

March 30, 2013

Dear Members of Charleston Chapter of Sigma Xi,

On May 8, 1981 an elite group of dedicated scholars established our Charleston Chapter of Sigma Xi to “honor excellence in scientific investigation and encourage a sense of companionship and cooperation among researchers in all fields of science and engineering.” Since then, our Chapter has become a constant contributor to science outreach events in the Charleston area, recognizing students’ achievements, and fostering collaboration among scientists beyond the established borders of our Chapter. Among the signature activities sponsored by our Chapter we mention Darwin Week, visits to local objectives of interest, seminars, Mitchell Math and Science Elementary School outreach, and many more.

In 2011, the Executive Committee of our Chapter started working on two formal documents – a Constitution and the Bylaws - that synthesize the specifics of how we conduct our Chapter’s activities, such as new member induction, establishing research awards for students, and nomination and election of Chapter’s officers. **We are under mandate by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to have a Constitution and Bylaws that include the IRS required language if we want to maintain our tax-exempt status.**

The documents were reviewed and approved by the Niche Committee and designed in agreement with the Constitution and Bylaws of Sigma Xi. On behalf of our Charleston Chapter of Sigma Xi, we present to the full membership the two documents for review and approval. Please review the two attached documents and join us during our annual Chapter Banquet on **April 18, 2013** for a final vote on these two documents.

Sincerely, and we look forward to seeing you at the banquet.



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