

LAMBDA ALPHA BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College. The name of the organization originated from the National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology, LAMBDA ALPHA, founded at Wichita State University. The name LAMBDA ALPHA is composed of the initial letters of the Greek words LOGOS ANTHROPOU, meaning "The Study of Human Beings". We are Gamma Chapter of Maryland because in the state of Maryland we are the third chapter to be established and Gamma is the third letter in the Greek alphabet.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To encourage and stimulate scholarship and research in anthropology by recognizing and honoring superior achievement in the discipline among students, faculty, and other persons engaged in the study of anthropology;
2. To provide an academic and social forum in order to address anthropological issues at institutional, local, state, regional, national, and international levels; and
3. To promote the field of anthropology and related subjects within Washington College and the community.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person who is currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at Washington College may be elected to membership by a majority vote of the chapter under the supervision of the organization's faculty advisor. Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College, will not deny membership on the basis of race, which in accordance with the American Anthropology Association's Statement on Race is an invalid category; sex; age; disability; veteran status; religion; sexual orientation; color; or national origin.

Section 2. There are two categories of membership in the chapter: (1) voting membership, which includes active student members; and (2) non-voting members, of which there are two categories: social members and faculty/staff members. These categories are more fully defined below.

Section 3. Minimum requirements for active student membership shall be:

- A. Undergraduates must be currently enrolled, have junior or senior status, and have completed not less than twenty (20) semester hours or the equivalent in academic Anthropology. Undergraduates must have an average grade point average in these classes of 3.3 and be in the upper third of their class. Exceptions can be considered on a case by case basis and voted on by a majority of the current members.
- B. Faculty and staff members in good standing in the institution, who are connected with the disciplines of Anthropology and/or Sociology are automatically eligible for membership.
- C. The chapter may admit to active status any currently enrolled student who has been an active member of any chapter at any time; if any student transfers from a different school and is an initiate member of a different chapter of Lambda Alpha, they may be admitted as an active member of Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College.
- D. The chapter shall review prospective members to determine their eligibility at least twice each academic year.

- E. All persons eligible for initiation shall pay the initiation fee, determined by the National organization, to the National treasury. This fee shall constitute a life membership fee and no national dues, fees or other assessments shall thereafter be imposed. The national membership fee shall entitle each member to a membership card and a diploma of membership.
- F. The chapter may, by majority vote of a quorum, impose a modest annual membership fee for members of Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College.
- G. The chapter may admit to active status any currently enrolled student who has been an active member of any chapter at any time.
- H. The chapter shall review prospective members to determine their eligibility at least twice during each academic year.

Section 4. Minimum requirements for active student membership are that the student:

- A. Express a sincere interest in anthropology; and
- B. Be willing to participate with and in support of other members of Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College.

Section 5. The voting membership of this organization shall be limited to organization members who are Washington College students. Members in good standing of Gamma Chapter of Maryland are eligible to vote on all business matters, including officer elections.

Section 6. The social membership of this organization:

- A. Social membership of this organization carries with it the right to be present at all social gathering including lectures, dinners, rituals, and any other event were the President or Faculty Advisor extends an invitation. Social members do not have voting privileges nor do they have a voice at business meeting or election meetings.
- B. Social membership shall be limited to organization members who are graduates of Gamma Chapter of Maryland, graduates in good standing of another Lambda Alpha Chapter, and members of the community who are in good standing in the institution or also are connected with the disciplines of Anthropology and/or Sociology.
- C. All social members may be elected to membership by a majority vote of the chapter under the supervision of the organization's faculty advisor. Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College, will not deny membership on the basis of race, which in accordance with the American Anthropology Association's Statement on Race, is an invalid category; sex; age; disability; veteran status; religion; sexual orientation; color; or national origin.
- D. Any person who wishes to participate in the activities of the chapter as a social member in a given year, shall pay a yearly fee which will be equal to the lifetime membership fee set by the National Organization for that year to the Gamma Chapter of Maryland treasury. This fee shall constitute a yearly social membership fee and no other national or chapter dues, fees or assessments shall thereafter be imposed within that year. Upon first activation of social membership and payment of the annual fee, a social member is entitled to a certificate of membership. Lapsed social membership may be reactivated at any time by payment of the current annual social membership fee.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College, shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Ritual Protector. Additional offices can be created by a majority vote of the meeting.

Section 2. All elected officers must have junior or senior status and be active members of Lambda Alpha, Gamma of Maryland, Washington College.

Section 3. Officers must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average at the time of their election or appointment, and during their entire term of office must be full-time students, and may not be on academic or disciplinary probation during their entire term of office.

Section 4. The term of office shall be one (1) calendar year from May 1 to May 1. There shall be no limit on the number of terms any individual may serve.

Section 5. Election Procedures

- A. Election of officers for the following academic year shall be held annually in April, beginning April 2002.
- B. At least seven days notice shall be given before the election meeting.
- C. Nominations shall be initiated from the floor. Candidates shall be elected to office by a simple majority of members present. In the event of no clear majority, the candidates with the greatest number of votes shall have a runoff election.

Section 6. Any vacancies that may occur in an office shall be filled by following Article IV, Section 5, Paragraphs B and C.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President

- A. The President shall be the chief executive officer of Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College, and therefore lead meetings.
- B. The President shall act as liaison between the chapter and outside groups, unless this authority is delegated to another individual.
- C. The President shall be in charge of the annual report to be sent to the National Executive Secretary concerning the chapter's activities.
- D. The President, along with the Vice-President, shall be responsible for calling special meetings and for scheduling programs, activities, and events.

Section 2. The Vice-President

- A. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- B. The Vice-President shall be responsible for the current constitution and its by-laws.
- C. The Vice-President shall coordinate all committee work.
- D. The Vice-President, along with the President, shall be responsible for calling special meetings and for scheduling programs, activities, and events.

Section 3. The Secretary

- A. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings.
- B. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the minutes for each officer and the chapter's file. In addition, the Secretary shall send out the minutes of the meeting to members, via some source such as email, web posting, or other.

- C. The Secretary shall maintain a complete and accurate account and file of all activities of Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College; this file will be transferred to the incoming Secretary by the outgoing Secretary on May 1, beginning May 1, 2002, the first day of the new Board's term.

Section 4. The Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall make a quarterly report containing a list of all receipts and disbursements and the location of property represented in these figures.
- B. The Treasurer shall keep a current record of all financial transactions of Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College.
- C. The Treasurer shall provide a copy of the quarterly reports for all officers and members who desire to have a copy, and a permanent copy will be kept in the files of the organization by the Secretary.
- D. The Treasurer shall prepare and submit the budgets to the Student Government Association and provide the necessary accounting to the Student Government Association.

Section 5. Faculty Advisor

- A. The Advisor shall present the names of qualified students for membership twice a year.
- B. The Advisor shall assist the group in the execution of their roles and responsibilities.
- C. The Advisor shall provide feedback to the organization regarding its operation and functioning, and other advice upon request.
- D. The Advisor shall co-sign checks for Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College.
- E. The Advisor shall be a non-voting member of the chapter, but will periodically attend the meetings of the organization.
- F. The Advisor shall be responsible for sending the end of the year report to the National Office to be received by them no later than April 1st of the given school year.

Section 6. The Ritual Protector

- A. The Ritual Protector is responsible for the initiation ritual and all practices for the initiation ritual.
- B. The Ritual Protector is responsible for securing a place, time, and all necessary materials for the initiation ritual.
- C. The Ritual Protector is responsible for making sure all of the current voting and non-voting members know their parts and places, especially those required to speak, in the ritual.
- D. The Ritual Protector is responsible for ensuring that all new members sign the bond book after they have been initiated.
- E. The Ritual Protector is responsible for maintaining a record and history of the ritual and how it has evolved.
- F. The Ritual Protector is required to call an open meeting of the chapter membership before and after each ritual to evaluate new ideas for the ritual and improve upon it.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. The times and locations for regularly scheduled meetings shall be determined by the membership.

Section 2. At least seven (7) days notice shall be given for each regular business meeting of the organization.

Section 3. The President or Vice-President may call special or emergency meetings with less than seven (7) days notice, although as much notice as possible is desired.

Section 4. Quorum shall be constituted by one-half of the members in good standing, both active and general inclusive. Passage of business matters shall require a simple majority of the quorum.

Section 5. The meetings shall be conducted according to Parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE VII. WASHINGTON COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Lambda Alpha, Gamma Chapter of Maryland, Washington College, shall adhere to the Washington College Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

Section 1. Amendments must be proposed in one meeting, discussed in a subsequent meeting, and voted on during a third meeting.

Section 2. An amendment not ratified within one year of its proposal shall be declared a dead issue.

Section 3. For an amendment to be passed, a three-fourths majority of the voting members, (a quorum being present), is required.