Article I - Name

This organization shall be called Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society at Marist College. [1]

1 Lambda Pi Eta represents the first letters of what Aristotle described in The Rhetoric as the three modes of persuasion -- Logos, Pathos, and Ethos.

Article II - Purpose and Activities

Section 1. The purposes of Lambda Pi Eta shall be: (a) to recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies at Marist College; (b) to stimulate interest among Marist College students in the field of communication; (c) to promote and encourage professional development among communication majors at Marist College; (d) to provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication; (e) to establish and maintain closer relationships and mutual understanding between Marist College communication faculty and students; and (f) to explore options for graduate education in communication studies.

Section 2. Lambda Pi Eta is the honor society of the National Communication Association. Lambda Pi Eta exists to further the mission of the Association and is subject to the Association's policies and procedures.

Section 3. Lambda Pi Eta chapters may sanction undergraduate honors conferences; propose programs and workshops at national, regional, and state professional association conventions; recognize outstanding undergraduate scholarship with awards or prizes; recognize outstanding faculty contributions in undergraduate teaching, program advising, or chapter advising; establish programs of faculty-student mentorships; and conduct other activities consistent with the stated purposes of Lambda Pi Eta.

Article III - National Administration

Section 1. Lambda Pi Eta will be administered by the National Communication Association, which is a not-for-profit organization, and housed in the national office of the National Communication Association. Administrative and financial records will be housed in the National Communication Association's national office. Lambda Pi Eta's financial records will be included as part of the yearly audit of the National Communication Association.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the National Communication Association is responsible to the National Communication Association for the management of Lambda Pi Eta.
Section 3. The Executive Director of the National Communication Association will appoint the National Director of Lambda Pi Eta, who will serve at the pleasure of the Executive Director.

Section 4. The Executive Director of the National Communication Association can appoint any staff support that is needed to carry out the programs and mission of the honor society.

Section 5. The National Director of Lambda Pi Eta will consult with Lambda Pi Eta's National Officers and Faculty Advisory Board in administering the honor society.

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Article IV - Chapter Membership

Section 1. Lambda Pi Eta chapters shall be eligible for Institutional membership in the National Communication Association. As such, they will receive the rights and privileges as defined in the Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. Chapters may be established and apply for recognition at any college or university:
- which grants baccalaureates or higher degrees;
- is accredited by the appropriate regional association;
- has an academic school, division, or department in the field of communication studies;
- which offers a minimum of thirty (30) academic hours in communication and communication related courses; and
- appoints/selects a faculty sponsor for the Lambda Pi Eta chapter.

Section 3. Each new chapter shall submit a charter fee at the time of application for recognition and yearly chapter dues no later than December 1 of each year. Chapters will be rendered inactive when dues have not been paid for two years after which time a new chapter application must be submitted.

Section 4. Fees for initial charter application and for yearly chapter dues will be established in accordance with the National Communication Association Constitution and Bylaws. Upon proposing a change in fees, a notice will be submitted to the Lambda Pi Eta National Student Officers and the Faculty Advisory Board for review and comment.

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Article V - Individual Members

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership. To be eligible for consideration for admission applicants must have completed 60 semester credit-hours; have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 for all courses taken; be in the upper 35% of their Marist College academic class; have at least a 3.25 GPA for all communication studies courses [2]; completed the equivalent of 12 semester credit-hours in communication studies; and currently be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by Marist College's policies. In addition, students should display commitment to the field of communication. [3] In addition, all persons considered for membership shall exhibit high standards
of personal and professional character and shall support the purposes of the honor society.

Section 2. Election to Membership. The method of election to membership is devised by the Marist College chapter, but includes (a) strict adherence to Eligibility for Membership (Article V, Section 1), and (b) a process of election which engenders joint responsibility of both faculty and students. Since local chapters have the option of increasing the national requirements, special cases shall be referred to the National Director of Lambda Pi Eta who will interpret the constitution and policies of Lambda Pi Eta regarding the suggested changes. Election to membership for the Marist College chapter of Lambda Pi Eta shall be comprised of (a) faculty nomination of a student for membership, (b) approval of new members, chosen from within the pool of faculty nominations, by a majority of existing chapter members in good standing, and (c) demonstration by the nominee of a desire and ability to engage in communication scholarship.

Section 3. No rushing and social pressure shall be used to ensure acceptance of invitation to membership or for initiation into membership.

Section 4. The Marist College chapter shall collect and transmit to the National Communication Association an initiation fee for each member eligible for membership in the local chapter and a list of new members by December 1 and/or April 1 of each year. Dues must be paid before membership certificates will be processed.

Section 5. Fees for yearly member dues will be established in accordance with the National Communication Association Constitution and Bylaws. Upon proposing a change in fees, a notice will be submitted to the Lambda Pi Eta National Student Officers and the Faculty Advisory Board for review and comment.

Section 6. The Marist College chapter shall transmit to the National Communication Association the names of any student who has previously paid an initiation fee and is still an active member of the chapter by December 1 and/or April 1 of each year.

Section 7. Students who are members of Lambda Pi Eta and transfer to Marist College from another school which has a Lambda Pi Eta chapter will automatically be a member of the Marist College chapter.

Section 8. Graduate Students. Graduate students may continue as members of Lambda Pi Eta if they were previously inducted by a chapter as an undergraduates, or they may be inducted as new members if they would have met the membership qualifications as an undergraduate at an institution which did not have an active chapter of Lambda Pi Eta.

Section 9. Privileges of Membership. A member shall be eligible to vote at all Marist College chapter meetings of the Society, be eligible for election to Marist College chapter offices, be eligible to attend scholarly presentations and colloquia of the Communication Studies or Media Arts departments, and be eligible to represent the Marist College chapter at state, regional, and national conventions. Individuals shall not be considered members of the National Communication Association by virtue of their membership in Lambda Pi Eta.
Section 10. Honorary Members. The Marist College chapter of Lambda Pi Eta may, by majority vote, confer Honorary Member status upon communication faculty members or individuals who demonstrate exceptional commitment to the goals of the Society or make outstanding contributions to the academic goals of the Marist College chapter. Honorary Members may not vote or hold office in the Society or the Marist College chapter, or represent the Marist College chapter at the national meeting.

Section 11. Non-Discrimination. Selection for membership shall be made without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, physical disabilities, physical qualities, or age.

Section 12. A quorum of members shall be defined as a majority of active Marist College chapter members, in good standing, possessing Marist College chapter voting rights.

Section 13. A member who misses three or more meetings during the academic year is no longer in good standing.

2 The definition of "communication studies courses" shall be defined by Marist College's Office of the Registrar designating communication courses as having "COM" as a registration signifier.

3 The criteria for displaying commitment to the field will be determined by Marist College's Office of the Registrar in so far as evidence of such commitment would entail official declaration of "Communication" as a/the major or minor in the respective student's course of study.

Article VI - Chapter Offices

Section 1. Offices. The Marist College chapter must elect officers. Offices include the traditional leadership structure of President, Vice-President, Scholarship Officer, Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition, a faculty advisor shall be elected or appointed annually from the faculty or staff of Marist College.

Section 2. Duties of Office. Each officer will have the following responsibilities:

(a) The President shall announce all meetings, preside in the conducting of business, and actively promote the purposes of Lambda Pi Eta in the university community;
(b) the Vice President shall be responsible for special programs and projects, and serve in the absence of the President;
(c) the Scholarship Officer shall be responsible for encouraging academic excellence and stimulating intellectual inquiry among the members through activities such as inviting guest speakers, informing members of opportunities for research and involvement in professional associations, determining the eligibility of and recruiting new members, and presenting awards for outstanding contributions;
(d) the Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting annual chapter dues, collecting and transmitting initiation fees and information, establishing a yearly budget, disbursing funds for
appropriate organizational expenses, and accounting for all funds;

and

e) the Secretary-Reporter shall keep a complete set of minutes of the business of the chapter, deposit the minutes with the faculty advisor at the expiration of the term in office, assure adequate media coverage of the activities of Lambda Pi Eta, and keep a record of chapter activities.

Section 3. Terms of Office. Officers shall be elected for terms of one academic year. All officers shall be elected from and by the members at the last regular meeting of the academic year and shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the first regular meeting of the next academic year or at the end of the current semester during which they were elected.

Section 4. If a person is elected to office but cannot complete the term she/he is to be replaced by an election of the current membership.

Section 5. A majority of a quorum of the members shall determine the election of officers. Voting may be conducted by ballot, by mail, or by voice, but there shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 6. Committees. The President may appoint such committees as shall be appropriate for furthering the purposes of Lambda Pi Eta.

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Article VI - Chapter Meetings

Section 1. Schedule. General meetings shall be held on a biweekly basis. All meetings must be publicized with the date, time and location. The President will call the meetings and the Secretary-Reporter will notify the chapter membership.

Section 2. Emergency Meeting. An emergency meeting shall be called by the President when deemed necessary. An emergency meeting shall also be called if a majority of the members in good standing consider such a meeting necessary. In such a case, the President must be contacted immediately to coordinate the meeting's time and place.

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Article VI - Roberts Rules of Order

Unless suspended, all meetings will be run according to Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised.

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Article VI - Amendments of the By-Laws

These by-laws shall be amended only by a majority vote of the Marist College chapter members, provided that a quorum is present. If such amendments pass the majority, they then must be presented to the Student Government Association for final consideration and approval.
Article VI - Policies and Actions

The Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society at Marist College and any individual associated with it shall abide by and conform to all Federal and New York State laws, all rules and regulations of Marist College, and all directives of the Student Government Association. Any violation of the aforementioned criteria may result in disciplinary action taken on the charter of the Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society at Marist College.

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