

BYLAWS
of Cherry Blossom Alumnae Colony
of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority
Washington D.C. and surrounding metro area

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization shall be Cherry Blossom Alumnae Colony of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority.

ARTICLE II
Object

The object of the Cherry Blossom Alumni Colony is to assemble alumni of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority in the spirit of service. This Colony shall be conducted as a service organization under the provisions of the Bylaws of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority.

ARTICLE III
Members

Section 1. Membership in this Colony shall be open to all alumni of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority provided they can participate in a minimum of 2 colony meetings.

Section 2. Active members of this Colony shall have the right to vote and be entitled to hold office. An active member must perform 20 hours of service in a year, participate in the group service project each half year, attend a minimum of 2 meetings, pay Colony dues and applicable National fees.

Section 3. Colony dues shall be \$30 each year, and will be due on March 1st and August 1st. All money paid to the colony is non-refundable.

Section 4. Inactive membership status may be granted to a member by a majority vote of the Colony to those who are unable to fulfill the requirements for an active member.

Section 5. Auxiliary members shall be elected at the discretion of the Colony, shall be eligible to make motions, to vote and to hold office in the Colony and to be delegates to National Convention. The number of auxiliary members shall be limited to one-half of the membership of the Colony.

Section 6. Upon a three-fourths vote of the membership of the Colony, honorary membership may be conferred on persons the Colony wishes to distinguish with such honor. An honorary member shall have none of the obligations of membership in the Colony but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, of

voting, and of holding office.

ARTICLE IV Officers and Duties

Section 1. The officers of this Colony shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Collegiate Liaison, and a Parliamentarian, all of whom, except the Parliamentarian, are elected by membership. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and the parliamentary authority adopted by this Colony.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees, enforce a due observance of these bylaws and perform other duties as directed by the Colony.

Section 3. The Vice President shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the President, coordinate the service program of the Colony, maintain records of service hours, and submit record of member service hours to the national organization.

Section 4. The Secretary shall notify members of the time and place of meeting, handle all correspondence for the Colony, and shall maintain communications with collegiate chapters in the district and chapters in the surrounding area.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintenance of the Colony's financial records, receipts and disbursements of Colony funds and collection of Colony dues and National membership fees. Treasurer is to prepare a bi-annual budget to be presented at the January and June meetings. At the end of each term, an independent person shall review the financial records of the Colony.

Section 6. The Collegiate Liaison shall communicate with collegiate chapters and colonies.

Section 7. The Parliamentarian shall advise on all parliamentary issues at meetings and as issues arise. The President shall appoint the Parliamentarian.

Section 8. In the case of vacancies, the Vice President will fill the vacancy of the President. All other positions will be filled by election.

ARTICLE V Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. At the September meeting, the Colony shall elect a Nominating Committee of 5 active members. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the election. The Committee shall meet by November 1st.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall report to the membership at the November meeting.

Section 3. Election of officers shall be conducted at the January meeting of the membership. Additional nominations from the floor at the election meeting shall be permitted.

Section 4. Officers shall serve for a term of one year and their term of office shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the election meeting or Installation Ceremony.

Section 5. Election of officers shall be by ballot, except when there is a single nominee for the office. Then the vote may be conducted by voice.

ARTICLE VI Removal from Office

Section 1. Officers may be removed from office for misconduct or nonperformance of duties. Charges must be submitted in writing to the Colony.

Section 2. All charges shall be investigated by a committee elected by the Colony for such purpose and following the investigation, the committee shall report to the membership. A two-thirds vote of the membership shall remove an officer from office.

ARTICLE VII Meetings

Section 1. There shall be six regular meetings of the Colony per year.

Section 2. The President may call special meetings as needed. Except in cases of emergency, at least 5 days notice shall be given.

Section 3. A majority of the active and auxiliary members of the Colony shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the Colony shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Colony. The Nominating Committee can not be appointed by the President. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE IX Parliamentary Procedure

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Colony in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Colony may adopt.

**ARTICLE X
Amendment of Bylaws**

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Colony by a two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing to the parliamentarian at least ten days before the meeting. The Parliamentarian shall notify the colony of all proposed bylaw amendments at least 5 days before the colony will meet.

Section 2. Amendments to the Bylaws of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority affecting these bylaws shall be recorded automatically as amendments hereto.

Section 3. A copy of the current Colony bylaws and standing rules will be forwarded to the National Parliamentarian for approval by January 31 of each year.

As adopted on March 19, 2005 by Cherry Blossom Alumnae Colony

Signature _____
President

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Approved

National Parliamentarian Date