second regular meeting of each fall semester.

### Article IV - Insignia

- Section 1. The badge of this Society shall be a pentagon with the sides slightly concave; on the upper half shall be a five-leaf rose, and on the lower half the letters K.M.E. The badge may be worn as a pin, key, or pendant.
- Section 2. The seal shall be a five-pointed star enclosing a five-leaf rose, and being encircled by the legend "Kappa Mu Epsilon, founded 1931."
- Section 3. The crest shall be a shield enclosing the five-pointed star; in the star shall be the rose  $\rho = \alpha \sin 5\theta$ , the symbol of pure mathematics. Around the star shall be the symbols for the sciences which apply mathematics: at the upper left, a book of knowledge, for students and teachers; in the lower left, a shamrock and a slide rule, for the engineers; at the upper right, a conventional butterfly, for the biological sciences; at the lower right a moon and three stars, for the physical sciences; at the bottom the symbol  $\Sigma$ , for the business world. Above the shield proper is the design of the badge of the Society, and below it is a streamer upon which is printed the Greek motto.
- Section 4. The colors shall be a rose-pink and silver; the flower shall be the wild rose.

### Article V - Officers

- Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and shall be active members of Kappa Mu Epsilon. These shall be elected by a simple majority at a spring meeting to be set by the active members.
- Section 2. The term of office of each of these officers shall be one year.
- Section 3. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings and functions, to provide for the initiation of new members, to approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer, and to perform other duties as usually pertain to this office.
- Section 4. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to assist the President, and to be in charge of programs for regular meetings.
- Section 5. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to take charge of the records of the Society, pay all bills as approved by the President, and to perform all duties as usually

pertain to these two offices.

#### Article VI - Amendments

Section 1. This constitution shall be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members provided a quorum is present.

Section 2. Such amendments shall become immediately effective.

Addendum, October 3, 2000

Article II - Membership

Section 2. Qualifications for membership. A member

- A. must be or have been a faculty member or a regularly enrolled student at this institution;
- B. must have completed at least three semesters of college and attained an average of B or better in all courses; and
- C. must have completed at least three college courses in mathematics including at least two semesters of Calculus and another mathematics course above Calculus I, and attained an average of B or better in all mathematics courses; or
- D. must have completed at least one semester at this institution, after having transferred from another institution, and have completed at least one mathematics course with a grade of B or better at this institution, prior to his or her induction.

Addendum, February 14, 2008

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- D. must have completed at least one semester at this institution, if having transferred from another institution, and have completed at least one mathematics course with a grade of B or better at this institution prior to induction into membership.