

## Brief History

Originally conceived as a professional Fraternity in trade and industrial education, the first chapter was founded at Pennsylvania State University in 1925. In 1927, the Grand Chapter was incorporated in Pennsylvania and the expansion began.

Iota Lambda Sigma was initially a university based professional fraternity for men who distinguished themselves in trade and industrial education. All early chapters, therefore, were affiliated with colleges and universities. Over time, all vocational service areas were added. Eventually women became eligible for membership.

Excellence in adult and post secondary technical training began to be recognized as well. More recently, excellence in practices in business and industry has been included in the scope of Iota Lambda Sigma. In the late 1990's the Grand Chapter made some major changes to the organization and its constitution to ensure its continued relevance.

## The Greek Letters

- ( I ) Iota stands for industry
- ( Λ ) Lambda stands for loyalty
- ( Σ ) Sigma stands for Service

## Local Active Chapters

Alpha	Pennsylvania State University
Gamma	Clemson University
Delta	Kent State University
Epsilon	Field Chapter Alabama
Zeta	Oklahoma State University
Theta	Indiana U. of Pennsylvania
Kappa	Florida State University
Nu	Field Chapter, Maryland
Pi	Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Sigma	Field Chapter, Texas
Tau	Field Chapter, Georgia
Psi	Southern Illinois University
Alpha Beta	Field Chapter, Missouri
Alpha Gamma	Ohio State University
Alpha Theta	University of Toledo
Alpha Rho	Old Dominion University

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*A Professional*  
*Honorary Society*  
*Recognizing Excellence*  
*In*  
*Workforce Development*

## Mission

Iota Lambda Sigma is a professional Honorary Society which recognizes excellence in all phases of work force development from the fields of education, business, and industry.

Men and women invited for membership in this professional society represent industry, education (ie: teachers, supervisors, other administrative positions, governing board members and advisory committee members). Potential members may also represent post secondary/ adult education, as high-achieving students, faculty or administration. Candidates from business and industry ought to be involved with employee training and development either as a trainer or one who facilitates training and development opportunities for employees.

## Purpose

The aims of work force development are reflected and promoted through:

- \* recognizing superior professional performance;
- \* recognizing scholarly attainment;
- \* creating/maintaining a close fraternal bond among membership; and
- \* promoting professional improvement.

## Advantages of Membership

- \* Leadership Organization
- \* Networking with other professionals in work force development.
- \* Develop and utilize personal leadership skills.
- \* Improve the delivery of work force development at the local, state, and national level.
- \* Learn and disseminate new information regarding work force development through:
  - \* Seeing the big picture in career and technical education, work-force development and grand chapter activities
  - \* reading/contributing to The Communicator, the national newsletter

## Awards

The society also provides opportunities for members to achieve recognition through the following Grand Chapter (national) awards;

- \* ILS Teacher of the year award
- \* ILS Outstanding New member award
- \* ILS Distinguished Service Award
- \* Raymond L. Christensen Lifetime Achievement Award

## How does one become a member ?

Typically, a candidate for membership gains notice by excellence in his or her own work in and commitment to work force development. Where a local chapter exists, candidates are invited to join by the chapter's members. Where there is no local chapter, candidates may apply directly to the grand chapter for membership. A third way to join is as a chapter member of a newly formed chapter.

## What are the costs ?

Costs of membership are inexpensive. Typically, one will be assessed a one time invitation fee. This will include the first year's dues for the local and grand chapter. Thereafter, unless a life or honorary member, annual dues are assessed. The amounts varies from chapter to chapter.

## Meetings

Local chapters may have two or three functions a year. Each local sets its own meeting schedule. Each December, the grand chapter holds its annual meeting.