ALPHA ETA RHO
MU KAPPA TAU CHAPTER
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I- Name and Philosophy

Section 1. NAME. This Fraternity shall be officially known as Alpha Eta Rho Mu Kappa Tau Chapter.

***Section* 2. PHILOSOPHY.** It is the philosophy of Alpha Eta Rho Mu Kappa Tau Chapter to exhibit a professional approach and attitude toward aviation. Alpha Eta Rho Mu Kappa Tau Chapter is not to conduct itself as a social Fraternity in any of the events it sponsors. However, this shall not exclude the Fraternity from promoting fellowship among its membership, nor should it prohibit the Fraternity from accepting invitations or requests from other organizations, professional or social.

ARTICLE II- Chapter Officers, Their Powers and Duties

***Section* 1. PRESIDENT.** The president shall have been an active member for one year prior to taking office. The president shall uphold and administer the laws and philosophy of the Fraternity. He or she shall preside over all meetings and help organize all activities. The president will be the representative of the Fraternity to other organizations, departments, faculty, and etceteras. It is also the responsibly of the president to delegate individual tasks or roles to the appropriate officer or committees.

***Section* 2. VICE-PRESIDENT.** The vice-president shall have been an active member for one year prior to taking office. The vice-president shall assist the president in his or her duties and shall also substitute for the president in his or her absence. The vice-president shall be responsible for educating the pledge class.

***Section* 3. SECRETARY/HISTORIAN.** The secretary and historian shall have been an active member for one year piorr to taking office. The secretary and historian shall be responsible for taking minutes at all meetings, keeping a list of membership, and keeping a history of all activities.

***Section* 4. TREASURER.** The treasurer shall have been an active member for one year prior to taking office. The treasurer shall be responsible for keeping all accounts in balance and maintaining records of all financial transactions. He or she has the authority to write checks on the Fraternity's checking account without co-signature. However, expenditures in excess of $25 shall be approved by the majority of the executive officers. Furthermore, the treasurer shall make monthly reports to the executive officers on the financial transactions of the fraternity, and every other month to the membership.

***Section* 5. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.** The public relations officer shall have been an active member for one year prior to taking office. The public relations officer is responsible for publicizing all up coming events, including meetings to the appropriate media.

Exemption Clause: The only exception to the requirement for officers will be the installation of the Founding Fathers. The Founding Fathers shall serve for the length of time from which the Mu Kappa Tau Chapter members are inaugurated into the Alpha Eta Rho Fraternity Structure until the end of that fiscal year.

ARTICLE III- Organization and Government

***Section* 1. TERM DATES.** Each fiscal year will commence on the first Monday following the spring semester finals and continue until the first Sunday following the spring semester finals of the following

calendar year. Each fiscal year will be divided into summer, fall, and spring sessions. The summer session will commence on the first day of the fiscal year and last until the Sunday of the week of which fall classes begin. The fall session will commence on the Monday of the week of which fall classes begin and continue until December 31 of that year. The spring session will commence on January 1 of the fiscal year and continue until the end of the fiscal year. Officers shall serve a term of one fiscal year, at the last business meeting of the year elections will be held to hoose new for the up coming year.

***Section* 2. LAWS.** The laws of this Fraternity shall consist of the national by-laws and regulations of Alpha Eta Rho, Inc. and the by-laws of this local chapter. Any by-laws of the local chapter that conflict with the national by-laws will be considered null and void.

***Section* 3. COMMITTEES.** The president may form individual committees as the need arises. Each committee formed will be assigned to the most appropriate chapter officer and will be disbanded as their task assigned accomplished.

ARTICLE IV- Membership

***Section* 1. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.** Any Minnesota State University at Mankato student with an interest in aviation is eligible. All chapter members shall maintain a grade point average of 2.00 or greater on a four-point scale. No member shall receive, or ever have received, a flight suspension from Minnesota State University (excluding suspensions due to finances).

***Section* 2. DEFINITION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.** Active members shall be male and female students enrolled in, or having been rolled in, aviation classes at Minnesota State University. Members must attend at least eighty percent of all meetings and functions (unless in conflict with night classes, work, or if a commuter student) in order to be considered active. Active membership shall also include students who have been initiated by another chapter, who are in good standing, and who have regularly affiliated with our chapter.

***Section* 3. DEFINITION OF ALUMNI MEMBERS.** Alumni Members shall be those who are active members in good standing of Alpha Eta Rho Mu Kappa Tau Chapter, who have graduated from, or ceased to pursue regular courses in the college or university.

***Section* 4. DEFINITION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.** Associate members shall be those in the local community that are of age to hold an FAA certificate and that have demonstrated an interest in aviation and wish to participate in Alpha Eta Rho Mu Kappa Tau Chapter.

***Section* 5. DEFINITION OF PLEDGES.** A pledge is a Minnesota State University Student wishing to become an Alpha Eta Rho member. A pledge period shall exist from the beginning of the fall session until the last meeting of October. During this time the pledges will be educated on and receive a copy of both national and local Alpha Eta Rho by-laws. Pledges will be exposed to and educated on local airport operations. Fraternity officers will observe and evaluate pledges during the pledge period and will recommend all suitable pledges for active membership during the last meeting of October. Pledges are to pay both the National Alpha Eta Rho initiation fee and the local Alpha Eta Rho Mu Kappa Tau Chapter dues by the deadlines set forth in Article V, Section 1. Should a pledge not be voted into the active membership, the local dues will be refunded to the pledge but the national frees will be forfeited to the Fraternity.

***Section* 6. SUSPENSION AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.** Should any chapter member fall below the minimums set forth in these by-laws their chapter membership shall be suspended for no less than 90 days. To re-establish chapter membership, the suspended member shall show the chapter officers that the deficiencies that led to the suspension have been corrected and that all chapter dues have been paid for the time suspended. Further, the suspended member shall go before a panel consisting of the President, Vice President, the Secretary or Treasurer as well as four active members chosen at random. At random is defined as; drawing names out of a hat. All active members will be in the Lottery for the Membership Re-establishment Panel.

ARTICLE V- Finances

***Section* 1. DUES.** Chapter dues are to be collected by the second regular meeting of the fall and spring sessions. The national initiation fee will be collected from each new member in addition to the chapter dues. The dues shall be determined in the Fourth quarter of each fiscal year for the following year by the newly elected Officers.

***Section* 2. EXPENDITURES.** Expenditures of Fraternity funds require majority approval of the membership. Supplies necessary for mainting the Fraternity or supplies for an organized Alpha Eta Rho Mu Kappa Tau Chapter sponsored events can be purchased without vote of the membership so long as a majority of the officers agree that the expenditure is reasonable. Scheduled expenditure must have approval by the amendment process set forth in Article VIII (Amendments to the By-laws), Section 1 of these by-laws and as such must be amended to Article VII (Scheduled Events) of these by-laws. All expenditures require that a receipt be kept on file.

ARTICLE VI- Activities

The Minnesota State University, Mankato, Mu Kappa Tau Chapter of Alpha Eta Rho shall conduct all sponsored activities with respect, responsibility, courtesy, and integrity.

***Section* 1. SEASONAL SOCIAL DINNERS.** The officers shall organize and prepare a cookout on an appropriate date during the first full week of classes in the fall and spring sessions. Furthermore, the officers shall organize a "Holidays" cookout. All aviation students and faculty are to be invited. The cost of the cookout will be absorbed by the Fraternity.

***Section* 2. FREE TEE SHIRTS.** Every member shall receive a free tee shirt upon payment of dues in the fall session. The cost of the tee shirts will be absorbed by the Fraternity.

***Section 3*. CLASS PLAQUES.** Every pledge class shall have a plaque made with each pledge's name inscribed on the plaque. The Fraternity will absorb the cost of the plaque.

ARTICLE VII- Official Insignia

***Section* 1. OFFICIAL COLORS.** The official colors of this Fraternity shall incorporate both national Alpha Eta Rho and Minnesota State University colors. These colors shall be chrome yellow, black, gray, and maroon.

***Section* 2. OFFICIAL PATCH.** The official patch of the Fraternity shall show a resemblance to the national badge by incorporating a three-bladed propeller in black and chrome yellow in front of the Minnesota Sate University clock tower/archway surrounded by the school colors of purple and gold. The hub of the propeller shall bear the Greek letters Mu Kappa Tau. A set of wings shall be also attached to the hub of the propeller.

ARTICLE VIII- Amendments to the By-laws

***Section* 1. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENDTION OF BY-LAWS.** These by-laws may be amended or suspended in whole or in part by the [illegible] third fifth (3/5) of the active members in either a regularly scheduled or specially called meeting. Hence the fraternity shall be given notice in two consecutive preceding meetings before voting on changes to these by-laws.

***Section* 2. GRANDFATHER CLAUSE.** Any new penalty created by the adoption of these by-laws shall not be made retroactive to current and/or prior members as reflected by the revision date.