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Finding Aid to the Sigma Xi Records

Society of Sigma Xi, North Dakota State University Chapter

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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

“Founded in 1886, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society is a non-profit membership society of more than 70,000 scientists and engineers who were elected to the Society because of their research achievements or potential. Sigma Xi has more than 500 chapters at universities and colleges, government laboratories and industry research centers. In addition to publishing *American Scientist*, Sigma Xi awards grants annually to promising young researchers, holds forums on critical issues at the intersection of science and society and sponsors a variety of programs supporting honor in science and engineering, science education, science policy and the public understanding of science.” (<http://www.sigmaxi.org/> - 6/21/04)

The Sigma Xi Club organized at North Dakota Agricultural College in 1931 (in 1960 college reorganized as North Dakota State University); the North Dakota State University club successfully petitioned to become a chapter, which was formally established in 1963. In 1974 the Society of the Sigma Xi became Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society of North America; and in 1979 was renamed Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Constitution is an amended version (1963) and the Bylaws cover 1963-1970. The Meeting Minutes (1943-1966) provide the most comprehensive information on the organization for a twenty-three year period. The files on the drive for an eventual granting of chapter status (1957-1963) are also fairly comprehensive. Additional material includes executive committee minutes; annual reports; membership information, banquet programs; publication lists of members; national lectureships, and headquarters material. Photographs of the installation ceremony have been removed to the NDSU Photography Collection.

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- 1/19 Petition – establishment of chapter at NDSU – August 1962
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