**BY-LAWS
of the
ETA BETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAPTER
of
SIGMA NU FRATERNITY, INC.

*Preamble***

*In 2008 a small group of fraternity brothers from the Eta Beta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity, a former Chapter at East Carolina College/University in Greenville, North Carolina, got together to form “Snake Reunion” in order to plan a reunion of East Carolina Sigma Nu and Kappa Sigma Nu brothers, pledges and friends. That group became the “First Charter Snake Reunion.” Since that initial reunion in 2008, there have been three additional reunions held, including one in Lexington, Virginia, at the Sigma Nu National Headquarters in September 2011.

At the Snake Reunion Annual Brotherhood Meeting on September 29, 2011, participating members voted to establish an official Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity to be called the Eta Beta Alumni Association Chapter. The Chapter shall include all initiates and pledges of Eta Beta and Kappa Sigma Nu. Plans also call for having Active Members and Inactive Members. Additionally, “Friends of Eta Beta and Kappa Sigma Nu shall be invited as guests to reunion meetings. Nothing in these by-laws shall prohibit the chapter from charging a registration fee or collecting donations from said friends. It was also approved at the September 29th Annual Brotherhood Meeting that each Annual Meeting of the Alumni Chapter shall be planned and recognized as part of a Snake Reunion.

However, those participating should be made aware that not all qualified active members have participated or contributed to the effort to put on annual reunions. While all four reunions have been successful their success has been benchmarked by the added contributions of those individual brothers, willing to make an added dues-contribution to the total reunion effort. In considering these By-laws, the membership (active and inactive) must consider that the minimum dues, to be established of One Hundred Dollars ($100) and Two Hundred Dollars ($200), do not cover the cost of reunion activities. A significant number of contributions in excess of Two Hundred Dollars ($200) per year are essential to the Snake Reunion and Eta Beta Alumni Association Chapter efforts.

Therefore, in the future, any funds left over from the voluntary dues-contributions shall be divided in half with one half dedicated to the next reunion event and the other half being dedicated to helping fund a new Sigma Nu Charter at East Carolina University. This new policy shall begin with and continue after the conclusion of the 2012 Snake Reunion.*

 **Article I, *Membership & Participation***

1. Membership in the ETA BETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAPTER shall consist of those individuals who have been initiated into the ETA BETA Chapter of Sigma Nu and who are no longer enrolled as undergraduates in any college or university, who have participated in or plan to participate in the alumni activities of the Eta Beta “Snake Reunion” and who pay dues and/or make a contribution in excess of those dues. Each member shall remain in good standing with the Chapter.
2. Initiates of any Sigma Nu collegiate chapter may also be admitted into membership by a majority vote of those members attending the Annual Brotherhood Meeting of the Alumni Chapter.
3. Alumni Association Chapter Membership shall be classified as “active” and “inactive.” To maintain an active membership, members must pay the minimum yearly dues based upon the schedule hereinafter set forth and/or make contributions to the Association Chapter in excess of the minimum yearly dues. Members who have not paid their yearly dues shall be classified as inactive members.
4. A “Member-Guest” shall be allowed to participate in Eta Beta “Snake Reunion” activities (as they have in the past). Such Member-Guests shall consist of any Kappa Sigma Nu Colony Brother, who worked to establish that which became the Eta Beta Chapter of Sigma Nu at East Carolina College but who was never initiated by the National Fraternity, any former Eta Beta Pledge in good standing and those individuals recognized as “friends of Sigma Nu” by the Alumni Association Chapter Board. Member-Guest participants shall not be recognized as an official alumni member by Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. unless so initiated.
5. For the purpose of these Bylaws, “Snake Reunion” is the initial organization of Eta Beta initiates that worked through four (4) “Snake Reunions” to establish an annual reunion for Sigma Nu brothers who have been part of the Eta Beta Chapter at East Carolina College/University. The goal of “Snake Reunion” participants is to establish a Sigma Nu Alumni Association Chapter and hopefully bring Sigma Nu Fraternity back to the East Carolina University campus in Greenville, North Carolina.

**Article II, *Dues***

1. Active Members shall pay their annual dues prior to the annual meeting of the Alumni Chapter and the annual dues or dues-contribution rates shall be established and increased or decreased by the Chapter Board as follows:

 a. One Hundred Dollars ($100) per year for the first two years after graduation (or other cessation of undergraduate study).

 b. Two Hundred Dollars ($200) or more per year in dues-contributions thereafter unless increased by the Eta Beta Alumni Association Board. All dues-contributions over Two Hundred Dollars ($200) by an individual shall be used to cover the cost of participation by any brother who cannot afford to pay dues or cannot afford to pay the full amount of dues.

2. Inactive Members shall be all of those members who do not pay annual dues; provided that, an Inactive Member may be considered an Active Member if the board agrees and votes to allow the Inactive Member’s dues to be paid from those extra funds paid by other active members.

3. Gold Active Members shall be those individual members who contribute Three Hundred Dollars ($300) per year or more in dues-contributions to the Alumni Chapter and Snake Reunion activities.

4. Platinum Active Members shall be those individual members who contribute Five Hundred Dollars ($500) per year or more in dues-contributions to the Alumni Chapter and Snake Reunion activities.

5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an Inactive Member or Member-Guest from making a contribution to the Alumni Chapter to be utilized for reunion activities or other purposes.
 **Article III, *Meetings and Voting***

1. An official meeting of the Alumni Chapter, to be known as the Annual Brotherhood Meeting, shall be held at least once each year in conjunction with the SNAKE REUNION, as determined by the Board of the Alumni Association.
2. The Chapter Board shall meet at least once a year in addition to its meeting to be held in conjunction with the Annual Brotherhood Meeting and shall have full authority to carry on the business of the Association Chapter between each Annual Brotherhood Meeting.
3. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chapter Commander subject to notice thereof being published and made available to the brotherhood not less than 30 days prior to the date set for said special meeting. Said notice shall set forth the time and place of the special meeting and shall specifically state the purpose for which the meeting is called. No matter may be voted on at a special meeting without the aforesaid notice.
4. The Chapter Commander shall fix the time for the annual meeting and shall cause notice thereof to be published and all brothers so notified by email, the website, Chapter Newsletter or a combination of all three, preceding the Annual Brotherhood Meeting.
5. No business shall be voted on at any meeting unless a quorum of ten (10) members is present.
6. Members must be present to vote at the annual meeting. Members may vote by a proxy at any special meeting; and proxies may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at a special meeting.
7. Only active members may vote on any matter properly brought before the Alumni Chapter. Inactive members have no vote.
8. Proxies must be in writing and signed by the active voting member submitting the proxy. Proxies must be received by the Chapter Commander not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting at which they shall be counted. Proxies which do not comply with these requirements shall be void.

**Article IV, *Officers and Board***

1. The officers and board of directors of the Eta Beta Alumni Association Chapter shall be Chapter Commander, (hereinafter knows as the Commander) Lt. Commander, Treasurer, Chaplain/Reporter, Sergeant at Arms and four (4) at-large directors with one representing Kappa Sigma Nu, one representing the First Charter Group; one representing the Second Charter group and one representing the Third Charter group.
2. It shall be the duty of the Commander to preside at all meetings of the Alumni Chapter; appoint all committee members and chairs; appoint required Administrative Assistants and Reunion Coordinators and to perform such other duties as pertain to the office of Commander.
3. The Lt. Commander shall serve in the absence of the Commander, and shall be the Chapter Commander-elect. He shall perform such duties as are required of him by the Commander.
4. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep a record of all meetings of the Alumni Chapter, and each Snake Reunion and to conduct all correspondence of the Chapter and perform all other duties that shall be required of him by the Commander.
5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect dues, take charge of all funds of the Alumni Chapter, deposit same to the credit of the Alumni Chapter in a bank selected as a depository for said funds by the Alumni Chapter and to keep a book of account on all funds received and disbursed during his term of office. The Treasurer shall pay all bills incurred by authority of the Alumni Chapter or Chapter Board and shall mail statements to all unpaid members on or before March 1st of each year.
6. It shall be the responsibility of all other Board members, working with the Officers, to make sure that adequate funds are raised in advance of incurring expenses in the name of the Chapter. Specifically, “Snake Reunion” and Alumni Chapter activities should bring in the necessary dues-contributions before a specific expense is incurred. Further, all At-Large Board Members may be given additional duties by the Board or Executive Committee.
7. The Commander shall also appoint two (2) additional individuals to serve as Association Chapter Administrative Assistants and those assistants may participate in Board Meetings as may be requested of the Commander. Each shall be included in all board correspondence (email or other).
8. The Commander shall also appoint two (2) members of the Eta Beta Alumni Association Chapter to serve as Reunion Coordinators for each Snake Reunion. Both coordinators shall be included in all board correspondence (email or other) and may participate in Board Meetings as may be requested of the Commander.
9. It shall be at the discretion of the Officers and/or Board to consider discipline or the expulsion of any Active Member or Member-Guest for inappropriate behavior. However, any final action on such issues shall be subject to a vote of the Chapter Board.

**Article V, *Elections and Terms of Office***

1. Each officer and board member of the Chapter shall be elected for a term of two years. However, each officer or board member may also continue to serve in their capacity until their successor has been named by the Executive Committee or at the next Annual Brotherhood Meeting.
2. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting of the Alumni Chapter every two years, beginning with the Annual Brotherhood Meeting, at which Chapter By-laws are adopted.
3. A Commander shall be elected at the first election after the adoption of Chapter Bylaws. Thereafter, the Lt. Commander shall succeed to the office of the Commander (unless otherwise provided by members attending the Annual Brotherhood Meeting) and shall serve for a term of two years. A vacancy in the office of Commander shall be filled by the Lt. Commander for the balance of that term.
4. Elections shall be conducted by the Executive Committee and shall be by secret ballot, unless a secret ballot is waived by a majority of the active members present.
5. Nominations for office may be made by the Executive Committee prior to the election and submitted to the membership. However, the floor shall be open for nominations before any election. There shall be at least two active members nominated for each office unless the nominations are closed at the Annual Brotherhood Meeting by unanimous vote of those active members present and voting.
6. Only active members shall be eligible for nomination and election shall be by a simple majority of those active members voting.

Article VI, Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of those four (4) board members who serve as Commander, Lt. Commander, Treasurer and Recorder. It shall be the only standing committee of the Alumni Chapter. The Commander shall preside over both the Board and the Executive Committee.

1. The Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Chapter Board, shall conduct all Alumni Chapter affairs between meetings of the Alumni Chapter, authorize and account for the expenditure of funds in the Alumni Chapter treasury, and do all other things necessary and appropriate for the orderly conduct of the business of the Alumni Chapter and in conjunction with each Snake Reunion.
2. The Executive Committee shall settle election disputes and shall be responsible for the interpretation of these By-laws.
3. The Executive Committee shall pass on all memberships and shall provide Alumni Chapter representation at the Grand Chapter.
4. The Executive Committee shall maintain liaison between the Officers and Board of Directors of the Eta Beta House Corporation and the Collegiate Chapter once a new Eta Beta Colony or Chapter is established at East Carolina University and shall be responsible for coordinating activities with each.
5. The Executive Committee shall fill the vacancies in any unexpired term of any office, except Commander, which shall be filled by the Lt. Commander as hereinbefore set forth, for the balance of the unexpired portion of the term.
6. The Commander shall also have the authority to invite and authorize other members of the board, one or more of his appointed Administrative Assistants and one or more of his appointed Reunion Coordinators to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee as a non-voting representative.

**Article VII, Kappa Sigma Nu Request**

The Board of Directors, as authorized by a quorum of those members attending the Annual Brotherhood Meeting held in Lexington, Virginia, shall at a convenient time, adopt the BY-LAWS of the ETA BETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAPTER. Once the by-laws are adopted the Board shall determine the names of those Kappa Sigma Nu brothers who would like to be initiated into Sigma Nu Fraternity, subject to the conditions that may be established by the Sigma Nu Fraternity High Council. A request shall then be made to the National Staff of Sigma Nu Fraternity to request the High Council’s authorization to initiate those Kappa Sigma Nu Colony/Fraternity brothers who were unable to be initiated into Sigma Nu during those formative years, so that each might now be Knighted into the Legion of Honor as a Brother of Sigma Nu because of the dedicated service of each to the Kappa Sigma Nu Colony, resulting in the Eta Beta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity being chartered on the campus of East Carolina College/University and to the “Snake Reunion.”

It shall be made known to all members of the ETA BETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAPTER, through these by-laws, that Kappa Sigma Nu participation in the “Snake Reunion,” by brothers who were not initiated into the Eta Beta Chapter as well as those who were, is and has been an essential part of the efforts to create the Eta Beta Alumni Association Chapter and continuing efforts to return the Eta Beta Chapter to the campus of East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

Further, Board shall also request the Sigma Nu High Council to adopt an official similar policy that could apply to all Colony Brothers when the action of those brothers from other colonies led to the establishment of other Chapters of Sigma Nu across the nation, under like circumstances.

**Article VIII, Other Provisions**

The provisions of this section apply only to the early stages of the establishment of an Eta Beta Alumni Association Chapter and shall be repealed upon official establishment of an Eta Beta Colony or Chapter at East Carolina University in conjunction with Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.:

1. Whereas, the Eta Beta Alumni Association is being formed by members of the brotherhood from the Eta Beta Chapter who are members of a reunion organization known as the “SNAKE REUNION,” and;
2. Whereas, No Eta Beta Chapter presently exists on the campus of East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, and;
3. Whereas, there are provisions in these by-laws that apply to an Eta Beta Colony or Chapter;
4. This Article VIII, shall, by the adoption of these by-laws, be automatically repealed and Article IX shall then become Article VIII, once an Eta Beta Colony is accepted by Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. and recognized as the newly formed Eta Beta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity on the campus of East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

 **Article IX, Amendments**

These By-laws may be amended at any Annual Brotherhood Meeting of the Chapter at a Snake Reunion by a majority of members present, except that no amendment shall be passed by a vote of less than ten (10) active members.

The foregoing By-laws of the Eta Beta Alumni Association Chapter were duly approved and adopted on this the \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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