

“Open Membership Resolution”

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Alpha Phi Omega National Board of Directors
July 9, 2005

Whereas, open and diverse membership is a core value of Alpha Phi Omega; and

Whereas, open membership as it appears in our bylaws is not clearly defined and is open to multiple interpretations; and

Whereas, the actions of the 1976 and 1998 National Conventions have attempted to clarify the Fraternity’s open membership policy; and

Whereas, Alpha Phi Omega has a strong history of eliminating barriers to inclusion; and

Whereas, the social and legal climate has evolved significantly in the last 30 years; and

Whereas, we recognize and acknowledge the contributions that all-male chapters have made to their campuses and communities; and

Whereas, the National Board is charged with, among other things, enforcing the membership policies of the Fraternity as well as ensuring compliance with applicable laws; and

Whereas, the National Board is also responsible for the long-term interests of the fraternity,

Be it resolved that, in the interest of advancing Alpha Phi Omega and upon advice of legal counsel, all chapters must practice open membership without regard to gender.

Be it further resolved that Regional Directors are strongly encouraged to provide educational and discussion opportunities related to this topic at their respective Regional Conferences.

The Board further directs the National President to appoint a committee to develop a transition plan and timeline for implementation of open memberships for all chapters to be presented to the National Board of Directors at its February 2006 meeting. The majority of this committee shall consist of active members from all-male chapters.