

# Beta Phi Mu

## Beta Lambda Chapter Bylaws

### ARTICLE I: NAME

This chapter shall be known as the Beta Lambda Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, organized at the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University.

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter is the same as that of the national organization, which is "to recognize scholastic achievement in and scholarly contributions to librarianship and information science, and to sponsor and support appropriate professional and scholarly projects related to these fields."

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Chapter, including the privileges of voting and holding office, shall be granted to graduates of the Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies program who have:

- Completed ALL requirements leading to a master's degree with a scholastic average of no lower than 3.75 where A equals 4.0, *OR*
- Completed planned programs of advanced study beyond the master's degree which require full time study for one or more academic years with a scholastic average of 3.75 where A equals 4.0.

Total eligible candidates shall comprise no more than twenty-five percent of the annual graduating class. Candidates shall be recommended for membership by the faculty of the Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies. There is no time limit for acceptance of an invitation for membership.

- B. Any member of Beta Phi Mu may affiliate with Beta Lambda Chapter by paying the annual chapter dues.
- C. Persons elected to honorary membership (see Article III, Beta Phi Mu Bylaws) shall have the privilege of attending and speaking at all Beta Lambda membership meetings. However, honorary members may not propose motions, vote, hold office, or preside, with the exception of honorary members appointed as Faculty Advisor.

#### **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS**

- A. The Executive Board of Beta Lambda Chapter shall consist of the President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Faculty Advisor. All shall be active members of Beta Lambda Chapter. The Executive Board shall perform the customary duties pertaining to their offices, and shall function with power to transact the ordinary business of the Beta Lambda Chapter.
- B. The President Elect shall be elected annually by a majority vote of those members present and voting, with the elected individual taking office immediately following the election. After serving one year as President Elect, that individual occupies the office of President the following year and Past President the next year for a total commitment of three years.
- C. The offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. There is no term limit for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair.
- D. The Faculty Advisor shall be appointed by the Director of the Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies and shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE V: DUES**

The dues for this chapter shall be ten dollars per year, with five dollars to Chapter dues and five dollars contributed to the Scholarship Fund.

#### **ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended at any chapter meeting by a majority vote of members present.

#### **ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Beta Lambda Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Revised by member vote  
September 22, 2012  
at Chapter Board Meeting