

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – 40TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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1 Amendment to the **NATIONAL BYLAWS**
2 Article **XII - ALUMNI**
3 Section **3 - REGIONAL ALUMNI COUNCILS** Number **(2)**

PRESENT LANGUAGE

7 (2). The Regional Alumni Council shall be
8 composed of ~~at least one~~ Alumni Member from
9 each recognized alumni association within the
10 Region and ~~at least one~~ Alumni Member-at-large
11 from the Region, appointed by the Regional Alumni
12 Council Chair. The council shall also include ~~at~~
13 ~~least one~~ Alumni Member-at-large from each
14 Section, appointed by the ~~Regional Alumni Council~~
15 ~~Chair and approved by the respective Sectional~~
16 ~~Chair~~, in order to represent the interests of those
17 alumni not affiliated with a recognized alumni
18 association within said Region.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

(2). The Regional Alumni Council shall be
composed of **two** Alumni Members from each
recognized alumni association within the Region
and **two** Alumni Members-at-large from the
Region, appointed by the Regional Alumni Council
Chair **and shall not be a Sectional Chair**. The
council shall also include **two** Alumni Members-at-
large from each Section, appointed by the
Sectional Chair, in order to represent the interests
of those alumni not affiliated with a recognized
alumni association within said Region.

22 PURPOSE: To designate a definite number of members to the Regional Alumni Council and evenly spread
23 appointment powers to the Regional Alumni Council Chair, the Sectional Chair, and the alumni associations.

25 RATIONALE: Currently, Regional Alumni Councils are composed of **at least one** member-at-large from an
26 alumni association (chosen by the association), **at least one** member-at-large from the Region and **at least**
27 **one** member-at-large from the Sections within the Region. The at-large members from the Region and
28 Section are currently chosen by the Regional Alumni Council Chair. By changing the “**at least one**” to a
29 definite number (two in this case) gives alumni a clear understanding of the council composition and prevents
30 a person from “stacking” the council with members. For example, a Council Chair could appoint fifteen
31 members-at-large from the Region, likewise an alumni association could send an infinite number of their
32 membership to participate on the Council as well. This could unduly influence the Regional Alumni Council
33 and place other members at a clear disadvantage. The new number of members from alumni associations, at-
34 large Region and at-large Section is suggested to be **two** in keeping with the current number of delegates
35 Chapters send to National Conventions.

37 Members-at-large from the Region has been changed to **not** include Sectional Chairs and members-at-large
38 from the Section to be appointed by the Sectional Chair (old way: appointed by the Council Chair). These
39 changes were made to prevent a Council Chair from appointing all the Sectional Chairs as members-at-large
40 from the Section and in essence hastily convening a Regional Alumni Council without true input from the
41 alumni population of the entire Region. By keeping Sectional Chairs from being members, but having them
42 select members-at-large from the Section, Sectional Chairs can still have input (being most likely Alumni) while
43 other alumni get a chance to get involved in a new capacity.

45 SUBMITTED BY: Andrew T. Moser, NA Advisor; Section 90 Staff

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3 Section **3 REGIONAL ALUMNI COUNCILS** Number **(3)**

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5 **PRESENT LANGUAGE**

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7 (3). The Regional Alumni Council shall aid local
8 alumni associations within the region, aid the
9 National Alumni Association in locating and
10 maintaining contact with Alumni within the Region,
11 coordinate all regional alumni meetings and
12 activities, and elect the Alumni Voting Delegate to
13 the National Convention with the certification of the
14 Regional Director. It shall also serve as an advisory
15 board to the Regional Director concerning issues
16 related to alumni affairs.

7 **PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

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alumni associations within the region, aid the
National Alumni Association in locating and
maintaining contact with Alumni within the Region,
coordinate all regional alumni meetings and
activities, and elect the Alumni Voting Delegate to
the National Convention **at least ninety (90) days**
before the first legislative session of the next
National Convention with the certification of the
Regional Director. It shall also serve as an advisory
board to the Regional Director concerning issues
related to alumni affairs.

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23 **PURPOSE:** For a Regional Alumni Council to elect an Alumni Voting Delegate prior to a convention rather
24 than at the last minute.

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26 **RATIONALE:** A deadline for electing an Alumni Voting Delegate is to prevent a Regional Alumni Council from
27 quickly electing a delegate at the last possible minute. This will allow candidates interested in becoming an
28 alumni delegate to have advance notice of their election and can prepare for their duties at the National
29 Convention. As is currently stated in our National Bylaws, a Regional Alumni Council could technically elect a
30 voting delegate an hour prior to the start of the first legislative session. For example: (per current bylaws) the
31 Council Chair appoints Alumni Members-at-large from the Region, which could be Sectional Chairs or
32 Regional Staff and appoints Alumni Members-at-large from the Section, which could be Sectional Chairs.
33 Alumni associations select their own Alumni Members to the council. By this scenario, the Council would be
34 completely appointed an hour before the first legislative session consisting of Alumni Members that typically
35 go to Convention as per duties as volunteer staff.

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37 Therefore, changing the bylaws to reflect a deadline to elect an Alumni Voting Delegate will give direction and
38 force the Regional Alumni Council to convene an open meeting, while also allowing potential candidates to
39 have time to make travel arrangements for the National Convention.

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41 **SUBMITTED BY:** Andrew T. Moser, NA Advisor; Section 90 Staff

PROPOSED RESOLUTION – 40TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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PRESENT LANGUAGE

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PROPOSED LANGUAGE

RESOLVED, that the National Fraternity create a Local Alumni Association Distinguished Service Key. Said Key shall bear the Greek letters of the fraternity in gold on a background of orange enamel and will be awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their Local Alumni Association. Selection of recipients shall be made by any currently recognized Local Alumni Association using the following criteria:

- **Distinguished service on a Local Alumni Association level. That is, making an outstanding and unique contribution to the Local Alumni Association as a whole.**
- **Exemplifying and furthering, in demonstrable ways, the principles of leadership, friendship and service.**
- **Making a sustained contribution in a leadership role over a period of time.**
- **Being a member in good standing of the Local Alumni Association conferring the award and have been duly registered as a former active, advisory, or honorary member of a chapter (current active brothers are not eligible for this award).**

In addition, a Local Alumni Association presenting this award must be in compliance with all requirements of the National Bylaws and Board of Directors, including, but not limited to, fee payments and paperwork submissions.

PURPOSE: This award will allow Local Alumni Associations to recognize, independently, a member's dedicated and exemplary service to the fraternity at the Local Alumni Association level.

RATIONALE: Currently, Local Alumni Associations are the only recognized organizational entity within the fraternity which does not have the ability or authority to bestow a Distinguished Service Key upon members of its own organizational entity.

While other Distinguished Service Keys exist which might be awarded to a member of a Local Alumni

47 Association, they would not be awarded in recognition of service to the Local Alumni Association but rather for
48 service at the Chapter, Sectional, Regional or National levels and would be awarded by an entity other than
49 the Local Alumni Association.

50 In addition, while a Local Organizational Distinguished Alumni Citation does exist, a citation of this nature
51 also exists for all other entities within the fraternity's organizational structure *and* its criteria do not require that
52 the service have been with or to the fraternity. While such a citation would certainly be an honor, it does not
53 carry the same level of distinction as implied by a Distinguished Service Key.

54 Furthermore, while a National Distinguished Alumni Service Award exists, *once again*, its criteria do not
55 require that the service have been with or to the fraternity.

56 In order, however, to tie this award to other alumni awards, a color of the same family as that already being
57 used for the National Distinguished Alumni Service Award is recommended. In addition, in order to prevent
58 this award from being presented inappropriately to current active members or to participants in Local Alumni
59 Association activities who may not be initiated brothers, specific criteria for both who may confer the award
60 and upon whom the award may be conferred are suggested.

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62 SUBMITTED BY: Erik Jones (Region III Representative, National Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer
63 Development Committee), Michael R. Menefee, Jr. (President, APO Richmond Virginia Alumni Association),
64 Sarah Pauline Finch (Section 81 Chair and Secretary-Treasurer),

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1 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
2 Article **III**
3 Section **6**

PRESENT LANGUAGE

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7 ~~LIFE~~ MEMBERSHIP. ~~Life~~ Membership recognition
8 shall be granted to any Active, Advisory, Honorary,
9 or Alumni Member who contributes to the Alpha Phi
10 Omega Endowment Fund an amount as specified
11 in Article VIII, Section 7. If requested, ~~Life~~ Members
12 shall receive a free subscription to the Fraternity
13 magazine, renewable at no cost every five years.
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PROPOSED LANGUAGE

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP. **Sustaining**
Membership recognition shall be granted to any
Active, Advisory, Honorary, or Alumni Member who
contributes to the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment
Fund an amount as specified in Article VIII, Section
7. If requested, **Sustaining** Members shall receive
a free subscription to the Fraternity magazine,
renewable at no cost every five years.

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17 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
18 Article **VIII**
19 Section **6**

PRESENT LANGUAGE

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23 SECTION 6. ANNUAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
24 DUES. Annually by November 15th, each Chapter
25 shall submit to the National Office a roster of Active
26 Members, together with the Annual Active
27 Membership dues of twenty-five (\$25) dollars per
28 Active Member ~~regardless of Life Membership~~
29 ~~status~~. The minimum annual dues per Chapter
30 shall be seventy-five (\$75) dollars. The definition of
31 an Active Member shall be determined by Article
32 III, Section 2 (2). A Chapter, to remain active and in
33 good standing, must meet the above requirements
34 by yearly paying all dues.
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36 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
37 Article **VIII**
38 Section **7**

PRESENT LANGUAGE

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42 SECTION 7. ~~LIFE~~ MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION.
43 ~~Life~~ Member recognition shall be granted to all
44 Active Members and to Alumni Members within one
45 year of their obtaining alumni status who are in
46 good standing and have contributed fifty (\$50)

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

SECTION 7. **SUSTAINING** MEMBERSHIP
RECOGNITION. **SUSTAINING** Member
recognition shall be granted to all Active Members
and to Alumni Members within one year of their
obtaining alumni status who are in good standing

47 dollars in a single sum or cumulatively and to
48 Advisory, Honorary, and other Alumni Members
49 who have contributed one hundred (\$100) dollars
50 in a single sum or cumulatively to the
51 Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Fund.

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sum or cumulatively and to Advisory, Honorary,
and other Alumni Members who have contributed
one hundred (\$100) dollars in a single sum or
cumulatively to the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment
Fund.

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55 PURPOSE: Rename "Life Membership" to something that is more indicative of what it really is.

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57 RATIONALE: Membership in Alpha Phi Omega is already for life. Once you are initiated as a member, you
58 are always part of our Brotherhood, unless you resign your membership or it is revoked by convention action.
59 Calling a gift to the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Fund a "Life Membership" is a misnomer and leads to
60 confusion amongst students and even several Alumni.

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62 As a former section alumni volunteer and current chapter advisor, not a semester goes by where at least a
63 couple of students asked if "Life Membership" means they don't have to pay AAMD or chapter dues anymore.
64 While the bylaws do reflect that a "Life Membership" does not exempt one from AAMDs, using the term "Life
65 Member" for something that is actually a gift to the fraternity does not aid in resolving the confusion

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67 This proposal is not intended to require the reference committee to consider only the term "sustaining" if the
68 committee feels that a different term would more accurately reflect what a gift to the Endowment Fund is. This
69 legislation is coupled with two other pieces that modifies the language elsewhere in the bylaws, and they
70 should be considered together. [NOTE: Per the directive of the author, the three pieces of legislation have
71 been combined into this one amendment.]

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74 SUBMITTED BY:

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Justin M. Martin

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Alpha Alpha chapter advisor

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Delta Psi chapter advisor

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Region VI Membership Chair

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1 Amendment to the **National By-Laws**
2 Article **VIII**
3 Section **14**

PRESENT LANGUAGE

7 SECTION 14. ANNUAL INSURANCE FEE.
8 Annually by November 15th, each Chapter shall
9 submit to the National Office a roster of Active
10 Members, together with an annual insurance fee of
11 seven (\$7) dollars per Active member. The annual
12 insurance fee shall be paid for each pledge
13 member within 10 days of the date of the pledge
14 ritual. The definition of an Active Member shall be
15 determined by Article III, Section 2 (2).
16 A Chapter, to remain active and in good standing,
17 must meet the above requirements by paying the
18 fee when due.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

7 SECTION 14. ANNUAL INSURANCE FEE.
8 Annually by November 15th, each Chapter shall
9 submit to the National Office a roster of Active
10 Members, together with an annual insurance fee
11 **not to exceed** seven (\$7) dollars per Active
12 member. The annual insurance fee shall be paid
13 for each pledge member within 10 days of the date
14 of the pledge ritual. The definition of an Active
15 Member shall be determined by Article III, Section
16 2 (2).
17 A Chapter, to remain active and in good standing,
18 must meet the above requirements by paying the
19 fee when due.

**The amount of the annual insurance fee shall
be set each year by the National Board of
Directors on or before August 1st.**

26 PURPOSE: Allows the Board of Directors to lower the insurance fee charged to the student members of
27 Alpha Phi Omega, while allowing the Board of Directors to adjust the fee up to the present amount of the fee if
28 necessary.

30 RATIONALE: The Fraternity's insurance rates came in lower than expected when this fee was adopted by the
31 2006 National Convention. This amendment allows the Board of Directors to lower the insurance fee charged
32 to the student members. This amendment would allow the Board of Directors to increase the amount of the
33 fees as necessary, up to the present fee amount, as warranted by events such as increases in the insurance
34 rates charged to Alpha Phi Omega.

35 SUBMITTED BY: The National Board of Directors
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1 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
2 Article **IX**
3 Section **18**

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5 **PRESENT LANGUAGE**

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7 . . . The financial records of each Chapter shall be
8 ~~audited~~ annually by an official approved by the
9 institution in which the Chapter is located, and a
10 confirmation of the ~~audit~~ will be sent to the National
11 Office upon request by the National Executive
12 Director.

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6 **PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

7 . . . The financial records of each Chapter shall be
8 **reviewed** annually by an official approved by the
9 institution in which the Chapter is located, and **the**
10 **reviewer shall be independent of the Chapter's**
11 **financial accounts and records. A** confirmation
12 of the **review** will be sent to the National Office
13 upon request by the National Executive Director.

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17 Amendment to the Standard Chapter Articles of Association
18 Article **XX**

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20 **PRESENT LANGUAGE**

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23 ~~audited~~ annually by an official approved by the
24 institution in which the Chapter is located: and a
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26 Office upon request by the National Executive
27 Director.

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23 **reviewed** annually by an official approved by the
24 institution in which the Chapter is located, and **the**
25 **reviewer shall be independent of the Chapter's**
26 **financial accounts and records. A** confirmation
27 of the **review** will be sent to the National Office
28 upon request by the National Executive Director.

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32 PURPOSE: Remove a technical term that has legal meaning and replace the term with more general
33 language in both the National Bylaws and the Standard Chapter Articles of Association.

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35 RATIONALE: To clarify the intent of what a chapter in good standing should do on an annual basis. An audit
36 legally refers to a specific process by a credentialed individual. This change reflects common practice among
37 chapters and allows for someone who is not an authorized signature on the chapter's account(s) to review the
38 Chapter's finances without being a CPA to make sure they have safeguards in place to ensure healthy
39 financial operations.

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41 SUBMITTED BY: National Finance Committee.

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1 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
2 Article **XII – Alumni**
3 Section **2**

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5 **PRESENT LANGUAGE**

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7 (4) Each recognized local Alumni Association shall
8 annually reaffirm its recognition by ~~January 15~~ by
9 application to the National Alumni Relations and
10 Internal Volunteer Development Committee. New
11 Associations may apply for recognition at any time.
12 The fee for formal recognition will be fifteen (\$15)
13 dollars.

5 **PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

(4) Each recognized local Alumni Association shall
annually reaffirm its recognition by **May 15** by
application to the National Alumni Relations and
Internal Volunteer Development Committee. New
Associations may apply for recognition at any time.
The fee for formal recognition will be fifteen (\$15)
dollars.

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17 **PURPOSE:** To move the date for Alumni Association recognition away from the beginning of the calendar
18 year when, due to convention and conference activity as well as various holidays, both our Alumni and the
19 National Office staff are very busy.

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21 **RATIONALE:** In odd numbered years, the National office is recovering from national convention in mid
22 January, which makes processing renewals somewhat more hectic. In addition, the best time for the national
23 office staff to send out reminders to those Associations that are currently recognized falls around the
24 November 15th date for the majority of submissions by our active chapters, another very busy time. By moving
25 the renewal due date to May 15th, these conflicts are eliminated and the workload for the office staff is spread
26 around.

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28 **SUBMITTED BY:** Jeffrey L. Cantor, Alumni Relations & Internal Volunteer Development Program Director;
29 Jennifer Barnes, Alumni Relations Committee Chair.

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PROPOSED LANGUAGE

The National Executive Director shall, within their duties as Editor-in-Chief of all official Fraternity publications, make sure that any images or content depicting official Fraternity rituals or ceremonies shall not appear in any form except in publications or materials accessible exclusively to Brothers of the Fraternity. Notably, images or content depicting official Fraternity rituals or ceremonies shall not appear in issues of the *Torch & Trefoil*.

PURPOSE: This resolution ensures the sanctity of our rituals and ceremonies by establishing clear limits on how they can be depicted in official Fraternity publications, including the *Torch & Trefoil*. Depictions of ceremonies and rituals, including pictures taken with ritual set-ups in the foreground and/or background, should not be accessible to the public or made visible through their inclusion in publicly-available publications.

RATIONALE: As a Fraternity with a defined membership policy, granting specific privileges to its members above non-members, we have an obligation to make sure that ceremonies conferring membership are treated in a matter that respects their sanctity and special meaning to past, present, and future Brothers. Given that our National Fraternity has established clear and specific guidelines for rituals and ceremonies that prohibits any form of hazing or inappropriate behavior, we do not believe that depictions or descriptions, visual or otherwise, of these events should be publicly available. Instead, we believe that the image of these special occasions should belong solely to those with the privilege of Brotherhood in Alpha Phi Omega.

SUBMITTED BY:

Joel Natt, Alumnus, Alpha Delta Tau Chapter, Nova Southeastern University
Heather Lyons-Natt, Alumna, Delta Iota Chapter, Mercer University
Kyle Peterson, Alumnus, Alpha Delta Pi Chapter, University of West Alabama
Kenneth Hunter, Alumnus, Tau Epsilon Chapter, Tennessee Technological University

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- 1 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
- 2 Article **III - Membership**
- 3 Section **2. Types and Conditions of Membership; (2) Active Membership**

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PRESENT LANGUAGE

Active Membership shall be conferred upon enrolled students who are in the fellowship of the principles of Alpha Phi Omega; who, to the satisfaction of their Chapter, are so oriented; who have successfully completed a Membership education program structured in accordance with the guidelines established in the National Pledging Standards and the Membership Policies of the Fraternity; and who are encouraged, but not required, by their Chapter to be a registered Member of an Scout or youth service organization. Initiation shall be according to the official ritual of the Fraternity. Active Membership shall carry all rights and responsibilities in the Chapter, except that the individual Chapters may determine the degree of participation of Members in graduate or professional school. Active Membership shall be continued so long as the Member remains in good standing with the Chapter and continues enrollment in the institution. Active Membership may be transferred from one Chapter to another if the Member transfers institutional enrollment, provided that the new Chapter accepts the Member as an Active Member, and that the new Member completes the necessary forms and sees that they are forwarded to the National Office. Individuals who hold Alumni Membership may be reinstated to Active Membership in accordance with any provisions adopted by the Chapter. The Chapter shall notify the National Office of the change in Membership Status and transmit to the National Office the Active Membership Reinstatement Fee as defined in Article VIII, Section 13.

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PURPOSE: Because it is not reasonable to expect every two-year institution to be able to sustain a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, the purpose of this legislation is to allow students at two-year institutions close to institutions that already have established chapters to be members of Alpha Phi Omega, even though they are

48 not attending the institution with a chapter.

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50 RATIONALE: About two years ago, we had a member of our chapter transfer to our local community college
51 because of financial reasons. However, she has been one of the most active members of our chapter since
52 she left, and is not technically a member. We do not feel that enrollment in an institution where a chapter
53 exists is necessary to exhibit the principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service, the founding principles of
54 Alpha Phi Omega, and therefore would like to see this legislation pass, allowing all individuals attending
55 institutions of higher learning a better chance to be a part of the amazing work done by Alpha Phi Omega.
56 Further, after speaking with officials at our community college, we are confident that a chapter of Alpha Phi
57 Omega could not be sustained there due to lack of faculty interest and lack of participation within the student
58 population. We believe that students of the community college have the potential to be excellent Active
59 brothers of Alpha Phi Omega, and also feel that involvement in our Fraternity would likely encourage a transfer
60 from the community college to our University, something that would benefit both our University and Alpha Phi
61 Omega.

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63 SUBMITTED BY: Mark Pelfrey, Sergeant at Arms, Epsilon Beta Chapter (Section 53, Region VI)

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1 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
2 Article **V**
3 Section **6**
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PRESENT LANGUAGE

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7 SECTION 6. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL
8 PROGRAM DIRECTORS. The National President
9 shall appoint five of the National Program Directors
10 to serve, respectively, as the National Membership
11 and Extension Director, the National Leadership
12 Development Director, the National Service ~~and~~
13 ~~Communication~~ Director, the National Finance and
14 Operations Director, and the National Alumni
15 Relations and Internal Volunteer Development
16 Director. The National President shall appoint the
17 remaining National Program Director to serve in
18 such capacity as the President deems is in the
19 Fraternity's best interest.
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21 Amendment to **the National Bylaws**
22 Article **VI**
23 Section **7**
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25 SECTION 6. NATIONAL SERVICE ~~AND~~
26 ~~COMMUNICATION~~ COMMITTEE. The National
27 Service ~~and Communication~~ Committee shall
28 consist of the National Service ~~and Communication~~
29 Director as Chair and Members nominated by the
30 National Service ~~and Communication~~ Director and
31 appointed by the National President.

32 It shall be the duty of the National Service ~~and~~
33 ~~Communication~~ Committee to develop a two-year
34 National Service Program for consideration and
35 action by the biennial National Convention; to
36 stimulate effective and well-rounded service
37 programs by instigating resource development and
38 distribution; to encourage high quality Chapter
39 service programs through an effective program of
40 promotion and recognition of Chapter service
41 activities, opportunities and incentives; and to
42 coordinate the Fraternity's youth-service activities,
43 including those related to scouting organizations,
44 such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts
45 of the United States of America and similar
46 associations.

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7 SECTION 6. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL
8 PROGRAM DIRECTORS. The National President
9 shall appoint five of the National Program Directors
10 to serve, respectively, as the National Membership
11 and Extension Director, the National Leadership
12 Development Director, the National Service
13 Director, the National Finance and Operations
14 Director, and the National Alumni Relations and
15 Internal Volunteer Development Director. The
16 National President shall appoint the remaining
17 National Program Director to serve in such capacity
18 as the President deems is in the Fraternity's best
19 interest.
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25 SECTION 6. NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.
26 The National Service Committee shall consist of
27 the National Service Director as Chair and
28 Members nominated by the National Service
29 Director and appointed by the National President.

30 It shall be the duty of the National Service
31 Committee to develop a two-year National Service
32 Program for consideration and action by the
33 biennial National Convention; to stimulate effective
34 and well-rounded service programs by instigating
35 resource development and distribution; to
36 encourage high quality Chapter service programs
37 through an effective program of promotion and
38 recognition of Chapter service activities,
39 opportunities and incentives; and to coordinate the
40 Fraternity's youth-service activities, including those
41 related to scouting organizations, such as the Boy
42 Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of the United
43 States of America and similar associations.
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47 ~~Further, it shall be the duty of the National Service~~
48 ~~and Communication Committee to publicize the~~
49 ~~Fraternity's success and leadership in service and~~
50 ~~volunteerism so as to foster good relations with~~
51 ~~college and university administrators and faculties~~
52 ~~and with the general public; to build, maintain and~~
53 ~~enhance cooperative relationships between the~~
54 ~~Fraternity and other major service and~~
55 ~~volunteerism organizations; to promote and~~
56 ~~encourage effective communication within the~~
57 ~~Fraternity through all available resources and~~
58 ~~methods, including printed publications and~~
59 ~~electronic means; and to assist in the promotion of~~
60 ~~Fraternity events, such as Sectional, Regional, and~~
61 ~~National Conferences.~~

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63 **Amendment to the National Bylaws**

64 **Article VI**

65 **Section 8**

66 It shall be the duty of the National Scouting and
67 Youth Services Committee to advise the National
68 Service and Communication Director, the National
69 President, and the National Board of Directors on
70 relations between the Fraternity and youth service
71 organizations; to offer suggestions to enable the
72 Fraternity to be of greater service to youth; and to
73 promote interest in Alpha Phi Omega among
74 professional and volunteer leaders of youth-service
75 organizations.

Section 8

It shall be the duty of the National Scouting and
Youth Services Committee to advise the National
Service Director, the National President, and the
National Board of Directors on relations between
the Fraternity and youth service organizations; to
offer suggestions to enable the Fraternity to be of
greater service to youth; and to promote interest in
Alpha Phi Omega among professional and
volunteer leaders of youth-service organizations.

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77 **PURPOSE:** To remove the communications responsibilities from the Service and Communication Program
78 Director and the Service and Communication Committee.

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80 **RATIONALE:** When the Service and Communication Program Director position was established at the 1996
81 National Convention, the communication function was placed there because it was believed we would
82 primarily be reporting on service-related activities. 12 years later, we see that communication has become
83 much larger than just service – we use communication in a variety of ways and for a variety of purposes:
84 recruitment, fundraising, media relations, and so on. Removing this from the Service and Communication
85 Director will allow that person to devote all his or her energies to the service program.

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87 Additionally, this proposal does not aim to place the communications function under the jurisdiction of a Board
88 member. Communications could be handled by a staff person in the National Office. Oversight of that staff
89 person would be done by the National Executive Director (as is oversight of all Fraternity employees). In turn,
90 the National Executive Director reports to the National President. In the event that the National President feels
91 that a Board Member should oversee the communications program of the Fraternity, he or she is free to
92 appoint the sixth program director to that role.

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94 In an attempt to more effectively develop, deliver, and manage our communications program, this proposal
95 seeks to place the responsibilities where they most properly belong. It also has the benefit of trying to
96 reconcile conflicts that our current structure creates between the responsibilities of the Service and
97 Communications Program Director and the Marketing Director.

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99 This proposal is being submitted pursuant to a directive of the 2006 National Convention.

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101 **SUBMITTED BY:** The National Board of Directors

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – 40TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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1 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
2 Article **VI**
3 Section 4

PRESENT LANGUAGE

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7 Section 4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE
8 COMMITTEE. Membership of the Executive
9 Committee of the National Board of Directors shall
10 consist of the National President, the National Vice
11 President, the ~~six Program Directors~~ and, as ex-
12 officio, nonvoting Members, the National Executive
13 Director, the National Legal Counsel and the
14 immediate Past National President.

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7 Section 4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE
8 COMMITTEE. Membership of the Executive
9 Committee of the National Board of Directors shall
10 consist of the National President **as Chair**, the
11 National Vice President, **the National Finance and**
12 **Operations Director, one other Program**
13 **Director, two Regional Directors**, and as ex-
14 officio, nonvoting Members, the National Executive
15 Director, the National Legal Counsel and the
16 immediate Past National President.

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18 **The Program Director shall be elected by**
19 **majority vote of the Program Directors. The**
20 **Regional Directors shall be elected by majority**
21 **vote of the Regional Directors. The election**
22 **shall occur at the first National Board Meeting**
23 **following the close of the National Convention.**
24 **For a Program Director or Regional Director,**
25 **the term of service on the executive committee**
26 **shall be two years, or until a successor is**
27 **elected and qualified.**

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31 PURPOSE: The purpose is to change the membership of the National Executive Committee to include
32 representation from all directly elected members of the National Board of Directors. This proposed change
33 also decreases the total number of members on the Executive Committee.

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35 RATIONALE: The current National Board Executive Committee does not reflect a true subset of the National
36 Board membership. By reducing the total number of members and including Regional Directors, a more
37 efficient Executive Committee can function as needed.

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39 SUBMITTED BY: Rob Coop, Region VI Director, Mark Stratton, National Vice President; Jeff Cantor, Alumni
40 Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Program Director, Marilyn Mims Dow, Region I Director, Matt
41 Cross, Region IV Director, Cole Robertson, Region VII Director, Kathryn Whitfield, Region VIII Director

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1 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
2 Article **6**
3 Section **5**

PRESENT LANGUAGE

7 They shall be elected in the manner prescribed in
8 Article XI, Section 2 of these Bylaws to serve until
9 the next National Convention.

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12 Amendment to the [**National Bylaws**]
13 Article **11**
14 Section **2**

PRESENT LANGUAGE

18 Nomination and election of the Regional Directors
19 shall take place in ~~Regional Meetings at National~~
20 ~~Conventions in accordance with the procedures~~
21 ~~established in the Standing Rules of the National~~
22 ~~Convention.~~ Only registered delegates entitled to
23 vote, representing Chapters within the appropriate
24 region, may nominate and elect their Regional
25 Director. Regional Directors' term of office shall
26 begin upon adjournment of the ~~final legislative~~
27 ~~session of the National Convention~~ at which they
28 are elected or upon their election, whichever is
29 later. Regional Directors may be impeached
30 pursuant to Article VI, Section 9.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

7 They shall be elected in the manner prescribed in
8 Article XI, Section 2 of these Bylaws to serve until
9 the next **Region Conference or** National
10 Convention.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

18 Nomination and election of the Regional Directors
19 shall take place **at the corresponding region**
20 **Conference.** Only registered delegates entitled to
21 vote, representing Chapters within the appropriate
22 region, may nominate and elect their Regional
23 Director. Regional Directors' term of office shall
24 begin upon adjournment of the **Regional**
25 **Conference** at which they are elected or upon their
26 election, whichever is later. Regional Directors may
27 be impeached pursuant to Article VI, Section 9.

**If a region Director vacates office prior to or at
a National Convention, a new Region Director
may be elected by registered delegates of the
appropriate Region at a region meeting at the
national Convention, to serve until the next
region Conference.**

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47 Amendment to the **National Bylaws**
48 **Article 11**
49 **Section 3**

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53 SECTION 3. REGIONAL CONFERENCES. A
54 Regional Conference may be held at a time and
55 place determined by the Chapters in the Region,
56 subject to the approval of the Regional Director. A
57 Regional Conference may formulate
58 recommendations and propose amendments for
59 the consideration of the National Convention or the
60 National Board of Directors....

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64 PURPOSE: To move region Director elections to region Conferences, instead of at the national Convention.

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66 RATIONALE: A region Director election at a region conference most importantly allows more chapters and
67 members to be participatory to the process. Since a national conference is already full of national issues, it is
68 logical and convenient to put regional elections at the region Conference whenever possible and appropriate.
69 Section 2 still allows for the possibility for a special election by the chapter delegates of the appropriate region
70 at a national convention in the event a region Director is elected to national office or otherwise vacates the
71 position by or at that time.

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73 SUBMITTED BY: Richard E. Vehlow, Section 88 staff- alumni resource

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

SECTION 3. REGIONAL CONFERENCES. A
Regional Conference may be held at a time and
place determined by the Chapters in the Region,
subject to the approval of the Regional Director. A
Regional Conference **will elect or re-elect a
region Director, pursuant to Article XI Section
2, and** may formulate recommendations and
propose amendments for the consideration of the
National Convention or the National Board of
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1 Amendment to the **NATIONAL BYLAWS**
2 Article **VI – NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
3 Section **6. BOARD MEETINGS**

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SECTION 6. BOARD MEETINGS. The National Board of Directors shall meet at least once each calendar year. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors or by petition of a majority of the elected Members of the National Board of Directors. The time and place of all regularly scheduled Board meetings shall be determined by the National Board of Directors. A quorum at all Board meetings shall consist of a majority of the ~~currently elected~~ voting Members of the National Board of Directors. All action taken by the Board shall be reported to the Chapters electronically within thirty (30) days and in the next edition of the Torch and Trefoil

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SECTION 6. BOARD MEETINGS. The National Board of Directors shall meet at least once each calendar year. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors or by petition of a majority of the elected Members of the National Board of Directors. The time and place of all regularly scheduled Board meetings shall be determined by the National Board of Directors. A quorum at all Board meetings shall consist of a majority of the voting Members of the National Board of Directors. All action taken by the Board shall be reported to the Chapters electronically within thirty (30) days and in the next edition of the Torch and Trefoil.

PURPOSE: To clarify that quorum is of the voting membership of the board.

RATIONALE: At the 2006 National Convention, NatOrg1 recommended the addition of "voting" to ensure that the Board was not prohibited from doing its work because non-voting members who are elected (emeritus Past National Presidents and emeritus Life Members of the Board) do not show up. This legislation is the last step in making quorum at Board Meetings come into line with its purpose: to ensure that enough "voting" members of the body are present to legally conduct business. Election should have no bearing. If someone has a vote, then s/he should count toward the quorum. The only person who is not presently an elected member who has a vote is the Representative of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This change does not affect the makeup of the Board, neither does it change who may or may not vote.

SUBMITTED BY: Brett T. Gann, Jr. (Delta Omicron), Chairman of the 2006 National Organizations I Reference Committee on behalf of that committee.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION – 40TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Be it resolved that the National Service Week program of emphasis for 2009-2010 be, "Blue and Gold Go Green: Environmentalism."
Be it further resolved that the project theme for 2009 be, "The 5th Field of Service: Service to the Earth" and that the 2010 project theme be, "Get the Green Out: Making Communities Greener".

PURPOSE: This would set our National Service Week with one of the hottest topics of our day: clean, green living. By serving the world around us, we serve everyone.

RATIONALE: It would be hard to imagine anything in life that wasn't infused with Green ideals, and it is high time APO joined the fight. Green living is one of the fastest growing ideologies, and with that comes a renewed interest in any organization that proposes its own Green measures. Sustainability, according to TreeHugger.com, may be important, yet, "most people aren't willing to compromise their current lifestyle in order to improve our shared environment," which is understandable. However, as APOers, it is our regular duty to step outside of our comfort zone to do the right thing. With tens of thousands of actives, we *can* make an impact in the course of two years. That's something that few organizations can aspire to.

Some possible service projects can be found at: <http://charityguide.org/volunteer/environmental-protection.htm>

SUBMITTED BY: Thomas Pinkerton, Service VP, AAH Chapter, MacMurray College

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The National Fraternity, through the leadership of the National Board of Directors, develop a plan or program that encourages Chapters to host and/or participate in ceremonies that commemorate Veterans' Day on their academic campuses or in their communities in order to honor campus faculty, staff, and fellow students for their service to the United States of America.

PURPOSE: This resolution establishes an initiative that will lead to Chapter involvement in hosting or participating in Veterans' Day observances that honor the sacrifice and service of campus faculty, staff, and fellow students. This resolution also serves to bring forth the topic of service and recognition of our military veterans to the attention of the National Convention and the National Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: Alpha Phi Omega is in a unique position as a recognized national campus service organization to honor those who dedicate themselves to service to our country. The sacrifices and contributions made by our military veterans, past and present, are essential to the preservation of our freedom, liberty, and way of life. In a nonpolitical manner, our Chapters can develop on-campus events that recognize this important occasion and bring recognition to faculty, staff, and students who have served with honor in our Armed Forces. This is especially timely, given that many recent veterans of combat operations in the Middle East and elsewhere are now students, faculty, and staff on campuses across the country. Regardless of the political and spiritual ideologies of our Brothers and campuses communities in general, we do owe a significant degree of respect to these individuals for their service and dedication.

SUBMITTED BY:

Kenneth Hunter, Alumnus, Tau Epsilon Chapter, Tennessee Technological University
Joel Natt, Alumnus, Alpha Delta Tau Chapter, Nova Southeastern University

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Be it resolved that Alpha Phi Omega initiate a global fruit tree planting at public parks to be serviced by local APO collegiate chapters and alumni associations

PURPOSE: Alpha Phi Omega to initiate a global fruit tree planting at public parks to be serviced by local APO collegiate chapters and alumni associations.

RATIONALE: This is a proposal for an international service project with APO-USA and APO-Philippines members around the world as participants. Chapters and associations will coordinate with local authorities the establishment of "APO GO (Green Orchards)" at public parks. As a service to the community, APO members will plant fruit-bearing trees and tend to the trees on a sustained basis.

SUBMITTED BY: Brother Mel S Gonzales Jr, Alumnus, Gamma Beta Chapter (San Jose State University), on behalf of Brods Ferdie Yambot and Ronnie Deveza, Alumni, APO-Philippines Pi Chapter (University of Santo Tomas)

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Be it resolved that Alpha Phi Omega will collect electronic equipment in shoe boxes (eShoeBox) for donation to libraries in the Philippines

PURPOSE: Alpha Phi Omega to collect electronic equipment in shoe boxes (eShoeBox) for donation to libraries in the Philippines.

RATIONALE: This is a proposal for an international service project (ISP) between APO-USA and APO-Philippines in partnership with APO-ACNA (Alumni Council of North America). Just like the 2001-02 ISP: book drive, which transported 120,000 books and 200 electronic equipment to the Philippines, this project requests APO-USA collegiate chapters and alumni associations to collect small electronic equipment (cassette and CD players (Walkmans), cassettes, CDs, and DVDs, cellular telephones, hand-held organizers, etc.) in shoe boxes and drop the donations at APO-USA regional conferences for pickup by members of ACNA. An umbrella organization with more than 20 members-alumni associations in the U.S. and Canada, ACNA will ship the donations to the Philippines where the APO-Philippines chapters and associations will donate the electronic equipment to become part of the local library media equipment.

SUBMITTED BY: Brother Mel S Gonzales Jr, Alumnus, Gamma Beta Chapter (San Jose State University), on behalf of Brod Ben J. Castro, APO-ACNA President-elect, 2009-10