



KAPPA PI ETA PHI CHAPTER BYLAWS

Watkins College of Art at Belmont University | Nashville, TN

Article I – Name

Eta Phi Chapter of Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity

Article II – Purpose

The purposes of Kappa Pi's Eta Phi Chapter include:

- Promoting scholarship and excellence in the visual arts and design.
- Fostering community through exhibitions, critiques, service, and creative collaboration.
- Supporting professional development and mentorship among members.

Article III – Membership & Eligibility Criteria

1. MEMBERSHIP

- Members: Open to any regularly enrolled Belmont University student who has:
 - Completion of 12 semester hours in visual art courses (studio, art history, design, etc.)
 - Attainment of an overall "B" average in all art courses
 - An overall academic average of "C"
 - Produces outstanding work
 - Students who do not meet these requirements may become Associate Members with no voting rights.
- Associate Members: Supporters of the arts or Kappa Pi; pay membership dues but have no voting rights
- Advisor(s): Art faculty and/or staff serving as non-voting board advisor(s); exempt from dues.

2. DUES & COLLECTION PROCEDURES

- The fiscal year of the organization shall be from the first day of classes (August) to the final day of classes (April/May).
- Initiates: \$30.00, paid only once.
 - Those students who are new to the organization and are being inducted into the chapter will pay \$30.00 their first year. Initiates will receive a membership certificate and pin.
 - The \$30.00 fee is considered as initiation and first year dues. It will also cover the expense for honor cords should they be active members at the point of graduation.
- Active Members: \$15.00 annual dues.
 - Active members are those students who have previously paid an initiation fee and have been formally inducted into the chapter. To remain in an active status, students and officers must pay their annual dues at the beginning of each school year (August).

Article IV – Voting

1. At least 51% of voting members must be present to make decisions as a group.
2. Each member in good standing may vote. Students who meet the membership requirements may vote.

Article IV – Officers & Governance

1. All officers must be members of the Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity. Officer positions include:
 - o President
 - o Vice President (Successor President)
 - o Secretary
 - o Social Media Director
 - o Meaders Gallery Director
 - o Advisor (volunteered, non-voting).
2. Elected officers will serve one-year terms; officers may be re-elected for up to two additional terms.
3. Election of officers will be held annually in April at the final meeting of the academic year. Nominations will be initiated from the floor and elections done by ballot. The person receiving the majority of fifty-one percent vote shall win election.
4. Any officer may be removed from his/her office by fifty-one percent vote of the Executive Board, which consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Social Media Director, and Meaders Gallery Director. Advisors will witness vote in meeting as non-voting members of the executive board. Any officer removed may appeal to the general membership and shall be considered reinstated with fifty-one percent vote of approval by the active members.
5. In case of vacancy, the Executive Board (remaining officers and Advisor) unanimously appoints an interim officer.

Article V – Duties of Officers Defined

Officer roles and duties:

- **President:** Oversees chapter operations and represents Eta Phi.
- **VP/Successor President:** Coordinates recruitment and new members; takes over the role of President after the previous President completes their term.
- **Secretary:** Maintains records, handles organization correspondence, and forwards membership and officer lists to Advisors.
- **Social Media Director:** Manages the chapter's Instagram account to promote events, highlight members, and engage the campus arts community.
- **Meaders Gallery Director:** Oversees the planning, coordination, and promotion of all exhibitions and events held in the Meaders Gallery.
- **Advisor:** Serves as a resource and guide, chairs executive meetings if needed (without voting rights), collects dues and manages the organization's finances, and submits the annual audit to the board.

Article VI – Chapter Regulations

1. Eligibility of membership will be based primarily on achievement in the field of arts and design. Invitations to membership will be extended to all without regard to other fraternity or sorority affiliations.
2. The Fraternity consists of Active members, Associate members and Advisors.
3. Active membership will consist of those matriculates of Belmont University, who have been regularly elected to membership in the Fraternity, and who have been duly initiated into membership according to the Ritual and Laws of Kappa Pi.

Minimum requirement for consideration is a completion of twelve accumulated hours of art classes with a B average in art/design courses.

4. Advisors are exempt from fees and dues to the Fraternity. A membership certificate will be issued free of charge. Advisors shall have no voting power and will serve as members of the executive board.
5. Associate membership consists of those who have not met the academic requirements and will have no voting power. They will pay the regular fee of \$30.00 before initiation and annual dues thereafter.
6. The appointed Advisor will send the International Kappa Pi President a full membership roster—including each member’s status—along with a single payment covering all Chapter dues once collected from members. They will include an order of honor cords for all graduating members that academic year.

Article VII – Amendments

Procedure:

1. A proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at least two weeks before a chapter meeting.
2. Adoption requires a two-thirds majority vote of active members present.