

**The Constitution and Bylaws
of the
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
Capítulo Gobernador Bernardo Galvez
Hahnville High School
Boutte, LA**

Article I. Name and Classification

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica: Capítulo Gobernador Bernardo Galvez, also known as the Spanish National Honor Society, shall be referred to in this document as "the Society."

Section 2. The purpose of the Society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish by students of secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic studies.

Article II. Qualifications for Application, Initiation and Membership

Section 1. To be eligible for the Society, students must meet all of the following criteria.

- a). Student must have an A or B average in all Spanish classes.
- b). Student must be actively enrolled in a Spanish class for initiation.
- c). Student must be plan to enroll in the Spanish III or higher.
- d). Student must obtain signatures of recommendation from two other teachers.
- e). Student must assist in tutoring Spanish I or II students with the HELP program.
- f). Student must complete five (5) community service hours within an academic year. Three (3) of the five service hours must come from tutoring Spanish I or II students with the HELP program.

Section 2. Society sponsors will invite students to apply in January after the first semester grades are published.

Section 3. Potential members must fill out an application for admission. This application must be submitted to the sponsors no later than February 8, 2011.

Section 4. Acceptance letters will be distributed by February 18, 2011.

Section 5. Initiation Ceremony will take place in the auditorium on March 29, 2011.

Article III. Qualifications for Continued Membership.

Section 1. Each year members must engage in activities from the following categories: Academic Commitment and Community Commitment.

Section 2. Academic commitment may be defined in part as the following: current enrollment in a Spanish class.

Section 3. Community Commitment may be defined in part as participation in the following: Tutoring an HHS student in Spanish after school with the HELP program. Students must complete five (5) community service hours within an academic year. Three (3) of the five service hours must come from tutoring Spanish I or II students with the HELP program.

Section 5. Students must attend all society meetings.

Section 6. Students must continue to show academic integrity and character as noted by no recorded incidents of cheating, plagiarism, misconduct, insubordination or intentional dishonesty.

Article IV. Dues and Fees

Section 1. One time dues of ten dollars \$10 for initiation are due by the first meeting after receiving the acceptance letter (March) to cover the cost of the initiation certificate.

Section 2. Each year \$5 chapter dues are due by the first meeting of the new school year.

Section 3. Seniors interested in purchasing cords to wear for graduation must pay \$10 by the first meeting of the school year in which he/she is a senior.

Article V. Elections and Duties of Officers

Section 1. There are four officers of the Society: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers must be enrolled in Spanish III, IV or have completed all Spanish classes offered.

Section 2. Officers are elected by simple majority of members and new inductees present during the final meeting of the year.

Section 3. The duties of the officers are as follows: attendance at all meetings, serve as exemplars for other members of the Society and the HHS community.

Section 4. The role of the President is to preside at meetings, and serve as student spokesperson for the Spanish Department. The President will contact society members regarding society matters.

Section 5. The role of the Vice President is to preside at meetings along with the President, and serve as student spokesperson for the Spanish Department along with the President. The Vice President will contact society members regarding society matters.

Section 6. The role of the Secretary is to keep the ledger of initiates, keep the ledger of active members and their membership qualifications and attendance, keep the ledger of current officers. The Secretary is to keep record of all meetings, service projects and correspondence of the Society.

Section 7. The role of the Treasurer is to collect dues and keep the financial records of the Society.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. Each member must stay informed with the upcoming events and news by listening to announcements and reading the information posted in the display case in the first hallway of the main building.

Section 2. Meetings are to be regularly scheduled by the sponsors and officers. There shall be no less than one meeting per term.

Section 3. Socials will be held throughout the year as a means of bonding and practicing Spanish. These social meetings are option and will be held on weekends at various Hispanic restaurants.

Article VII. Awards and Recognition

Section 1. Upon initiation, new members will receive a certificate of acceptance at the initiation ceremony.

Section 2. Seniors have the option to purchase special honor society cords to wear during graduation.

Article VIII. Insignia

Section 1. The insignia of the Society is the official one of the AATSP and is represented on the initiation programs.

Section 3. The motto of the Society is: *Todos a una.*

Section 4. The colors of the Society are red and gold.

Section 5. The flower of the Society is the carnation.

Article IX. Membership Termination

Section 1. A member will be terminated from the society if he/she fails to comply with all articles and sections of these bylaws.