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## 1968-1969 Annual Program

Phi Sigma

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# Phi Sigma

*Plato  
&  
May form*



Ninety-First Year

1968-1969

# Phi Sigma

*Founded in 1878*

Founded in 1878, the Society of Phi Sigma is believed to be the oldest continuing group of its kind in the State of Illinois. It was organized originally by boys who were members of a high school debating society (recently graduated) to promote the serious discussion of literature, history, and current problems on the National and World scene, and related aspects of the social-ethical disciplines, and thus to reflect, and satisfy, the interests and concerns of alert minds striving for enlightenment through study and discourse. (The Greek letters Phi and Sigma do, in fact, initial the ancient admonition, "Love Thou Wisdom").

Membership is now limited to 50 persons, admitted as married couples, who gather together in each others' homes, where the presentation of papers serves as a basis for spirited questioning and interpretive comment from all members. Phi Sigma continues today very much in accordance with its long traditions, with perhaps more emphasis in recent years on the international urgencies of our times. Meetings are held once monthly, on the second Friday, of October through May, the last being generally the occasion for a festive "May Party."

## **OFFICERS**

Paul Samuelson .....President  
Ruth Blankshain .....First Vice President  
Ward Fisher .....Second Vice President  
Peggy Saecker .....Secretary-Treasurer

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Officers  
and  
Peter Lykos  
Betty Barr

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## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Robert Schauss  
Arthur Fenton  
Mildred Follett



## **PROGRAM**

### **THE WORLD AHEAD: CHANGES AND RESULTS**

#### **OCTOBER — Friday the 11th**

Hosts—Peter and Peggy Saecker

Co-hosts—Herb and Ruth Grassman

Robert Hahn, speaker

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#### **NOVEMBER — Friday the 8th**

Hosts—Bob and Shirley Hahn

Bob Schauss, speaker

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#### **JANUARY — Friday the 10th**

Hosts—Roy and Katherine Barr

Ward Fisher, speaker

**FEBRUARY — Friday the 14th**

Hosts—Elmer and Marguerite Ludwigs

Co-hosts—Ken and Hilda Baker

Dwight Follett, speaker

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**MARCH — Friday the 14th**

Hosts—~~Jack and Jeanne Sullivan~~

Hazel Meyer, speaker

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*Barrs with Ruth McCarter*

**APRIL — Friday the 11th**

Hosts—Earl and Hazel Meyer

THE VOICE—Peter Saecker

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**MAY — Friday the 9th**

THE MAY PARTY — Kenton and  
Claire Stephens and Al and Betty Barr

## **CONSTITUTION**

**Article 1.** This society shall be known as Phi Sigma.

**Article 2.** The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary who shall also act as Treasurer, and an Executive Committee.

**Article 3.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer and two others, who shall be elected by the Society. No officer may succeed himself.

**Article 4.** The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

**Article 5.** It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare the annual program of the Society and to publish the Year Book. This shall be done as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting for the ensuing year. The Executive Committee shall designate in the Year Book which meetings shall be open for the initiation of guests to be considered for membership. The Executive Committee shall also attend to such other matters as may be referred to it by the Society.

**Article 6.** There shall be a membership committee which will consist of three members. The first membership committee shall be nominated by the regular nominating committee, shall be elected by the members and shall consist of one-three year member, one-two year member and one-one year member. Thereafter one three year member shall be nominated and elected each year at the same time and in the same



manner as the other elective officers. Retiring members shall not be eligible for reelection to the membership committee for three years after their retirement from the committee. Names of guest couples to be proposed for membership shall be submitted to the membership committee by active members within three months of their having visited Phi Sigma, whereupon the membership committee shall submit the proposed couple by mail to all the voting members within one week. If within two weeks of such mailing the committee shall receive three written objections to any proposed names, on forms provided, said names must be dropped from any further consideration. Otherwise the membership committee shall vote on the proposed members, two negative votes constituting rejection and two affirmative votes constituting election to Phi Sigma.

Article 7. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article 8. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed at any meeting of the Society. Such proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing in open meeting and then be referred to the Executive Committee, which shall report at the next regular meeting on the advisability of such changes. The amendments shall then be voted on by ballot, a two-thirds vote of all members present being necessary for adoption.

Article 9. Active members in good standing for a continuous period of twenty-five years shall be eligible for and may request automatic retirement from Active to Honorary Membership. No duties shall be required of Honorary Members and they shall not have a vote in the Society.

**Article 10.** Active Members who resign because of removal from the Chicago Area will, if they desire, be classified as Non-Resident Members. As such, they will receive copies of the yearly program, have a standing invitation to attend any meetings when in the vicinity, and will be automatically reinstated to Active Membership, should they again permanently return, subject to and as openings occur in the Active Membership. Yearly dues for Non-Resident Members will be 50 cents.

### **BY-LAWS**

**Article 1.** Phi Sigma shall hold meetings monthly from October to May, inclusive, the December meeting being optional with the Executive Committee. The meetings shall be held the second Friday of the month, subject to temporary change by the Executive Committee. Extra meetings may be called by the President or Executive Committee.

**Article 2.** Meetings of the Society shall commence promptly at 8:00 p.m.

**Article 3.** The annual election of officers shall be held at the April meeting.

**Article 4.** The annual dues of the Society shall be \$3.00 per member, payable in advance at the October meeting.

**Article 5.** At the March meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, none of whom shall be officers, to prepare a ticket of candidates for the offices of the Society. Said Committee shall present its report at the annual meeting in April. Other nominations may be made at the annual meet-

ing. If there is not more than one nomination for any office to be voted on, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for such nominee, otherwise election shall be by written ballot.

Article 6. The active membership of the Society shall be limited to fifty.

Article 7. Members absenting themselves from three consecutive meetings, without sending to the Secretary valid reasons, shall be considered to have tendered their resignation.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to copy from the minutes all "Standing Rules" which are passed from time to time and enter into a Special section of the Secretary's records such rules and the dates they are adopted. Standings Rules may be changed at any time by a majority vote of the members present.

Article 9. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the business procedure.

Article 10. At meetings when guests for prospective membership are present, at the discretion of the President, the reading of the minutes and discussion of other confidential Society matters may be postponed or dispensed with.

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes

Business

(a) Reports of Committees

(b) Unfinished Business

(c) New Business

Program

General Discussion