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## 2000-2001 Annual Program

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1878

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Founded 1878

The Greek letters Phi and Sigma are the initial letters of the ancient admonition, "Love Thou Wisdom."

Phi Sigma is believed to be the oldest continuing society of its kind in Illinois. Its founders were young men who had been members of a high school debating club. They organized Phi Sigma to promote further serious discussion of national and world issues and various other subjects of interest, and to gain enlightenment through study and discourse.

Phi Sigma continues today very much in accordance with its long-standing traditions. Members and guests gather together in one of their homes to hear a paper presented by a member. This is followed by spirited questioning and a discussion of the subject. The evening is capped by a social hour.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month from October through May, excluding December. The last meeting is the occasion for a festive party.

## Phi Sigma

2000-2001

President	Regina Kuehn
First Vice President	Herb Zobel
Second Vice President	Joan Gibbons
Secretary	Peter Saecker
Treasurer	Benton Doherty

### Executive Committee

The officers and  
Diane Stephenson and Anna Shepard

### Membership Committee

Christine Davis	1999-2001
Lyman Shepard	2000-2002

### Historian

Beth Robinson

Program  
2000-2001 Season

Theme: Things That Matter

Date	Presenter	Title	Host	Co-Host
Oct. 13	Marcy Kubat	World of Words: Syzygy Triakaidékaphobia and Other Everyday Words	Beth Robinson	Benton Doherty
Nov. 10	Lee Brooke	Books about Oak Park/River Forest: a slide presentation	Lee Brooke	The Kuehns
Dec. 8		The Christmas Pottluck	Pat Staszak	Everybody
Jan. 12	Stan Davis	Ecumenism in Chicago: The merger of OP/RF Council of Churches	The Saeckers	Joan Gibbons
Feb.9	Peter Lykos	Fifty Years of Higher Education: A View from Within	The Zobels	Bonnie Burns
Mar. 9	Chris Davis	Partnership with a Heart: Hephzibah Children	The Davis'	Anna Shepard
Ap. 20	B. Peaslee, the Saeckers, M. Lykos, the Cassins.	Phi Sigma Then and Now	The Cassins	Sunny Hall
My. 12		May Party: to be announced		



# PHI SIGMA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## REVISED 1987

### CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as Phi Sigma.

ARTICLE 2. The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents and a Secretary/Treasurer. Officers may not succeed themselves. The duties of the President, Vice Presidents, and Secretary/Treasurer shall be as described in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 3. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary/Treasurer and two others who shall be elected by the Society. 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 for the ensuing year as soon as practicable after the April Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall also attend to such other matters as may be referred to it by the Society.

ARTICLE 4. There shall be a Membership Committee which will consist of three members. One three-year member shall be nominated and elected each year at the same time and in the same manner as the officers. Retiring members shall not succeed themselves. Names of guests 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 resumes by mail to all the voting members. If three written objections are received by the Membership Committee the names must be dropped from any further consideration. If three objections are not forthcoming from the membership the Membership Committee then votes. A majority is required for acceptance.

ARTICLE 5. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE 6. 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 referred to the Executive Committee which shall report at the next regular meeting of the Society 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 7. 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 dues or duties shall be required of Honorary Members and they shall not have a vote in the Society.

ARTICLE 8. Active members who resign because of removal from the Chicago area will, if they desire, be classified as Non-Resident Members. As such they have a standing invitation to attend any meeting 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.

## By-Laws

ARTICLE 1. Phi Sigma shall hold **meetings** monthly from October to May, inclusive, the December meeting being optional. 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. At the March meeting the President shall appoint a **Nominating Committee** of three members, none of whom shall be officers, to prepare a slate of candidates for the offices of the Society. Said Committee shall present its report at the meeting in April and election shall take place at that time. Other nominations may be made at the April 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 4. The **annual dues** of the Society shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and presented at the October meeting. This shall be voted on and the dues shall be payable at that time.

ARTICLE 5. The active membership of the Society shall be limited to fifty.

ARTICLE 6. On the occasion of three consecutive absences or non-payment of dues by a member, the Membership Committee shall contact the member and make a recommendation to the Society for action.

ARTICLE 7. **Officers and Duties:** 1. The Officers shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings, shall chair the Executive Committee, and shall perform such duties as are incidental to the office. 3. The First Vice President shall exercise the functions of the President in the absence of the President and shall perform other duties as assigned by the President. The Nominating Committee shall give the First Vice President primary consideration for nomination to the succeeding presidency. 4. The Second Vice President shall arrange for meeting places and hosts and shall send notifications of meetings to the membership. 5. The Secretary/Treasurer shall record minutes, prepare such correspondence as is properly required, exercise general supervision over the receipt, custody and disbursement of all funds, and make reports as are properly required.

ARTICLE 8. **Archives:** The President shall appoint a Historian who shall be responsible for keeping the permanent records of the Society. Historians may serve successive terms. The permanent records of the Society include the secretarial records from previous years, copies of all papers that are presented as programs, copies of all Voice programs, and any other records which may have historical value. Records may be written, recorded or filmed. It shall be the duty of each member who presents a program to provide a copy of that program to the Historian.

ARTICLE 9. **Robert's Rules of Order** shall govern the conduct of meetings.

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