

# SILVER EAGLE BYLAWS

## PREAMBLE

WE ASSEMBLE THIS ORGANIZATION WITH THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A TRADITION OF DUTY TO THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LACROSSE. LET THE WORD GO FORTH THAT BY DETERMINATION AND WITH DISTINCTION WE HAVE SET UPON A COURSE TO CREATE A TRADITION OF HONOR; A TRADITION OF DIGNITY; AND A TRADITION OF SERVICE. WE DO THIS BY INSTALLING A SOCIETY OF ALUMNI THAT RESPECT OUR TRADITION AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE TENETS OF THIS TRADITION. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT OUR MISSION IS TO CARRY OUR TRADITION FORWARD BY SUPPORTING THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LACROSSE IN THOUGHT, DEED AND RESOURCE.

## ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "THE SILVER EAGLES".

## ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership shall consist of University of Wisconsin-La Crosse College of Business Administration baccalaureate and graduate alumni who have earned their degrees, and who show a desire to participate in the activities of this organization. Additional membership shall consist of graduates of what was known as the Department of Economics and Business Administration during the years 1963 - 1970, who also show a desire to participate in the activities of this organization.

Section 2: Membership categories shall be as follows:

ASSOCIATE EAGLE - A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse College of Business Administration program.

SILVER EAGLE - awarded twenty-five (25) years after graduation.

GOLDEN EAGLE - awarded fifty (50) years after graduation.

DIAMOND EAGLE - awarded seventy-five (75) years after graduation.

HONORARY EAGLE - awarded to administrators, staff and faculty members of the College of Business Administration nominated and approved by majority vote of the board prior to the annual meeting.

CHARTER EAGLE - awarded to the Department of Economics and Business Administration and College of Business Administration graduates inducted in 1996.

Section 3: Dues

Associate Eagles must pay annual dues to remain active members until they are eligible to become Silver Eagles. (Annual dues may be prepaid at 80% of the total cost for that interim period.)

Silver Eagles dues are life-time, and paid when joining the organization at that level. There are no dues associated with Golden or Diamond Eagle membership.

**ARTICLE III: DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

Section 1: There shall be twelve (12) elected directors of which no more than three (3) may be Associate Eagles.

Section 2: There shall be three officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. President and Vice President must be members at the Silver Eagle level of membership; Secretary/Treasurer may be an active Associate Eagle.

Section 3: Duties of officers:

The president shall:

- Preside at all board meetings and the annual meeting
- Preside at all executive committee meetings
- Consult with the Dean of the College of Business Administration
- Execute other responsibilities as determined within the bylaws
- Be an active member of the Silver Eagles and attend as many CBA sponsored events as possible
- Represent (or his/her designee) the organization at UW-L Alumni Association meetings

The vice president shall:

- Attend all board meetings and executive committee meetings
- Preside at any meetings of the Silver Eagles in the absence of the president
- Execute other responsibilities as determined within the bylaws
- Be an active member of the Silver Eagles and attend as many CBA sponsored events as possible

The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- Attend and record the minutes of the annual meeting, all board meetings, and executive committee meetings
- Prepare the treasurer's report for all board meetings, executive meetings and the annual meeting
- Be an active member of the Silver Eagles

## **ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### Section 1: Board of Directors Elections

- A. Organization membership, excluding honorary membership, shall constitute voter eligibility.
- B. Four (4) directors shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting each year.
- C. There shall be no term limit set on members serving as directors.
- D. Nominations for elected directorships shall be made by a nominations committee.

### Section 2: Officer Elections

- A. The term of office for the president and secretary/treasurer shall be two years and the term of office for vice president shall be one year. Officers shall be elected from and by the Board of Directors.
- B. The President shall be elected on the even- numbered years.
- C. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected on the odd-numbered years.
- D. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting and assume office at the annual meeting.
- E. The officers and the dean shall constitute the executive committee, which may conduct business on behalf of the board and organization.
- F. The dean shall appoint a faculty liaison.

## **ARTICLE V: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1: The elected directors of the organization shall constitute the board of directors.

Section 2: The board shall be the governing body of the organization, and conduct any and all business as set out in the by-laws and any actions approved of those in attendance at an annual meeting.

Section 3: All fees and charges shall be set by the board pursuant to expenses incurred.

Section 4: The dean, faculty liaison, and historian shall be ex-officio members of the board.

Section 5: The board shall have the power to establish committees deemed necessary for the success of the organization. Chairs of all committees shall be named by the board.

Section 6: In the event that a board member is unable to fulfill his/her term, the executive committee shall nominate a replacement, who must be confirmed by the board.

## **ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS**

Section 1: The organization shall hold an annual business meeting, and that meeting shall be held on homecoming weekend.

Section 2: Six persons shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the board and annual meetings of the organization.

Section 3: The board shall meet at least one time each year.

Section 4: Notification of the annual meeting shall be communicated to the membership and new inductees two (2) months prior to the annual meeting date.

Section 5: The president shall retain the power to call additional meetings.

## **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: Amendments to the by-laws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Nominations Committee shall consist of the four out-going board members, the vice president, and the dean .
- B. Bylaws Committee shall consist of the vice president and two members of the board of directors.
- C. Scholarship Committee shall consist of the dean, the president, and three members of the board of directors.