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BY-LAWS
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SIGMA CHAPTER OF LAMBDA NU

Article I
Name, Location, and Color Identity

The name of this organization is the Pennsylvania Sigma Chapter of Lambda Nu, the national honor society for the radiologic and imaging sciences.

This Chapter is established at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Medical Imaging Program in Reading, Pennsylvania.

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Lambda Nu's name is derived from the lower case Greek characters in the formula λv, which represents the physics of the inverse relationship between wavelength (λ) and frequency (v), an essential parameter across the diversity of modalities comprising the professions.

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In a similar manner, Lambda Nu uses the upper case Greek characters Λ and N to represent the inverse relationship and delicate balance required between the art and the science inherent in the radiologic and imaging sciences professions of radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, diagnostic medical sonography, cardiovascular-interventional technology, mammography, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, quality management, and bone densitometry.

Lambda Nu's colors are maroon for the radiologic sciences, forest green for the health professions, and gold, the ancient color of honor.

Article II
Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to:

- recognize exemplary scholarship
- foster excellence in teaching and scholarly inquiry in the radiologic and imaging sciences
- foster lifelong learning professionals for meaningful lives and productive careers
- foster highly skilled, knowledgeable, and caring individuals that can provide quality patient care in the medical community

The chapter must adhere to the current rules of the national Lambda Nu organization to maintain the charter, these include, but are not limited to:

- including one active national Lambda Nu faculty member in all induction ceremonies
- ascertaining that sponsored students meet national and chapter academic requirements
- collecting and forwarding the national induction application and fee from students
- holding an induction ceremony to recognize student achievement
- informing students of national Lambda Nu alumni membership options (including exemplary honors status, awards, and grants)

Article III
Membership

Radiologic and imaging sciences students, alumni, and faculty qualify for membership according to the following standards:

Section A. All members must register and pay national dues as well as meet all Chapter obligations.

Section B. Honorary membership may be achieved upon evidence of advanced professional recognition (i.e., presentation at state/national conferences, recipient of noted award, publication in a peer-reviewed journal, etc.).

Section C. Students may apply to become members upon meeting the qualifying criteria:

- Minimum Requirement: Cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher on 4.0 scale after completing the fourth semester of an imaging sciences program at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.
- Minimum Requirement: Enrollment in an imaging sciences program for at least four semesters at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.
- Evidence of professional commitment during enrollment beyond minimum requirements of the program which will include at least two of the following or equivalent:
    - Cumulative GPA 3.5 or higher.
    - Actively pursuing an independent research project.
    - Clinical or support staff-based employment in an imaging sciences field.

- Minimum 4-hour attendance at medical imaging-based conferences/webinars during enrollment (verified by completed attendance certificate)
- Actively holding an officer position in a school wide committee (SGA, etc.)
- Selected and served or are serving as a PSRT student intern or as participant in ASRT Student Leadership Development Program.
- Participation in 25 hours or greater of community service at time of application (verified as submitted through Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.)

- Students on clinical probation or final written warning at the time of application are not eligible to apply.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher after completing the final semester of an imaging sciences program at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences to wear Lambda Nu honor cords during commencement ceremony.
- Students inducted into Lambda Nu as student members shall become alumni members following graduation.
- Students who do not maintain enrollment through successful completion of an imaging sciences program at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences or those who get placed on clinical probation or final written warning after induction while enrolled are no longer considered active members and therefore will not have voting rights.

Section D. Faculty members are eligible for membership upon meeting the qualifying criteria:

- Actively teaching/administrating at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences in an imaging science program (full time, part time, adjunct, or guest faculty).
- Provide evidence of active membership in an imaging sciences professional organization.
- Provide evidence of current professional certification by a nationally recognized credentialing organization in medical imaging.

Section E. Alumni may apply to become members upon meeting the qualifying criteria:

- Be a graduate of an imaging science program at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences or Reading Hospital Radiologic Technology Program.
- Provide evidence of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale after completion of an imaging science program.
- Provide evidence of active membership in an imaging sciences professional organization.
- Provide evidence of current professional certification or recognized retired status by a nationally recognized credentialing organization in medical imaging.

Article IV
Officers

Section A. Only active members in good standing may hold office.

Section B. The duties of the President, are:

- Represent the Chapter, behave, and speak only in its best interest.
- Carry out of the purposes of the organization
- Act to ensure the welfare of the organization
- Preside at business meetings
- Serve as ex-officio member of all committees
- Serve one year as an ex-officio member of the Executive Board as the past president.

Section C. The duties of the Vice-President are to assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, incapacity, or resignation.

Section D. The duties of the Secretary are to record and preserve the proceedings and records of the organization, maintain a current directory of membership, requisitioning and maintaining chapter supplies, handle chapter correspondence and the filing of applications with the national chapter, and assist with any other chapter needs that arise

The duties of the Treasurer are to maintain accurate financial records, provide for the safe keeping of funds, assure expenditures are according to the by-laws and the will of the Board and membership and assist with any other chapter needs that arise.

Section E. Officers assume their duties at the conclusion of the annual business meeting each year.

Section F. The term of office for elected officials is one year.

Section G. In the event of a vacancy in any office, the President will nominate two active members to fill the vacancy. The active membership will vote on the replacement. (i.e., in person during a meeting, via email, or other means.)

Article V
Executive Board

Section A. The members of the Executive Board include all officers of the Chapter, the Chapter Director, the Faculty Advisor, the chairperson of all standing committees and the immediate past president.

The Chapter Director is by default a non-elected position held by the Medical Imaging Program Director or Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Director as per the charter application. The Chapter Director's purpose is to serve in an administrative and supportive role for the chapter. The Chapter Director is a non-

voting member of the board that may authorize veto motions of Executive Board to keep operations of the chapter in compliance with the needs of the School of Health Sciences and its Programs.

The Faculty Advisor is a non-elected position held by an imaging sciences program faculty member as determined by the Chapter Director. If a faculty member is serving as an elected officer or immediate past president, he/she can serve in a dual role as the Faculty Advisor. If no other positions of the Board, other than Chapter Director, are held by faculty, then a Faculty Advisor is required. The Faculty Advisor's purpose is to fulfill the needs of the students of the imaging sciences programs and serve as an ambassador and advocate to the imaging sciences programs.

Section B. The duties of the Executive Board are to carry out the work of the Chapter between meetings of the membership.

Article VI
Meetings

Section A. The membership shall meet no less than once per academic year.

Section B. The following business will be conducted at least once per year:

- Induction of new members
- Election and installation of new officers
- Conduct of the business of the organization

Section C. A quorum for the purpose of conducting business will consist of those members present at a meeting announced by the Executive Board through notification to all members.

Article VII
Elections

Section A. The election of officers shall occur during the annual business meeting each year.

Section B. A call for nominations for office shall be made to the membership at least 7 days prior to the election. Nominations may be verbal or written but require seconding by another member and acceptance of the nomination by the candidate.

Section C. Elections shall be by secret ballot of all members present at the annual business meeting.

Article VIII
Dues and Finances

Section A. Dues for students shall be a one-time fee of $65.

- $30 shall be forwarded with the proper application form to the national Lambda Nu Chapter for registration and issuance of an individual membership certificate. This is a one-time fee required by the national office.
- $22 shall be used for the purchase of Lambda Nu honor cords and pin.
- $13 shall be deposited in the Chapter account.

Section B. Dues for alumni shall be a one-time fee of $75.

- $30 shall be forwarded with the proper application form to the national Lambda Nu Chapter for registration and issuance of an individual membership certificate. This is a one-time fee required by the national office.
- $8 shall be used for the purchase of Lambda Nu pin.
- $37 shall be deposited in the Chapter account.

Dues for /faculty shall be a one-time fee of $95.

- $50 shall be forwarded with the proper application form to the national Lambda Nu Chapter for registration and issuance of an individual membership certificate. This is a one-time fee required by the national office.
- $8 shall be used for the purchase of Lambda Nu pin.
- $37 shall be deposited in the Chapter account.

Section C. All Chapter fund expenditures must have the approval of the President of the Chapter and the Treasurer.

Article IX
Standing Committees

Section A. Ad-hoc committees may be established as necessary by the President upon ratification by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section B. Committee Chairs are appointed by the President upon ratification by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Committee Chairs serve at the pleasure of the President but can be replaced only upon ratification by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article X
Parliamentary Authority

Business of the Chapter shall occur according to parliamentary procedure practices as described in *Roberts' Rules of Order*. This includes the transaction of business in meetings of the membership and the Executive Board.

Article XI
Amendments to the By-Laws

Section A. Proposed by-law amendments must be distributed to all members by a method approved by the Executive Board at least 7 days prior to the meeting at which the proposal is to be presented for vote.

Section B. A 2/3 majority is required of those voting for a by-law to become effective.

Article XII
Validity of By-Laws

These by-laws have been accepted by and are on file in the National Office of Lambda Nu located at Arkansas State University. Accepted on this day February 25, 2026.

Donna Caldwell

Executive Director
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