

BYLAWS
of
SIGMA ALPHA OMEGA® CHRISTIAN SORORITY, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Sigma Alpha Omega® Christian Sorority, Inc., a national Christian social sorority.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. Statement of Purpose.

The purpose of this organization shall be to assemble Christian women in Christ-centered sororities at institutions of higher learning for the purpose of chapter members enjoying Christian fellowship, service, and social activities that benefit the members, the Christian Community and the General Public.

2. Mission.

The Mission Statement for Sigma Alpha Omega is: To glorify God by reaching women across the world through the expansion of the sisterhood, by encouraging spiritual development through Christ-inspired accountability and unity, by participating in evangelistic and philanthropic endeavors, and by focusing on good scholarship and humble leadership.

3. Vision.

The Vision of Sigma Alpha Omega is: To become an international Christ-centered sisterhood that equips women to grow in their relationships with Christ through unity and service to others at institutions of higher learning.

4. Membership Eligibility.

Sigma Alpha Omega was founded and shall always work to further the teachings and principles of the Christian religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and faith in the one God who is an indivisible Holy Trinity comprised of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Membership in Sigma Alpha Omega is offered by invitation only to eligible persons who profess such faith for so long as they continue to profess it and otherwise comply with the membership requirements of Sigma Alpha Omega. Sigma Alpha Omega shall never discriminate on the basis of race or color.

5. Philanthropy.

As of June 2, 2007, the national philanthropic cause of Sigma Alpha Omega is Ovarian Cancer Awareness.

6. Charitable Foundation.

As of June 7, 2014, the official charitable organization of Sigma Alpha Omega is Sisters by Grace Foundation.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

1. Membership.

The membership of this national organization shall be granted to any Christian female student at the resident college or university of a recognized Chapter and their respective alumnae. If a college or university does not allow for the formation of social sororities, a Christian female student at that school is eligible for affiliated membership in a recognized Chapter within traveling distance of that school, pending approval of the active members, or may choose to begin the chartering process with others, without campus recognition. A Chapter with affiliated member(s) will keep the school name of the recognized Chapter, despite the affiliated membership. Further information regarding membership statuses and requirements are defined in the Sigma Alpha Omega National Policies, Rules and Regulations.

2. Records.

A permanent record of the active, affiliated, arrears, associate, alumni, and advisory membership as defined by the Standard Sorority Bylaws shall be kept in the records by the Secretary of the Corporation.

3. Suspension or Dissolution.

The Board of Trustees can recommend the suspension or dissolution of membership of any member for just cause, after due deliberation. This shall be binding with a majority affirmative vote of the Board. Individual Chapters may also recommend the suspension and dissolution of membership of members in accordance with their Chapter Bylaws. Notice of this suspension or dissolution shall be sent to the National Office, and such suspended or dissolved membership decisions may be appealed to the Board of Trustees with a majority vote of the Board being necessary to overturn or modify the Chapter's decision.

4. Authority.

In all matters of organization, membership, and procedures, the National Bylaws, Policies, Ceremonies, and Manuals of the sisterhood of Sigma Alpha Omega Christian Sorority shall have authority and should be observed and consulted.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. General Powers.

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall in all cases act as a Board, and they may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of the corporation, as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these by-laws and the laws of this state.

2. Number, Tenure, Election and Qualifications

The number of Trustees of the corporation shall be nine-- which shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five separate Trustees. Each Trustee shall hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successor shall have been elected and qualified. Only alumni of Sigma Alpha Omega® Christian Sorority shall qualify to serve as a Trustee. In the first year of operation, nine Trustees shall be appointed by the Incorporator to serve for two years. In

the third year, three Trustees shall be elected to serve three year terms, three Trustees shall be elected to serve two year terms, and three Trustees shall be elected to serve one year terms. In the fourth year and every year thereafter, three Trustees shall be elected to serve three year terms.

The Trustees shall be elected by the members through their respective chapters. Each chapter shall be allowed two voting delegates at the annual meeting of members, each of whom shall be members. Any member in good standing may attend the annual meeting of the Members. Each delegate shall be given one vote for each Trustee position available, but must not vote for the same candidate more than once in any round of voting.

3. Regular Meetings.

A regular meeting of the Trustees, shall be held without other notice than this by-law. The Trustees may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

Each Trustee is required to faithfully attend each meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Board will allow two (2) excused absences during the Sigma Alpha Omega operating year and no more than two (2) additional excused absences due to approved sorority business travel. Meetings of the Board of Trustees may include, but are not limited to: monthly teleconferences, roundtables, the business meeting at the Annual Meeting of Members, and any other emergency meetings called. An excused absence is one that is submitted to the National Board of Trustees at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance and that is due to the following reasons: work schedule, illness, or family emergency. Notwithstanding, a Trustee may be excused absent after Board-approval for a milestone event (e.g., wedding, funeral, etc.) submitted for review no later than the prior regular meeting before her anticipated absence. An absence shall be excused should a regular meeting be rescheduled less than two (2) months prior or a special meeting is scheduled less than two (2) months prior, and the Trustee had given notice of the anticipated absence during proposal of the new meeting time and date, and, if applicable, the Trustee supplies her general report to all Trustees at least seventy-two (72) hours before the rescheduled time and date of meeting. In all cases of emergencies resulting in an unforeseen absence, absences shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis at the following regular meeting by Board majority vote, barring the vote of the Trustee in question.

A Trustee shall be considered tardy should she arrive ten (10) or more minutes late to a meeting. Trustees shall be considered early-leave departed should she depart ten (10) or more minutes before two (2) hours time of a regular meeting or thirty (30) minutes time of an emergency meeting. Two (2) unexcused tardies and/or early-leave departures shall constitute one (1) unexcused absence. A Trustee shall be pardoned for tardiness or early-leave caused by Board-approved reasons including, but are not limited to: work schedule, illness, family emergency, an approved milestone event, or approved sorority business travel. A Trustee may submit any reason(s) for her tardiness or early-leave no later than the following regular business meeting for Board majority vote approval, barring the vote of the Trustee in question.

The Secretary shall maintain a record of Trustee attendance, tardiness, and early-leave, and shall report current Board attendance records with the Sigma Alpha Omega operating year at each regular meeting. The Secretary, or otherwise specified Officer in the absence or attendance evaluation of the Secretary, shall count votes regarding Trustee attendance, tardiness, and

early-departure appeals. Any Trustee shall reserve the right to demand a vote by anonymous ballot regarding Trustee attendance, tardiness, and early-leave departure. Such anonymous ballots may be via email, text message, or any other Board-approved medium.

After the first unexcused absence, the Trustee will receive a written warning by the Secretary and the President. Should the Secretary or President have her first unexcused absence, another Board-appointed Trustee shall substitute. Following the second unexcused absence, the Trustee's attendance will be subject to review by the National Board. A third unexcused absence will result in a vote of the National Board of Trustees whether to remove the Trustee from office.

4. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Trustees may be called by or at the request of the President or any four Trustees. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the directors may fix the place for holding any special meetings of the directors called by them.

5. Notice.

Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least three (3) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or by telephone, text message, or email to each Trustee at her business and/or personal address(es). The attendance of a Trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

6. Quorum.

At any meeting of the Trustees, five Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if less than said number is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

7. Manner of Acting.

The act of the majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Trustees.

8. Vacancies.

Vacancies occurring by reason of the removal of Trustees without cause shall be filled by the vote of the members qualified to vote at the Annual Meeting. A Trustee elected to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, death or removal shall be elected to hold office for the unexpired term of her predecessor.

9. Removal of Trustees.

Any or all of the Trustees may be removed for cause by action of the Board. Trustees may not be removed without cause.

10. Resignation.

A Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President or the Secretary of the corporation. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Board or such Officer, and the acceptance of the resignation thereof shall not be necessary to make it effective.

11. Compensation.

No compensation shall be paid to Trustees, as such, for their services, but by resolution of the Board a fixed sum and expenses for actual attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board may be authorized. In appreciation for a member's service to the Board, the registration fee to attend the yearly Convention shall be waived for each year of service to the Board. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Trustee from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

12. Presumption of Assent.

A Trustee of the corporation who is present at a meeting of the Trustees at which action on any corporate matter is taken unless her dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless she shall file her written dissent to such action with the person acting as the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or shall forward such dissent by registered mail to the Secretary of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting, such right to dissent shall not apply to a Trustee who voted in favor of such action.

13. Executive and Other Committees.

The Board, by resolution, may designate from among its members an executive committee and other committees, each consisting of two or more Trustees. Each such committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

14. Limitations

No National Trustee may also serve on the Sisters by Grace Foundation Board of Directors, with the exception of the Foundation Liaison(s) as assigned amongst the National Board annually. No National Trustee may also be an official Advisor for any chapter of Sigma Alpha Omega. National Trustees may apply for trusteeship, employment, and/or a National Steward role upon the conclusion of their term of service or upon resignation.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. Number.

The Officers of the corporation shall be a President (also called a chief executive Officer), a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the Trustees from among the Trustees to serve one-year terms. The Board may also appoint/contract with an Executive Director to manage the daily operations of the corporation, and such executive director shall also be a non-voting member of the Board. The Executive Director may not also be a Trustee. Such other Officers and assistant Officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the directors.

2. Election and Term of Office.

The Officers of the corporation to be elected by the Trustees shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the Trustees held after each annual meeting of the members. Each Officer shall hold office until her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until her death or until she shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

3. Removal.

Any Officer or agent elected or appointed by the directors may be removed by the directors whenever in their judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

4. Vacancies.

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

5. President.

The President shall be the principal executive Officer of the corporation and, subject to the control of the directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. She shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the stockholders and of the directors. She may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper Officer of the corporation thereunto authorized by the directors, certificates for shares of the corporation, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the directors or by these by-laws to some other Officer or agent of the corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the directors from time to time.

6. Vice-President.

In the absence of the President or in the event of her death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to her by the President or the Trustees.

7. Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Trustees and members meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required, be custodian of the corporate records of the corporation and keep a register of the post office address of each chapter and its current membership in good standing which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such chapters, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to her by the President or by the Trustees.

8. Treasurer.

If required by the directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of her duties in such circumstances and with such surety or sureties as the directors shall determine. She shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with these by-laws and in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to her by the President or by the Trustees. The Treasurer may also

be called the Vice President of Administration unless a separate individual is appointed or hired by the corporation to hold such position

9. Salaries.

The salaries of the Officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Trustees and no Officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that she is also a Trustee of the corporation.

As of the 2014 Annual Meeting of Members, Article IV, Section 2, and the whole of Article V and VI will be replaced by the Five Phase Plan, as voted on at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Members with each additional phase replacing the preceding phase.

ARTICLE VI - ADDITIONAL NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ROLES

1. Purpose

The purpose of the additional National Board of Trustee roles is to aid in national service to specific and substantial areas not included or feasible amongst the general duties of National Board Officers.

2. General Duties, Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities

The general duties, rights, privileges, and responsibilities of National Board Officers shall be extended to all additional National Board of Trustees roles included in this Article VI.

ARTICLE VII - NATIONAL STEWARDS

1. National Steward

A National Steward shall be defined as a non-trustee, volunteer-elected role that has responsibilities and authority extended under the leadership of the National Board of Trustees.

2. Eligibility and Selection

Any National Steward shall be an alumna in good standing and must apply for her role and receive $\frac{2}{3}$ majority approval by the annual meeting of member delegates.

3. National Steward Roles

Should a need arise that the current National Board of Trustees cannot fulfill, the National Board may enact National Steward Roles, such as Regional Mentors, to assist in the national management of the sorority that may not exceed terms of one (1) calendar year.

4. Number

The number of National Steward Roles may or may not be specified at the time of application. Any limitation on number must be announced before taking a vote from the delegates at the annual meeting.

5. Resignations

A National Steward may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President or the Secretary of the corporation. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect

upon receipt thereof by the Board or such Officer, and the acceptance of the resignation thereof shall not be necessary to make it effective.

6. Removal of National Stewards

Any or all of the National Stewards and roles may be removed without cause by action of the Board.

7. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring by reason of removal, resignation, or death shall be filled by appointment by the National Board of Trustees.

8. Regular Meetings

All meetings scheduled shall follow the attendance policy outlined for Trustees in Article IV. Sec. 3. Regular Meetings.

9. Limitations

No National Steward may also hold office in the Sigma Alpha Omega National Board of Trustees or the Sisters by Grace Foundation Board of Directors. No National Steward may also be an official Advisor for any chapter of Sigma Alpha Omega. She is not permitted to enter into any agreements or contracts on behalf of the associations, chapters or entirety of Sigma Alpha Omega, and cannot purchase without the direct consent of the National Board of Trustees. National Stewards may apply for Trustee, employment, and/or another steward role upon the conclusion of their term of service or upon resignation.

10. Convention Registration

National Stewards shall not pay registration costs for convention.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

1. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the members shall be held on the 1st Saturday of June in each year beginning with the year 2005 at the hour of 9 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of electing Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day.

2. Delegation.

2. Delegation. Each recognized chapter shall be represented by two (2) delegates at the annual meeting of the members selected in accordance with the Sigma Alpha Omega National Policies, Rules and Regulations. Each recognized alumnae association shall be represented by two (2) delegates at the annual meeting of the members selected in accordance with the Sigma Alpha Omega National Policies, Rules and Regulations.

3. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the members, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, may be called by the President or by the Trustees, and shall be called by the President at

the request of the members of not less than 50 percent of all chapters entitled to vote at the meeting.

4. Place of Meeting.

The Trustees may designate any place, either within or without the State unless otherwise prescribed by statute, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Trustees. A waiver of notice signed by all delegates entitled to vote at a meeting may designate any place, either within or without the state unless otherwise prescribed by statute, as the place for holding such meeting. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of meeting shall be the principal office of the corporation.

5. Notice of Meeting.

Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than seven nor more than 90 days before the date of the meetings, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary, or the Officer or persons calling the meeting, to each stockholder or record entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the stockholder at her address as it appears on the stock transfer books of the corporation, with postage thereon pre-paid.

6. Voting Lists

The National Board shall make, at least five days before each meeting of members, a complete list of the delegates entitled to vote at such meeting, or any adjournment thereof, arranged by chapter in Greek alphabetical order, with the chapter address and phone number of each, which list, for a period of five days prior to such meeting, shall be kept on file at the principal office of the corporation and shall be subject to inspection by any member at any time during usual business hours. Such list shall also be produced and kept open at the time and place of the meeting and shall be subject to the inspection of any member during the whole time of the meeting.

7. Quorum.

At any meeting of members, a majority of the delegates entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of members. If less than said number of the outstanding delegates are represented at a meeting, a majority of the delegates so represented may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. At such adjournment meeting at which a quorum shall be present or represented, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified. The delegates present at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough delegates to leave less than a quorum.

8. Proxies.

At all meetings of members, a delegate may vote by proxy executed in writing by the delegate or by her duly authorized attorney in fact. Such proxy shall be filed with the Secretary of the corporation before or at the time of the meeting. Such proxy votes shall count towards quorum for the transaction of business as if the person executing the proxy were present for said vote.

9. Voting.

Each delegate entitled to vote in accordance with the terms and provisions of the certificate of incorporation and these bylaws shall be entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy. Upon the demand of any delegate, the vote for Trustees and upon any question before the meeting shall be by ballot. All elections for Trustees shall be decided by plurality vote; all other questions shall be decided by majority vote except as otherwise provided by the Articles of Incorporation or the laws of this State.

10. Order of Business.

The order of business at all meetings of the members shall be as follows:

- Roll call
- Proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice
- Reading of minutes of preceding meeting
- Reports of Officers
- Reports of committees
- Election of Trustees
- Unfinished business
- New business

This order of business may be waived by majority vote if there are fewer than four shareholders.

11. Informal Action by Members.

Unless otherwise provided by law, any action required to be taken at a meeting of the members, or any other action which may be taken at a meeting of the members, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the delegates entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

ARTICLE IX - CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

1. Contracts.

The Trustees may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or excuse and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

2. Loans.

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Trustees. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

3. Checks, Drafts, etc.

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Trustees.

4. Deposits

All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Trustees may select.

5. Credit Cards

Any credit card issued to the corporation shall be possessed by only the Trustees and shall not be used by any person not a member of the Board of Trustees unless authorized by a vote of the Trustees. Credit Cards shall be used only for expenses authorized by the Trustees. All expenses shall be reported on the Credit Card Expense Report Form and verified by receipts monthly. Any Trustee who uses corporate credit cards for expenses not authorized by the Trustees may be removed by a vote of the Trustees and may be required to pay restitution for any financial loss as a result of the misuse. Use of any benefits from rewards programs associated with the credit cards must be approved by a vote of the Trustees and must be directly related to the corporation. The balance on all credit cards shall be paid in full monthly.

6. Reimbursement

For timely financial management, all expense reimbursement requests shall be submitted to the Treasurer no later than thirty days after the purchase date. Requests submitted later than thirty days after purchase shall be reimbursed at the Treasurer's discretion.

7. Debit Cards

The use of a debit card for National Board Officers and Trustee members will be deemed appropriate during the time of service. A request for a card shall be made the first month of office, each new calendar year. It is understood that all purchases made are for sorority business only. The Board shall abide by the following protocol:

- a. The National Board Treasurer shall be notified of the desire to hold a card within the first month of service, giving her emergency contact information and social security number to set up the card.
- b. Debit card holders shall advise Treasurer of purchases exceeding \$500 to ensure appropriate bank balance before purchase.
- c. Expense Forms with associated receipts are due to the Treasurer for debit card purchases no later than one (1) week after making the purchase.
- d. Any debit card purchases must be included in the monthly statement by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE X – DUES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

1. Dues.

- a. The semi-annual, nonrefundable dues of the members shall be \$50 for each active member and \$35 for each associate member, payable to the corporation by the 15th day of October and the 1st day of April. The semi-annual dues of a member shall be paid by the member for each semester the member is an active member of a chapter.
- b. Each sorority chapter shall pay a nonrefundable prepaid due amount of \$60 for each new member candidate, to be paid to the corporation by the chapter by the 15th day of October when beginning the process during the fall semester or the 1st day of April when beginning the candidate process during the spring semester. Such fee shall be made

payable to the corporation, regardless of the successful completion of the new member candidate process.

c. Recommended semi-annual dues of alumnae members shall be \$20 in donation to Sisters by Grace Foundation.

d. The maximum amount of dollars a chapter may charge, inclusive of national dues, for sister or candidate dues per sister/candidate is \$420.00. If the National dues increase, this \$420.00 limitation shall also increase by the identical dollar amount corresponding with the amount raised by the National Board.

2. Assessments.

There shall be no assessments against chapters or members except by vote of the delegates either at an annual meeting, a special meeting, or by informal action of the members.

ARTICLE XI - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the First day of January in each year.

ARTICLE XII - WAIVER OF NOTICE

Unless otherwise provided by law, whenever any notice is required to be given to any member or Trustee of the corporation under the provisions of these by-laws or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at any annual meeting of the members or at any special meeting of the members when the proposed amendment has been set out in the notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE XIV – CHAPTER POLICY AND BYLAWS

The policies, rules, regulations, and sample bylaws of the chapter shall be as set forth by the Board of Trustees. Bylaws of individual chapters shall be those mutually agreed upon by the Board of Trustees and a majority of the members in the corresponding chapter and the academic institution from which the chapter is based. In all cases, the Board of Trustees may refuse to accept bylaws and/or issue a charter to the prospective chapter. Upon successful completion of all rules and regulations, the Board of Trustees may issue a charter to the chapter entitling it and its members to all rights and privileges of membership. Such chapter charter may be revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees for cause, or by a two-thirds vote by the delegates at any meeting of the members. In all cases, the Board of Trustees by majority vote may suspend the charter of a chapter for a suspected violation of applicable law or the regulations of the academic institution.

ARTICLE XV – ALUMNI ASSOCIATION POLICY AND BYLAWS

The policies, rules, regulations, and sample bylaws of an alumni association shall be as set forth by the Board of Trustees. Bylaws of individual alumni associations for a given chapter or state shall be those mutually agreed upon by the Board of Trustees and a majority of the members in the corresponding alumni association and its associated academic institution from which the undergraduate chapter is based. In all cases, the Board of Trustees may refuse to accept bylaws to the prospective alumni association. Upon successful completion of all rules and regulations, the Board of Trustees may issue a charter to the alumni association entitling it and its members to all rights and privileges of membership. Such alumni association charter may be revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees for cause, or by a two-thirds vote by the delegates at any meeting of the members. In all cases, the Board of Trustees by majority vote may suspend the charter of an alumni association chapter for a suspected violation of applicable law or the regulations of the associated academic institution.