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# Phi Sigma



## **PHI SIGMA**

**Founded in 1878**

**The Society of Phi Sigma is believed to be the oldest continuing group of its kind in Illinois. Its founders, young men who had been members of a high school debating society, wished to promote serious discussion of 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 are the initial letters of the ancient admonition, "Love Thou Wisdom."**

**Phi Sigma continues today very much in accordance with its long traditions. Membership is limited to fifty persons, who gather together in each other's homes, where the presentation of papers serves as a basis for spirited questioning and interpretive comment.**

**Meetings are held once a month, on the second Friday, from October through May (except December), the last being the occasion for a festive party.**

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# PHI SIGMA 1985-1986

## OFFICERS

President	Joe Stefanic
First Vice President	Joe Peterson
Second Vice President	Beth Robinson
Secretary/Treasurer	Lee Brooke

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers and  
Bob Johnson  
Peter Saecker

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Tom Ferguson

## **PHI SIGMA PROGRAM 1985-1986**

### **ARTS AND LETTERS**

- October 11, 1985      **CULINARY ARTISTS IN OAK PARK  
& RIVER FOREST**  
— Lee Brooke  
HOST: Lee Brooke  
COHOSTS: Tom & Beth Robinson
- November 8, 1985      **COMPUTER ASSISTED ANALYSIS  
OF THE ENGLISH TEXT**  
— Peter Lykos  
HOSTS: Ward & Rita Fisher  
COHOSTS: Dwight & Millie Follett
- January 10, 1986      **THE ART OF LETTERS**  
— Bob Trezevant  
HOSTS: Jim & Sandra Shimon  
COHOSTS: Lyman & Anna Shepard
- February 14, 1986      **THE ART OF JOHN HUSTON**  
— Pat Staszak  
HOSTS: Paul & Barbara Oppenheim  
COHOSTS: Peter & Marie Lykos
- March 14, 1986      **BY SPECIAL REQUEST**  
— Joe and Mary Jo Peterson  
HOSTS: Don & Betty Peaslee  
COHOST: Art Fenton
- April 11, 1986      **THE VOICE**  
— Peter Saecker  
HOSTS: Bob & Shirley Hahn  
COHOSTS: Tom & Carole Ferguson
- May 9, 1986      **THE GERSHWIN YEARS**  
— Lyman Shepard  
HOSTS: Oak Park Country Club  
COHOSTS: Everyone



## 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, a 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, Secretary and 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 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. 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 meetings 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 automatically be 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 \$7.00 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 meeting. 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 resignations.

**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 dates they are adopted. Standing 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.

## **Order of Business**

### **Roll Call**

### **Reading of Minutes**

### **Business:**

- (a) Reports of Committee**
- (b) Unfinished Business**
- (c) New Business**

### **Program**

### **General Discussion**