



Lambda Nu

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Model By-laws & Instructions

*The following by-laws are provided by the national office as a model for establishing local Chapter by-laws. The criteria mandated by the national charter of a local Chapter is in **bold**, and although bold text may be changed, the intent may not. Many local Chapters will choose to set additional fees, higher standards, or specify other criteria according to their situations.*

Chapters must submit their by-laws to the national office for approval. Any changes in the by-laws require re-approval from the national office. By-laws are approved based on inclusion of the intent of all bold text in this model and by exclusion of all discriminatory, non-academic, non-charitable, or non-professional criteria. Additional criteria for Chapter By-Laws are:

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| <i>Article III.A.</i> | <i>GPA may be higher, but not lower</i> |
| <i>Article VI.C.</i> | <i>an official method for notification of meetings must be stated</i> |
| <i>Article VII.A.B.D.</i> | <i>time periods must be stated</i> |
| <i>Article VII.C.</i> | <i>criteria for voting must be stated</i> |
| <i>Article VIII.B.</i> | <i>must include a 2nd officer or a faculty sponsor to approve expenditures</i> |
| <i>Article XI.A.</i> | <i>time period must be stated</i> |

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BY-LAWS OF THE ARKANSAS ALPHA CHAPTER OF LAMBDA NU

Article I Name, Location, and Color Identity

The name of this organization is the Arkansas Alpha Chapter of Lambda Nu, the national honor society for the radiologic and imaging sciences.

This Chapter is established at Arkansas State University, State University, Arkansas.

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Lambda Nu's name is derived from the lower case Greek characters in the formula $\lambda\nu$, which represents the physics of the inverse relationship between wavelength (λ) and frequency (ν), an essential parameter across the diversity of modalities comprising the professions.

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In a similar manner, Lambda Nu uses the upper case Greek characters Λ and N to represent the inverse relationship and delicate balance required between the art and the science inherent in the radiologic and imaging sciences professions of radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, diagnostic medical sonography, cardiovascular-interventional technology, mammography, computed

tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, quality management, and bone densitometry.

Lambda Nu's colors are maroon for the radiologic sciences, forest green for the health professions, and gold, the ancient color of honor.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to:

- foster academic scholarship** at the highest academic levels
- promote research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences
- recognize exemplary scholarship

Article III Membership

Radiologic and imaging sciences students, alumni, and faculty qualify for membership according to the following standards:

- Section A. **Professional course GPA 3.0 or higher on 4.0 scale after one full time semester (or equivalent) of a professional program.**
- Section B. **Enrollment in a radiologic or imaging sciences program as a full time student for at least one term.**
- Section C. **Evidence of professional commitment beyond minimum requirements of the program**, including, but not limited to:
GPA higher than Chapter minimum
actively pursuing an independent research project
active membership in a professional organization, as evidenced by:
holding office or committee appointments
preparing for presentation of a professional paper or poster
preparing for competition in a Quiz-Bowl
clinical-based employment in a radiologic or imaging sciences field
- Section D. **Faculty members are eligible for membership upon meeting the following criteria: actively teaching at the institution of the above chapter (full time, part time, adjunct, or guest faculty)**
- Section E. **All members must register and pay national dues as well as meet all Chapter obligations.**
- Section F. **Exemplary honors may be achieved upon evidence of advanced professional recognition** (i.e., academic paper or poster presentation, publication, etc.)

Article IV Officers

- Section A. **Only members in good standing may hold office.**
- Section B. The President of this organization may not be President of another campus organization.
- Section C. **The duties of the President, are:**

1. represent the Chapter, behave, and speak only in it's best interest
2. carry out of the purposes of the organization
3. act to ensure the welfare of the organization
4. preside at business meetings
5. service as ex-officio member of all committees

Section D. The duties of the Vice-President are to assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, incapacity, or resignation.

Section E. The duties of the Secretary are to record and preserve the proceedings and records of the organization.

Section F. **The duties of the Treasurer are to keep accurate financial records, provide for the safekeeping of funds, and assure expenditures are according to the by-laws and the will of the Board and membership.**

Section G. **Officers assume their duties on June 1st.**

Section H. In the event of a vacancy in any office, the President will appoint an active member to fill the vacancy.

Article V Executive Board

Section A. **The members of the Executive Board include all officers of the Chapter** and the chairpersons of all standing committees.

Section B. A university faculty sponsor shall be appointed by the Department Chair and shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Board. Ex-Officio members do not have voting rights but have the right to attend all meetings and consultations of the Executive Board and must be notified of all such meetings and consultations.

Section C. **The duties of the Executive Board are to carry out the work of the Chapter between meetings of the membership.**

Article VI Meetings

Section A. **The membership shall meet** once per academic year (August to May).

Section B. **The following business will be conducted at least once per year:**

1. **induction of new members**
2. **election and installation of new officers**
3. conduct of the business of the organization
4. planning or participation in one campus or community charitable event without profit to the organization
5. planning or participation in one social event

Section C. **A quorum for the purpose of conducting business will consist of those members present at a meeting announced by the Executive Board through** posting a notice and emailing all departmental student email lists at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Article VII
Elections

- Section A. **The election of officers shall occur** once per academic year (August to May).
- Section B. **A call for nominations for office shall be made to the membership at least 7 days prior to the election. Nominations may be verbal or written but require seconding by another member and acceptance of the nomination by the candidate.**
- Section C. **Elections shall be by secret ballot of all members** currently registered for classes at the time of the election.
- Section D. **Elections shall occur by a method announced at least 7 days in advance by the Executive Board** (i.e., in person during a meeting, in-class ballot distribution, via email, or other means)

Article VIII
Dues and Finances

- Section A. **Dues for students shall be** a one-time fee of \$25.
1. **\$20 shall be forwarded with the proper application form to the national Lambda Nu Chapter for registration and issuance of an individual membership certificate. This is a one-time fee required by the national office.**
 2. \$5 shall be deposited in the Chapter account
- Section B. **All Chapter fund expenditures must have the approval of the President of the Chapter** and the faculty sponsor.

Article IX
Standing Committees

- Section A. A Program Committee will plan and conduct induction of new members and officers as well as academic, fund raising, charitable, and social events.
- Section B. A Scholarship Committee will plan and conduct all scholarship activities, including, but not limited to monetary awards, exemplary recognition of members, and a forum for presentation of academic and research projects.
- Section C. Ad-hoc committees may be established as necessary by the President upon ratification by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- Section D. Committee Chairs are appointed by the President upon ratification by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Committee Chairs serve at the pleasure of the President but can be replaced only upon ratification by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article X
Parliamentary Authority

Business of the Chapter shall occur according to parliamentary procedure practices as described in *Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*. This includes the transaction of business in meetings of the membership and the Executive Board.

Article XI
Amendments to the By-Laws

- Section A. **Proposed by-law amendments must be distributed to all members currently registered for classes by a method approved by the Executive Board at least 7 days prior to the meeting at which the proposal is to be presented for vote.**
- Section B. **A 2/3 majority is required of those voting for a by-law to become effective.**

Article XII
Validity of By-Laws

These by-laws are valid only when they have been accepted by the national Lambda Nu office.