

**Constitution Required by Charter  
of  
The Boston Association of Phi Beta Kappa**

**Article I. Name**

This Association is a constituent member of the unincorporated Phi Beta Kappa Society, or its successor-in-interest, and shall be known as the Alpha Association of Massachusetts, as the Boston Association of Phi Beta Kappa, or as PBK Boston. PBK Boston is the Association's name of choice for its local communications and website address, [www.pbkboston.org](http://www.pbkboston.org).

**Article II. Purpose**

This Association is under the general supervision and control of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The purpose of this Association shall be the union of the members of Phi Beta Kappa in the greater Boston region to promote scholarship, friendship, and cultural interests.

**Article III. Members**

Every member of Phi Beta Kappa of whatever chapter resident in said region shall be regarded as eligible for membership. Each chapter member whose address is known and printable shall be notified at least once each year of his or her eligibility. No person not a member of Phi Beta Kappa may be elected for membership.

**Article IV.**

At least one meeting of the Association's membership shall be held each year. Meetings shall reflect and strengthen the objectives of the Phi Beta Kappa Society: friendship, morality, and love of learning.

**Article V. Council**

A delegate or, if the membership of the Association is 200 or more, two delegates, may be sent to represent the Association at each meeting of the Council of Phi Beta Kappa, provided that the Association:

- Is accredited by the Senate as an active Association.
- Is duly chartered.
- Has at least 25 members in good standing.
- Meets at least once each year.
- Has paid in full its fees to the Phi Beta Kappa Society.
- Has acted in harmony with the laws, requirements, and ideals of Phi Beta Kappa.

### **Article VI. Fees**

This Association shall contribute its equitable share to the financial support of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and shall be entitled to receive in return such publications and services as the Senate may determine.

### **Article VII. Nonprofit Status**

The Association is to be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) §501(c)(3). (References below to the IRC include the corresponding section(s) of any future United States tax code.)

No part of the net earnings of this Association shall financially benefit or be distributed to its directors, officers, members, trustees, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to:

- Pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.
- Make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be involved in propaganda or other attempts to influence legislation — including publication or distribution of statements — and the Association shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign in behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

The Association shall eschew activities not permitted of an organization exempt from federal income tax under IRC §501(c)(3), or an organization to which contributions are deductible under IRC §§170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2), or 2522(a)(2).

Upon dissolution of this Association, after paying or making provision for the payment of all its lawful debts and liabilities, the assets of this Association shall be distributed to one or more of the following categories of recipients, as the Association shall determine:

1. A nonprofit organization or organizations which may have been created to succeed the Association, as long as each such organization shall qualify as an organization described in IRC §501(c)(3).
2. The Phi Beta Kappa Society, provided that it shall qualify at the time of distribution as an organization described in IRC §501(c)(3).
3. A nonprofit organization or organizations each of which has aims and objectives similar to the Association's and is deemed an appropriate recipient of such assets, as long as each shall qualify at the time of distribution as an organization described in IRC §501(c)(3).
4. The Federal government, or a State or local government, only if such assets will be used for a public purpose.

### Article VIII. Bylaws

Provisions shall be made via Bylaws for the election of officers, notification of members, conduction of meetings, and other matters required or deemed proper by the Phi Beta Kappa Society, provided such bylaws contain nothing inconsistent with this Constitution or with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. These Bylaws and all amendments to them shall not become effective until approved by the Senate.

