

# **Phalanx Constitution**

## **Article I: Name**

Section 1: The name of this organization is Phalanx. A term meaning *a group of men coming together for a common goal.*

## **Article II: Objectives**

Section 2: The objectives of Phalanx are:  
a. Offer a different level of performance with all male a cappella.  
b. Provide another outlet for the promotion of Elizabethtown College.

## **Article III: Membership**

Section 1: Members of Phalanx will be drawn from the Elizabethtown College community. Any student taking courses at Elizabethtown College are eligible to audition for Phalanx.

Section 2: Members of the group will be brought into the group only after audition. The audition process is at the discretion of the Musical Director. All returning members of the group must be present for the audition and the vote. Majority rules in the final decision.

Section 3: Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is crucial to the success of Phalanx. Any member who will not be present must contact the Musical Director at least 24 hours in advance. If a problem with excessive absences and lateness occurs the group shall make a decision on action which will then be carried out by the officers.

## **Article IV: Officers**

Section 1: The officers of Phalanx shall be Director, Vice President, Business Manager, and Assistant Musical Director if the Director so chooses.

## **Article VI: Parliamentary Authority**

Section 1: In order for Phalanx to legally conduct business or hold a vote 80% of all member, including officers, must be present. The exception is in the case of officer elections or member auditions. For these instances all returning members must be present. If need for a new officer should arise the President may facilitate a vote to create a new officer.

Section 2: Each officer must be an full and active member of Phalanx and have at least one (1) year or two (2) full semesters to become eligible for office.

Section 3: Officers shall serve a term of one (1) year from their election at the end of the spring semester. Terms of office begin immediately upon return in the fall semester. Any officer is eligible to serve consecutive terms.

Section 4: All officers shall be ambassadors of the group to the public. They shall always maintain professionalism and honesty in conversation with the public.

#### **Article V: Duties of Officers**

Section 1: The office of Director can be held by any full and active member who has been part of the group for at least one full year or two semesters. The Director shall be responsible for all Musical Decisions in rehearsal and performance. The Director will run all rehearsals and act as conductor during performance. The Director, upon group opinion, will decide on the selection of music to be learned by the group. He shall also be prepared to teach the music to the group. The Director will also be responsible for all final decisions of the group after a vote and based on the opinion of the group. Never shall the director make decisions without consulting the group.

Section 2: The office of Vice-President can be held by any full and active member who has been part of the group for at least one full year or two semesters. The responsibilities of the Vice-President shall be to head publicity. He shall be responsible for making sure publicity is successful. The Vice-President is also responsible for making sure tickets are made and sold prior to concerts.

Section 3: The position of Business Manager can be held by any full and active member who has been part of the group for at least one full year or two semesters. The responsibilities of the Business Manager will be to handle all monetary issues. All money brought in shall go directly to the business manager. The Business Manager is responsible for having cash at all shows. The Business Manager will be responsible for booking shows, inviting groups to our shows, and handling contracts with outside patrons. The Business Manager is responsible for being Phalanx's major contact person. He shall also organize auditions by scheduling audition times.

Section 4: The position of Assistant Musical Director can be held by any full and active member who has been part of the group for at least one full year or two semesters. The Assistant Musical Director is the only position in which no vote takes place. After all other officers have been decided by vote the elected Director has the option to appoint an Assistant Director. Upon being appointed the position the Assistant Director he shall aide the Director in musical decisions and act as conductor in the Directors absence. The Assistant Director shall act as conductor during performance if the Director is singing solo.

**Article VII: Amendments**

**Section 1:** Proposed amendments to the Phalanx constitution shall be brought to the President for suggestion during the next Phalanx meeting. Once proposed, the amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members for adoption.