



In order to honor and distinguish those individuals who, during their career at Stevens, have faithfully observed the principles of the Honor System, have supported activities, have displayed a spirit of fellowship, and have manifested their leadership, we do hereby enact and ordain this:

### **Constitution of Khoda**

#### **Article 1. Name and Motto**

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Khoda.

Section 2. The motto shall be "Leadership".

#### **Article 2. Mission Statement**

Section 1. Khoda is a leadership honor society which addresses important issues concerning students and student organizations. This society promotes a unified effort between students and the rest of the Stevens community to uphold and promote a high quality of student life.

#### **Article 3. Purpose, Aims, and Duties**

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to unite those leaders of each Senior Class who seem typical of the best individuals that Stevens Institute of Technology can produce, and to bind them together so that by precept and example they may influence their classmates to emulate their best characteristics. The members of Khoda shall strive to use their networks to connect various organizations, leaders, and administration on campus to more successfully address concerns and accomplish initiatives to enhance the quality of student life at Stevens.

Section 2. The members of Khoda shall always maintain the Honor System and encourage fellowship and the support of activities by all members of the student body.

Section 3. Khoda shall endeavor to act as a body to support any organization that concerns the Student Body, Faculty, and Administration, and may propose certain changes if considered advantageous to any of the groups concerned. Thus, a closer linkage between the Student Body, Faculty, and Administration is hoped for.

Section 4. The members of Khoda, by their influence in other organizations, shall work for the betterment of the Stevens Community.

Section 5. Specific Duties of the Membership and Executive Board will be outlined in the bylaws and procedures.

## **Article 4. Insignia**

Section 1. The official emblem shall be the Lion "On Guard."

Section 2. The badge of the organization shall consist of the Lion "On Guard" with Iranian word "Khoda" imprinted in Nasta'liq script beneath.

## **Article 5. Government**

Section 1. Khoda shall be strictly a Stevens society and shall never combine with another group at any other college, university, or institution.

Section 2. The officers of Khoda shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Historian.

Section 3. Committees may be appointed at any time by the President with a majority approval of the Organization.

Section 4. Officers shall be elected by the final day of the Spring Semester. Both outgoing and incoming active members in good standing shall be allowed to vote upon the incoming candidate.

Section 5. A majority vote is required for the election of Officers and upon all questions unless specifically stated otherwise.

Section 6. Questions of finance and levying of assessments require a three-fourths vote.

Section 7. Meetings shall be held at least once every school month.

Section 8. Upon the unanimous decision of the members of Khoda, an open invitation to attend Khoda meetings can be extended to any member of the Stevens community.

## **Article 6. Qualifications For Membership**

Section 1. In order to be eligible for membership a candidate must have the following qualifications:

1. Five academic semesters must be completed prior to induction.
2. Manifest a spirit of cordiality and geniality.
3. Active and outstanding on the Stevens Campus.

The final judgment of the candidate's personality and suitability rests with the active members. Membership should aim to encompass a wide variety of areas on campus through individuals who have made significant impact on the Stevens community.

## **Article 7. Discipline**

Section 1. The methods of discipline of Khoda shall be expulsion, suspension, and other sanctions. This shall be done upon the approving vote of three-fourths of the membership excluding the member in question.

Section 2. Reinstatement of expelled members may be obtained by a unanimous vote of the active membership.

## **Article 8. Amendments**

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution or bylaws must be presented in writing to the active members of Khoda. Before an amendment becomes a part of the constitution or bylaws, it must receive a vote of three-quarters of the active members.

The constitution of Khoda was revised April 28, 1980

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