

Boise Valley Council By-laws

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Boise Valley Council of Beta Sigma Phi, herein after referred to as "Council".

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of Council is to promote inter-chapter harmony and to provide a way for the members of a chapter to correlate their planning and activity for Council events. Council's purpose is not to legislate, but to recommend, to guide, and to foster cooperation in keeping with the ideals of Beta Sigma Phi.

Article III - Membership

Section 1:

Membership in the Council shall be composed of chapters of Beta Sigma Phi in the Boise Valley. It shall be comprised of the President, the elected representative, and an elected alternate representative from each of the chapters for a term of one (1) year, effective at the Council's Annual meeting in May.

Section 2:

The President, the elected Council Representative, or her alternate, shall be the voting member, with two (2) votes per chapter.

Article IV - Officers

The officers of the Council, to be elected for one (1) year shall be:

President

Vice President

Recording/Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Article V - Executive Board and Its Duties

Section 1:

The Executive Board of the Council shall be comprised of the officers of the Council. Each officer, with the exception of the President, shall select an alternate from her chapter's representatives to represent her at that meeting from which she is absent. Any officer absent at a meeting shall report the selection of her alternate to the Council President.

Section 2:

It shall be the duty of the members of the Executive Board to attend all called meetings,

each member having one (1) vote. Two consecutive unexcused absences shall constitute disqualification for membership on the Executive Board.

Article VI - Meetings and Quorums

Section 1:

The Council meetings shall be held from August to May, at a time specified by the existing Council.

Section 2:

Special meetings of the Council shall be subject to the call of the President or may be called on written request of any three (3) Council members with a minimum of 72 hours' notice.

Section 3:

The Annual Meeting shall be in May at which time the new officers shall be installed and the annual reports shall be submitted.

Section 4:

A two-thirds (2/3's) majority of the regular representatives of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII - Elections and Appointments

Section 1:

The Nominating Committee shall be **elected** at a special-called meeting of the incoming Council Representatives in early April, nominations coming from the floor.

Section 2:

The elected Nominating Committee shall meet at the earliest possible date following its election to receive possible candidates from the incoming Council Representatives. The only Council Office, which has a prerequisite, is the office of President. All candidates must have served as a chapter officer. The Nominating Committee will present a list of the proposed nominees to all members of the incoming Council at an additional meeting in April.

Section 3:

The retiring Council President presides at a second (2nd) special called meeting of the incoming Council membership, at which time those members shall hear the report of the Nominating Committee.

Section 4:

Additional nominees for elective office may be made from the floor. When there is only one (1) nominee for an office, the ballot may be dispensed with and the vote may be called by voice.

Section 5:

A majority vote shall elect.

Section 6:

If a Council Alternate Representative is elected to office on the Council Executive Board, she shall have no voting privileges if the other two members of her chapter are present.

Article VIII - Parliamentary Order

Section 1:

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the authority on all questions of Parliamentary Law not covered by the by-laws or in the Book of Beta Sigma Phi.

Section 2:

A Council Parliamentarian may be appointed at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article IX - Amendments

Section 1:

The By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council by a two-thirds (2/3's) vote of its members. Amendment(s) may not be contradictory to the Constitution and By-laws of the International Organization. Amendment(s) must be presented in writing, to the Council thirty (30) days before adoption. Amendments, as well as any additional by-laws, must be sent to the International Office for approval by the International Executive Council.

Approved by International 11/17/2025

Approved by Boise Valley Council 11/03/2025