

**ALPHA PHI OMEGA
TRIANGLE AREA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BYLAWS
January 2003**

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this alumni organization is the Alpha Phi Omega Triangle Area Alumni Association.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the alumni organization shall be to promote the principles of Alpha Phi Omega among alumni members and the entire fraternity. This shall be accomplished through such activities as this alumni organization shall deem desirable.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. SIZE. It shall be the aim of this alumni organization to maintain a sufficient number of active members to achieve and sustain the purpose of this alumni organization.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP. Membership in this alumni organization shall be granted to the following:

- A. People who are duly registered in the National Office as alumni members of any nationally recognized Alpha Phi Omega Chapter, or
- B. People who are not alumni members of Alpha Phi Omega but are approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing of the association.
- C. The alumni organization shall not grant any form of membership that does not comply with the above standards.

SECTION 3. GOOD STANDING. Members of this alumni association who have paid their dues as prescribed by the organization shall be considered "in good standing." Only members in good standing shall have the right to vote and to hold office.

SECTION 4. RECOGNITION. The alumni organization shall apply to the National Alumni Chairman as prescribed in the National Bylaws for formal recognition.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. TITLES. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- A. All of the officers listed above shall be elected.
- B. Other officers, and/or committees are appointed by the President and approved by the elected officers, who when meeting collectively shall be called the executive committee.

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY. Only members in good standing may serve as an officer of this alumni organization.

SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE. The officers of this alumni organization shall be elected annually during the month of September and serve one year. An officer may succeed himself/herself.

SECTION 4. NOMINATION COMMITTEE. The nomination committee shall be made up of a chairman (appointed by the President, and approved by the alumni organization) and members selected by the chairman of the nomination committee. The nomination committee chairman will, one month before elections, provide a slate of officer candidates. On the date of the election, nominations may be taken from the floor.

SECTION 5. VOTING. A majority of the members in good standing present and voting, including proxies, shall be required to elect each officer. The ballots are to be counted by the nomination committee, and reported immediately.

SECTION 6. INSTALLATION. The officers shall be installed according to the ceremony provided by the National Fraternity in the Ritual Book.

SECTION 7. PROXY VOTING. Proxy voting by mail ballots or by proxy ballots brought by another alumni organization member shall be allowed, upon certification by the nomination committee.

SECTION 8. VACANCIES OF OFFICE. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall become President. Whenever there is a vacancy in any other elected position, the President shall appoint a replacement subject to the approval of a majority vote of the alumni organization.

SECTION 8. REGIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL. This alumni organization shall elect its representative on the Regional Alumni Council. Notice of this representative shall be sent to the National Office of Alpha Phi Omega, for notification of the Regional Alumni Representative and the National Alumni Chairman.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT. The President shall:

- A. Serve as the presiding officer at all association meetings and at meetings of the executive committee.
- B. Coordinate the functions of all alumni organization officers and committees.
- C. Appoint such committees as are necessary to carry out the program of the alumni organization.
- D. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- E. Ensure that the alumni organization is operated in conformity with the principles set forth in the National Bylaws, the Standard Chapter Articles of Association, these Bylaws, and any standard policies of the alumni organization.
- F. Ensure that the paperwork and money required for the Triangle Area Alumni Association to remain in good standing be submitted to the National Office within one month after the annual meeting.

SECTION 2. VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall:

- A. Plan and coordinate the membership program of this alumni organization.
- B. Perform all presidential functions in the absence of the President.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall:

- A. Maintain an accurate record of alumni organization meetings and the executive committee meetings.
- B. Issue the alumni organization directory.
- C. Carry on the necessary correspondence on behalf of the alumni organization.
- D. Provide timely information concerning the activities of the alumni organization to the members and friends of the organization.
- E. Publicize the association history where appropriate.

SECTION 4. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall:

- A. Receive and disburse the funds of the alumni organization in a prudent manner.
- B. Maintain an accurate record of all alumni organization transactions.
- C. Develop the alumni organization budget for approval by the organization and strive to ensure that the budget plan is followed.
- D. Apply to the Internal Revenue Service for tax exemption status, if the organization so votes.
- E. Ensure that all financial forms and reports prescribed by federal and state laws are filed as required.

SECTION 5. ALL OFFICERS. All officers shall, in addition to their stated duties, perform such duties as their offices or the alumni organization may require.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

SECTION 1. REGULAR MEETINGS. This alumni organization shall have a monthly meeting, totaling 12 meetings a year, not including sectional, regional, and national conferences. Routine business may be conducted through other forums including, but not limited to, telephone conferences, electronic mail, and mailed ballots.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Other special meetings shall be called upon the written request of one-third of the alumni organization members, or at the discretion of the President or Executive Committee. Two-week notice of such meetings shall be provided to the organization members.

SECTION 3. QUORUM. A Quorum shall consist of any fraction over two-fifths of the alumni members in good standing, and shall be assumed present unless challenged. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum is present.

SECTION 4. VOTING. Only alumni organization members shall be allowed to vote at meetings. Proxy or absentee voting shall be allowed in all voting.

SECTION 5. RULES OF ORDER. The business of the alumni organization shall be conducted by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII SUSPENSION

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION. Suspension of a member shall require a two-thirds vote at an alumni organization meeting. The suspension charges are to be given to the executive committee; the Brother will then be given an opportunity to answer the charges. The executive committee will then vote whether to recommend suspension to the alumni organization. Such a recommendation shall be presented at the next regular organization meeting, where the Brother under suspension consideration is allowed to answer the charges filed against him/her.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

SECTION 1. The alumni organization may set dues for the members. If dues are set, the Treasurer shall set and uphold a date for payment of dues. Any member who does not submit his/her dues shall not be a member in good standing until the delinquent dues are paid in full.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members of the alumni organization in good standing at a regular alumni organization meeting, provided the amendment was proposed at the previous meeting, at least two weeks earlier.

SECTION 2. RATIFICATION. These bylaws shall become effective upon the acceptance by a vote of two-thirds of the active alumni organization members present and voting at a regular alumni organization meeting.