

CONSTITUTION OF THE
POLYTECHNIC QUESTION SOCIETY

Article I

Section 1. The official designation of this illustrious organization shall be "The Polytechnic Question Society", also to be known as and referred to as "The Poly Question Society" and "The Poly ? Society", and abbreviated as "The P?S". It is also permitted, with the approval of at least one officer of this organization, to omit the article, "The", from the nomenclature of this organization ~~in~~ in many circumstances.

Section 2. The official seal of this association shall have inscribed upon it a large question mark (?), with width to exceed 3 inches and with length to exceed 5 inches. The dot at the bottom of the question mark must be solid and have radius not smaller than ~~0.05~~ 6,547 Angstrom units.

Section 3. The purpose of this organization shall be

(a) 1. (a) to ask questions of importance raised by its members

(a) 2. (b) to encourage others to ask more questions

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(a) 1. (c) to decrease apathy at what some people call the "apathy-
(b) 1. ridden" Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn

(a) 2. (d) to classify questions, coordinate the proper asking of

3. (a) 3. questions, instruct the general populace in the technique

(b) 1. of asking questions, and perform all other duties it
2. deems necessary and appropriate in the field of questioning

(c) 1. and interrogation
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(e) to form a more perfect Polytechnic, establish justice,

(b) 2. insure domestic tranquility, promote the general welfare,
and secure the blessings of liberty to all members,
associates, and their posterity.

- (c) 1. to perform all actions necessary to comply with the execution and planning of execution of all activities covered by the above items
2. to perform all actions necessary to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Council of The Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn
3. to perform all actions necessary to comply with the Constitution and all executive directives issued by The International Question Society, of which the P?S shall strive to be and remain a member in correct standing.

Section 4. ~~X~~

(a) The motto of the P?S shall be:

"Ense Petit Placidam Sub Libertate ^EQuitem."

(b) The supreme oath of the P?S shall be:

"I give my pledge as ~~an American~~ a member of the P?S to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country - its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."

(c) Note: For the purpose of the above pledge, and other purposes, in speaking the glorious abbreviation of the Poly ? Society, "P?S" shall be pronounced "pē kū es" . If for any purpose, whether due to physical handicap or not, a member cannot correctly pronounce the sacred name or abbreviation of the P?S, he shall tap it out on the nearest material available using the International Morse Code:

" . — ' ? ' . . . "

with a force so as to produce a sound of at least 25 decibels.

(d) No member shall take the name of the P?S in vain. The symbols "P?S" shall not be written down except in authorized official circumstances. In all other cases, the "?" should be replaced by a hyphen, "-", so as to be written, "P-S".

Article II (Membership)

(Types of Membership)

Section 1. There shall be three classes of members of the P?S: namely regular members, privileged members, and life members. In addition, all privileged members are also regular members; and all life members are also privileged members.

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Section 2. (Regular members)

Subsection (a) A qualified person may become a regular member of the P?S by so stating his desire to the membership panel of the P?S. He may make his desire known either personally or by sending this panel a written communication via the Poly mailroom, addressed to "The Polytechnic Question Society". He must present conclusive proof that he is in fact duly qualified.

Subsection (b) Qualifications for regular members: Anyone who has not previously been disbarred from the P?S is qualified to be a regular member. Note however, that not all regular members are entitled to certain rights of membership, to be enumerated later; such rights being restricted to full-time day undergraduates of the Polytechnic.

(c) Regular members may be referred to merely as members in the following sections of this document and in other circumstances where confusion is not likely to arise over this convention. The term "regular" is not to be construed herein to connote the antonym of "irregular".

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(d) Any qualified person who applies for membership as described in (a) above shall immediately become a regular member of the P?S provided the quota requirements given in (e) below are satisfied. If the quota requirements are not then satisfied, his name shall be placed next on the official waiting list. If at any time, the top ~~man~~ ^{can} person on the official waiting list ~~may~~ become a member without contradicting the quota requirements, he shall immediately do so; and all the other ~~n~~ persons on the official waiting list, *if any,* shall be moved up by one. If there are no more names on the official waiting list, then there are no more names on the official waiting list. This fact we hold to be self-evident. *If the person loses qualification during interim, his name shall be removed from the waiting list.*

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(e) Quota requirement: At all times, it is required that at least ~~60~~ ⁷⁵ per cent of the members of the P?S be associated with The Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. They can be so associated with this Institute by either being a student, faculty member, employee, or alumnus of this Institute.

(f) Regular Poly Members: A regular Poly member shall be any regular member who also happens to fulfill one of the following Special Conditions:

- SC1. He is a full-time day undergraduate of the Polytechnic.
- SC2. He has paid the current Student Activities Fee.
- SC3. He is so designated by the Student Council of the Polytechnic. Such designation must be in writing and signed by either the President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the Student Council. If the Student Council is not in session when such designation is required, provisional designation can be granted by the Dean of Students of the Polytechnic subject to reconsideration by the SC upon resumption of activities.

(g) Regular Poly Members shall be referred to simply as "Poly members" through^{out} the remainder of this interdict. (3)

(h) Note that there is no a priori connection between persons associated with the Polytechnic (as defined in (e)) and Poly members (as defined in (f) as modified by (g)).

Section 3. (Privileged Membership)

(a) A member can become a privileged member only by personal invitation of the Emperor of the P?S.

(b) If a member in correct standing is offered such an invitation, he is allowed to either accept or reject it. If he accepts the offer, he will immediately become a privileged member of the P?S. If he rejects the offer, he will immediately become a privileged member of the P?S.

(c) The correct standing of each member under consideration for privileged membership by the Emperor must be verified by the Commission on Conduct.

(d) The Emperor of the P?S has the final word on who shall become a privileged member. He may decide on any qualifications or tests which he feels necessary. In this respect, His word is law.

Section 4. (Life Membership)

(a) Any member, whether privileged or not, who ~~deems~~ is deemed worthy enough by the Premier, through his actions, deeds, or questions shall become a Life member (and hence also a privileged member) provided he

1. ~~He~~ has been a member in correct standing for at least twelve and one-half minutes *during the night. Night is defined as*

time after 3rd star comes out until 1 hr. before sunrise. Define STAR, SUNRISE.

2. Has the approval of the Emperor to become a privileged member if he is not already privileged

3. is at least 4 feet ~~72~~ ⁷²/₃₁ inches tall

must 10 feet in standing

4. has asked at least three type 5 questions within the previous two years, at least one of which is as yet unanswered.

(b) No member may be made a Life Member posthumously.

(c) Once a person has become a Life Member of the P?S, the only way he can lose this title is by death or assassination, *or both.*

Section 5. (Retired Member)

Any member who has stayed in correct standing for twenty consecutive years shall become a retired member. Any member claiming retiredness must notify the Premier in writing, at least three years in advance. Such a person gives up his right to hold any office. Any monies collected by them due to bribes after the date of their retirement must be turned into the treasurer at once. A retired member is the only member allowed to laugh in the presence of the Emperor.

Section 6. (~~Revocation-of-Membership~~)
(Duties of Members)

All regular members of the P?S must

(a) attend at least half of all regularly scheduled meetings every 3 months unless the ^{Grand}Inquisitor excuses him after not less than 30 minutes of questioning.

(b) participate in at least one quarter of the major functions sponsored by the P?S each year in which he is eligible and capable of participating in. If he organizes the event or helps run or plan it, this counts in his favor just as if he participated in the event.

However, the chairman of ~~an~~ any event may declare that he does not want a particular member to participate or that he does not need him to participate, in which case this also counts in his favor just as if he participated in the event.

(c) ask at least one question every month of type ≥ 2 which is deemed as a worthy question by the official Questioner, or cause such a question to be asked. If he cannot think of a good question, he may request that the official Questioner supply him with one. However, it is the member's sole responsibility to make sure that the recipient of the question understands the question fully and is appropriately deserving of the question.

Section 7. (Revocation of membership)

(a) Any member may bring up any other member (including himself) before charges by stating these charges to any commissar on the conduct commission. These charges must relate to alleged infractions of the charged member's duties.

(b) The commissar must then notify the chairman of the conduct commission who will schedule a meeting of the entire commission to discuss the charges. The Inquisitor must be present at this meeting as well as the defendant. The defendant must be notified at least one week in advance of his trial and must be advised of his rights and the allegations charged against him. He has the right to have a lawyer and if he cannot afford one, the Premier will appoint one from his own personal legal staff. The attorney

however, will of course not be allowed to appear with the defendent before the commission because of the delicate charges involved and the secret information which might be thus presented.

(c) If the commission finds the accused member guilty of violating his duties as set forth in section 6 of this Article, he shall be remanded to the custody of the punishment committee, who may then pass him on to the rehabilitation center if they deem it necessary and proper. In any case, the guilty party shall be disbarred and his membership revoked.

(d) If the commission finds the accused member innocent, he shall be set free and absolutely no punishment ~~g~~ will be given him. Under no circumstances should this false accusation be held against him. The Inquisitor, however, if he feels like it, may request to the Premier that the member should be followed thereafter by ^{the} trusted gentlemen from the P?S secret police.