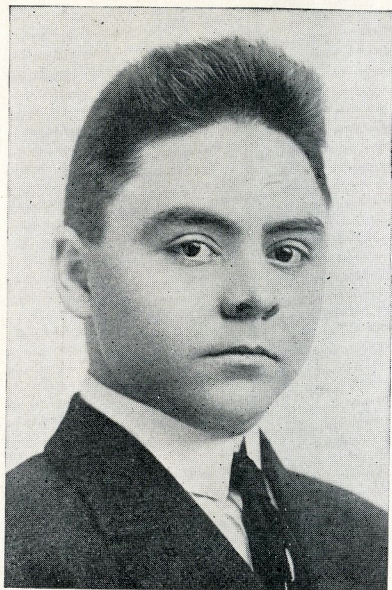


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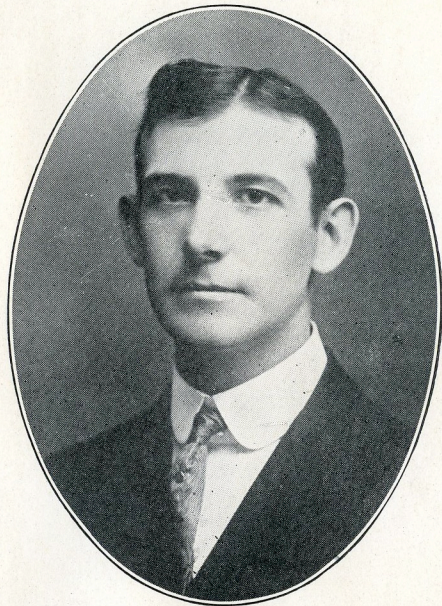
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## PI KAPPA DELTA, A HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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Pi Kappa Delta was not organized; it grew. The present constitution is the fifth, which is eloquent of changed plans and adjustments to meet changed and changing conditions. Pi Kappa Delta has a history, the constitution has a history, and it is to set forth this history for the benefit of present members and of future members that this article is written.

Early in the school year of 1911-12 an agitation for the granting of the Forensic "O" at Ottawa University, Kansas, led E. R. Nichols (then Professor of Public Speaking and English Composition at Ripon College, but formerly of Ottawa University) to suggest that the next step was to organize a forensic honorary society. Acting upon this suggestion John A. Shields presented the matter at a convention of delegates to the Kansas State Prohibition Oratorical and was appointed, with E. A. Vaughn of Kansas Agricultural College, as a committee to take up the matter. Shields and Vaughn invited C. J. Boddy of Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas, to co-operate with them in working up an organization. Shields and Boddy presented the matter at the meeting of the delegates at the regular intercollegiate contest held that year at Winfield, Kansas, with Southwestern College. It was planned at this time to organize a state chapter and local chapters at Ottawa University, Southwestern College, Kansas Wesleyan, Washburn College, College of Emporia, and K. S. A. C., the state chapter to admit the winning orators from other Kansas colleges.

In the meantime, Nichols had called together the orators and debaters at Ripon College and they had organized a local honorary society. Fred C. Maynard was elected president of this organization and Arthur J. Martin secretary-treasurer. Martin was appointed to get up a design for a key and Lowell P. Goodrich was appointed to get a suitable name. Nichols was appointed to confer with Ottawa University and other colleges in the Middle West for the purpose of working up an interstate organization. At a later meeting Goodrich submitted three names for the organization and the name Pi Kappa Delta was chosen upon his recommendation. Martin reported that he had obtained the addresses of three fraternity jewelers and now that a name had been chosen



he would write them for key designs. Nichols reported that he had written P. C. Somerville of Illinois Wesleyan, M. M. Maynard of Monmouth College, Dr. E. C. Griffith of Wm. Jewell College, H. O. Pritchard of Cotner College, and Charles A. Marsh of Morningside College, and that practically all favored the idea. He reported that Shields of Ottawa had written that the Kansas colleges had started a movement for an organization. It was voted that Nichols confer with Shields and get the co-operation of the Kansas organization. Maynard, Sutherland and Nichols were appointed to draft a constitution.

The Ripon constitution, as soon as adopted locally, was sent to Shields at Ottawa. Shortly afterward he returned the constitution with suggested changes and a rewritten copy was sent him. Shields and Vaughn went over the second constitution and prepared a third which was submitted to Ripon. The Ripon committee amended this and re-submitted it with a design for the present Pi Kappa Delta key which had been received from the Edward Roehm fraternity jewelry firm. Shields and Vaughn accepted the changes and the key design and put the final draft of the constitution in shape. By the time the final draft of the constitution was reached a half year had passed, and it was January, 1913, before Pi Kappa Delta was considered organized.

The two committees at work upon the constitution agreed to submit it to a group of ten or twelve men representing different institutions, who, upon signing it, were to become National Founders, and were to organize local chapters at their respective institutions. The constitution was submitted to the following men: E. R. Nichols, Ripon College; E. A. Vaughn, Kansas Agricultural College; John A. Shields, Ottawa University; J. H. Krenmyre, Iowa Wesleyan; P. C. Somerville, Illinois Wesleyan; C. J. Boddy, Kansas Wesleyan; Arthur L. Crookham, Southwestern College; M. M. Maynard, Monmouth College; H. O. Pritchard, Cotner College; Dan. C. Lockwood, College of Emporia, and Frank P. Johnson, Morningside College.

The constitution provided for the following temporary officers, to hold office during the formative period of the organization and until the first national convention: President, E. R. Nichols (also editor of the Forensic); Vice-President, E. A. Vaughn (also chairman of the Charter Committee); John A. Shields, Secretary and Treasurer, and J. H. Krenmyre, Historian. Arthur L. Crookham and P. C. Somerville were appointed members of the Charter Committee.

The first chapter to organize under the final national constitution was the Ottawa University chapter, organized by Shields early in 1913. Iowa Wesleyan followed the same year. The original plan of admitting a number of Kansas colleges fell through and Washburn College only organized and was admitted in 1913. Nebraska Wesleyan came next, 1913. Morningside and Cotner



organized during the spring of 1913 also, but did not complete their connection with the national organization. Ripon, Monmouth and Southwestern ran into difficulties over the non-fraternity policies of their management. The attempt to get a chapter at Monmouth was abandoned but the Ripon chapter reorganized and petitioned the board of trustees for permission to join a national honorary society as it clearly was not a social fraternity or "Greek letter organization" in the ordinary sense of the word. It was granted.

In the school year 1913-14, Illinois Wesleyan organized and was admitted, and Kansas State Agricultural College organized. Its admission was halted owing to the fact that a state chapter had been formed in Kansas by the Ottawa and Washburn chapters the previous year, and some of the state officers opposed the admission of the chapter at Manhattan. The National President and Secretary intervened and the matter was at last adjusted and K. S. A. C. was admitted. At the end of the year 1913-14 Central College (Pella, Iowa) and Occidental College and the University of Redlands in Southern California were admitted. So far in 1914-15 Colorado Agricultural College and the original chapter at Ripon have been admitted. Practically speaking the chapter at Ripon has existed from the beginning as a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta but has just finished its national connection.

Pi Kappa Delta has but one state chapter at present—the one in Kansas. As stated above, this chapter was organized in the spring of 1913. The first state convention was held at Ottawa and C. Benjamin Franklin of Washburn College was elected first president. In the spring of 1914, the second state convention was held at Manhattan, Kansas, at the time of the Installation of the K. S. A. C. chapter and Roy E. Gwin of K. S. A. C. was elected president. California and Iowa are eligible for state chapters each having the necessary two local chapters.

An attempt was made in 1913-14 to launch the Forensic but failed for various reasons. A renewed effort this year has been successful. In this issue, the first, we print the constitution as revised during this fall semester by the National Founders. The object of this revision has been to gain more compactness and practicability in the organization, and all fraternity features have been eliminated so that Pi Kappa Delta emerges at last as a full fledged, forensic honorary society.



# CONSTITUTION OF PI KAPPA DELTA FORENSIC HONOR SOCIETY.

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## ARTICLE I. NAME.

1. The name of this Honorary Forensic Society shall be "Pi Kappa Delta" the initial letters of the Greek phrase signifying "the art of persuasion beautiful and just." The name shall be written thus: "Π K Δ" on all insignia of the organization.

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE.

It shall be the purpose of this organization to stimulate progress in, and to promote the interests of intercollegiate oratory, debate, and public speaking by encouraging a spirit of intercollegiate fellowship, of brotherly co-operation and interest, and by conferring upon deserving candidates a badge of distinction, proficiency and honor varied and graduated according to merit and achievement.

## ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

1. Eligibility to membership in this society shall be determined solely upon a basis of merit, the other conditions of membership having been complied with. It shall be the rule to admit such eligible candidates as make application, valid reason for rejection being found only in individual character, involving such questions as personal honesty and integrity, plagiarism, and gentlemanly conduct in all the affairs of life.

2. Membership in this society shall be of three degrees, three orders, and four classes.

3. The Degrees shall be (1) the Degree of Fraternity, (2) the Degree of Proficiency, and (3) the Degree of Honor. All members of the Degree of Honor shall at the same time be members of the Degree of Proficiency, and all members of the Degree of Proficiency shall at the same time be members of the Degree of Fraternity.

4. The Orders shall be (1) the Order of Oratory, (2) the Order of Debate, and (3) the Order of Instruction. The members of this society who are admitted to the Degree of Fraternity because of achievement in Oratory shall be of the Order of Oratory; because of achievement in Debate shall be of the Order of Debate; because of achievement in Instruction shall be of the Order of Instruction. A member may be of one, two, or three orders, depending upon his qualifications.

5. The Classes shall be (1) Active, (2) Inactive, (3) Alumni, and (4) Honorary. Only college students and instructors in public speaking, actively engaged as such at the time of making applica-



tion, shall be eligible to admission as Active members. Those members admitted as Active shall remain in that Class until graduation unless transferred to the Inactive Class or expelled from the organization. Only former Active members, excepting those expelled, shall constitute the Inactive Class of this organization. Only former Active members, who have graduated from a recognized educational institution of collegiate rank, shall constitute the Alumni Class of this organization. Only college professors, other than in public speaking, and Alumni or former students of collegiate rank, out of school before becoming members of this society, shall be eligible to admission as Honorary members. Alumni members who subscribe for the Forensic shall retain the privileges of Active members. Honorary members may not become Active or Inactive members, and Active or Inactive members may not become Honorary.

6. The Order and Class of a member shall at all times be determined for all degrees by his Order and Class in the Degree of Fraternity.

7. Inactive, Honorary and Alumni members shall not be required to pay assessments or membership dues. Such members shall not be entitled to receive the Forensic free of charge, but it is expected that they will become subscribers to that publication. Active members of the Degrees of Proficiency and Honor shall not be required to pay National membership dues except as members of the Degree of Fraternity. The various state chapters and the National Chapter may levy such assessments upon their respective members as they desire.

#### ARTICLE IV. DIVISIONS.

1. This organization shall be composed of three divisions: (1) the Local Chapter, (2) The State Chapter, and (3) The National Chapter. The Local and State chapters shall be subordinate to the National Chapter, and the Local chapters shall be subordinate to the respective State chapters.

#### ARTICLE V. THE DEGREE OF FRATERNITY.

1. **Local Chapter.** The Local Chapter shall be the unit of the society, and shall be the local organization. A Local Chapter may be established in any recognized college or university, or outside of an institution of learning, as hereinafter provided. A Local Chapter outside of an institution of learning shall be distinguished from the regular local chapter by being called an Alumni chapter and shall be composed only of members admitted to the society through Local, State, or National chapters. All members of Local chapters of this organization shall be members of the Degree of Fraternity.

2. **Eligibility.** Eligibility to membership in a Local Chapter of this society shall be determined as follows: The candidate shall



have won first honors in a recognized local oratorical contest, or shall have represented his college in a recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest or debate; or shall be an instructor in public speaking or a coach of debate in a recognized college.

3. **Membership.** Each candidate for membership in this society shall make application for admission to the Local established in the institution of which he is a student, former student, or instructor. In case no Local chapter is established in that institution application may be made to the State Chapter having jurisdiction for membership in its General Chapter,

4. **Application.** Each candidate for membership (except charter membership) in a Local Chapter shall make application in writing on the official blank. The Local Chapter shall then make an investigation of the eligibility of the candidate and, upon favorable report shall admit the applicant to membership. The application shall then be forwarded to the General Secretary with a statement of its acceptance by the Local Chapter, together with the national dues as provided in Section 11 of this article. The General Secretary shall immediately issue a certificate of membership and the applicant shall become a regular member of the society, and his name shall be entered upon the Grand Catalog of members kept by the National President.

5. **Size of Local Chapter.** No Local Chapter shall be allowed to retain its Charter if its Active membership for any school year falls below five. The membership on May 15th shall be considered as the membership for the current year. Should a chapter be suspended its membership shall be automatically transferred to membership in the General Chapter of the state having jurisdiction.

6. **Activities of Local Chapter.** The Local Chapter shall have full charge of all its activities within the limits of this Constitution, the rules of the State Chapter under which it is organized, and the regulations of the National Chapter. No Local Chapter shall be a secret society, fraternity, or social organization. It shall be merely an honorary society. No Local Chapter may impose regulations that will affect the standing of any member of a higher degree than the Degree of Fraternity, except it may, as a penalty for non-payment of dues or assessments levied by the Local Chapter, transfer Active members to Inactive membership, due notice of such transfer being given to the General Secretary on the official blank.

7. **Referendum Vote.** Each Local Chapter shall be entitled to vote in all referendum elections on matters pertaining to the organization, each active member being entitled to cast a vote.

8. **Charter.** A Charter bearing the Seal of the organization and signed by the National Officers shall be granted to each Local Chapter of this society upon its organization as such. The Char-



ters shall be duplicates of the standard form filed as such with the Historian of this organization.

9. **Petitions for Charters.** All petitions for charters shall be made to the Chairman of the Charter Committee on the official blank. Such petitions shall be signed by not less than five candidates eligible to Active membership in the proposed chapter. No person who is or has been a member of a Local or General chapter of this society shall be eligible to sign a petition for a new Local chapter except he accompany his signature to the petition with a provisional dismissal from his chapter on the official blank. Each petition for a charter shall be accompanied by an application for Active membership in the proposed chapter for each signer of the petition who is not already a member of a Local chapter of this organization, and by a College Information Blank properly filled out for the institution in which it is proposed to establish the chapter. Upon receipt of official notice from the General Secretary that the petition has been accepted the Charter fee and membership dues for the first year for each new member (together with the price of official Pi Kappa Delta keys desired) shall be sent to the General Secretary. (See Article entitled Procedure.)

10. **Alumni Chapters.** Alumni chapters of this organization may be established by five former members of Local or General chapters who are no longer actively connected with any institution of learning, and who shall accompany their petition with provisional dismissals, on the official blank, from their former chapters. Alumni chapters shall be permitted to organize as fraternities with social purpose. No Alumni Chapter shall admit any new members otherwise than by accepting transfers of membership from members of other chapters. Only members of the Inactive (First Division), Alumni, and Honorary classes shall be eligible to membership in the Alumni chapters. Members of Alumni chapters shall not be required to pay National dues, but the chapter shall pay a charter fee.

11. **Fees.** The membership fee of Active members shall be One Dollar and Fifty Cents per year, payable in advance before November 1 of each school year, or thereafter at the time of admission to membership. Members admitted after November 1 shall pay for the current year in proportion to the unexpired portion of the year ending with the following November 1. The Charter fee payable upon the establishment of the Chapter, shall be Five Dollars. The payment of the membership fee shall entitle the member to receive the Forensic without further charge.

12. **Local Chapter Finances.** The Local Chapter shall have the power to levy such assessments on its Active members as it may choose. Non-payment of annual membership dues shall cause the delinquent member to be transferred, without notice, to Inactive membership. Non-payment of assessments shall render the delin-



quent member liable to be transferred to Inactive membership at the option of the Local chapter, due notice of such transfer being given to the General Secretary on the official blank.

**13. Inactive Membership.** There shall be two divisions of Inactive members: (1) those Inactive because of non-attendance at the institution of learning in which their chapter is established, and (2) those Inactive by order of the Local, State or National chapters. An Inactive member of the first division shall become active upon his return to school. An Inactive member of the second division may become active upon payment of all dues and assessments that are due and unpaid by him at the time of his transference to the Inactive list, and upon payment of his membership dues for the current year, together with an additional re-instatement fee of Fifty Cents. Such back dues and assessments shall be forwarded to the Chapter (Local, State, or National) to which they rightly belonged at the time of the transfer of membership, the re-instatement fee being forwarded to the General Secretary together with the notice of re-instatement on the official blank.

**14. Responsibility.** The President of the Local chapter shall be the responsible head of the local organization as far as its relations with the State and National chapters are concerned, and he shall be responsible for the fulfillment of the requirements of this constitution, and the regulations of the State and National chapters.

**15. Expulsion.** The Local chapter shall have power to expel any member of the Degree of Fraternity, who is not also a member of the Degree of Proficiency. Notice of such expulsion shall be sent to the General Secretary on the official form, accompanied by the key of the member expelled. An expelled member may be re-admitted to membership by a unanimous vote of the Local chapter.

**16. Jurisdiction.** In the absence of a State chapter in a state in which it is proposed to establish a Local chapter the National President may temporarily assign the proposed Local chapter to the jurisdiction of some established State chapter. Until the time when the first State chapters shall be organized under this constitution, Local chapters shall be organized under the jurisdiction of the National Chapter without reference to State chapters. Local chapters so organized shall be placed under the jurisdiction of State chapters when the latter are organized.

**17. Transference of Membership.** Any Active member in good standing may transfer his membership from one Local chapter to another by securing a provisional dismissal, on the official blank, from the chapter of which he is a member, provided such dismissal is accepted in due form by another Chapter and forwarded to the General Secretary, or is forwarded to the General Secretary in connection with a petition for a new chapter. When