



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

International Constitution Committee
Proposed Bylaw Amendments
72nd Boule – Las Vegas, Nevada

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®

**CONSTITUTION
AND
BYLAWS**



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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®



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Greetings Sorors,

Proposed amendments to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® bylaws will be voted on by delegates during the 72nd Boule in Las Vegas, Nevada. The following information is provided for each of the eleven (11) proposed amendments.

- Current wording in the bylaws
- Proposed wording for the bylaw
- Revised wording if the proposed amendment is adopted at the Boule
- Rationale for the recommended change
- Financial Impact

A two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote is needed to adopt a proposed amendment. Proposed amendments must be shared with chapters by April 30, preceding the Boule. Chapter members should discuss each proposed amendment and decide if the chapter will vote to adopt or reject each amendment. Chapters should compile all questions into a single document and forward it via email to the Supreme Parliamentarian, Soror Martha Perine Beard (mbeard@aka1908.com). A written response will be sent to the chapter Basileus.

A Constitution Forum will be held at each regional conference to present the proposed amendments and answer questions.

The proposed amendments will be included in the spring 2026 chapter mailing and published in the *Ivy Leaf*.®

Thank you to the members of the International Constitution Committee for their service during the 2024 - 2026 biennium.

Sisterly,

Soror Martha Perine Beard, Chairman
International Constitution Committee

Soror Danette Anthony Reed
Supreme Basileus



Soror Martha Perine Beard

Supreme Parliamentarian and Chairman, International Constitution Committee



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Soror Ramona L. Wells
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PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 1
Clarification of Terms – Nominees and Candidates – Page 13

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>Article I–Boule Officers Standing Committees Section 15(d), – Page 13 2nd paragraph</p> <p>...</p> <p>The Nominating Committee shall convene in January for the purpose of certifying the credentials of all candidates for office and preparing the official list of nominees. It shall circulate the list of officers to chapters no later than April 15 of the year of the Boule.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>...</p> <p>The Nominating Committee shall convene in January for the purpose of certifying the credentials of all candidates <u>nominees</u> for office and preparing the official list of nominees <u>candidates</u>. It shall circulate the list of officers <u>candidates</u> to chapters no later than April 15 of the year of the Boule.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>...</p> <p>The Nominating Committee shall convene in January for the purpose of certifying the credentials of all nominees for office and preparing the official list of candidates. It shall circulate the list of candidates to chapters no later than April 15 of the year of the Boule.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Prior to the convening of the Nominating Committee, individuals are considered nominees – as they have been nominated by their chapter (unless a general member). Following the certification of credentials, individuals are then deemed to be a candidate (or not). The word change will provide clarity.</p> <p>Also, the proposed amendment clarifies that the Nominating Committee circulates the list of those certified as candidates by April 15 versus those that have been simply nominated.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: South Central Region and edited by the Nominating Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 2
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 22

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE III – CHAPTERS, SECTION 2, Page 22</p> <p>A group of twelve (12) or more women pursuing a course leading to a baccalaureate (bachelor’s) degree in an accredited two, three or four-year senior college or university is eligible to form an undergraduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Each applicant shall have attained a cumulative average of at least C+ or the average required by the National Pan-Hellenic Council in those schools where such standards govern admission to sororities. In those two, three, or four-year senior colleges or universities using pass-fail, required competency, or good standing systems of grading, that system shall be acceptable.</p>	<p>A group of twelve (12) or more women pursuing a course program leading to a baccalaureate (bachelor’s) degree in an accredited two, three or four-year senior college or university is eligible to form an undergraduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Each applicant shall have attained a cumulative average of at least C+ or the average required by the National Pan-Hellenic Council in those schools where such standards govern admission to sororities. In those accredited two, three, or four-year senior colleges or universities using pass-fail, required competency or good standing systems of grading, that system shall be acceptable.</p>	<p>A group of twelve (12) or more women pursuing a program leading to a baccalaureate (bachelor’s) degree in an accredited college or university is eligible to form an undergraduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Each applicant shall have attained a cumulative average of at least C+. In those accredited colleges or universities using pass-fail, required competency or good standing systems of grading, that system shall be acceptable.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Alpha Kappa Alpha is not governed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the sorority does not accept candidates from two and three-year colleges or universities.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

**PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 3
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 23**

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE III – CHAPTERS – SECTION 9, Page 23</p> <p>Chapter officers shall be elected in November and installed at the end of the December meeting, except on campuses where National Pan-Hellenic Council regulations differ.</p>	<p>Chapter officers shall be elected in November and installed at the end of the December meeting, except on campuses where National Pan-Hellenic Council regulations differ.</p>	<p>Chapter officers shall be elected in November and installed at the end of the December meeting.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is not governed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4
ELECTRONIC CHAPTER MEETINGS – Page 24**

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>Article III–Chapters Section 11 – Page 24. Each chapter shall have at least one meeting per month except during the summer months. Failure to meet three consecutive months between September and June will make the chapter inactive and ineligible for representation at the Boule. Chapter meetings are to be held in a manner that allows sorors to be in a room together for face-to-face discussion of chapter business. In the event of an emergency or special circumstance, a chapter meeting may be held electronically upon approval of the Regional Director. Except for specific officers, and sorors sponsoring candidates for membership, attendance at chapter meetings and activities shall be voluntary.</p>	<p>Article III–Chapters Section 11. Each chapter shall have at least one meeting per month except during the summer months. Failure to meet three consecutive months between September and June will make the chapter inactive and ineligible for representation at the Boule. Chapter meetings are to be held in a manner that allows sorors to be in a room together for face-to-face discussion of chapter business <u>except as noted in these bylaws.</u> <u>Except for chapter meetings where officer elections, budget approval, membership intake voting, or bylaw amendments discussion or voting take place, a chapter meeting may be held electronically.</u> <u>No more than three electronic meetings may be held during the calendar year.</u> In the event of an emergency or special circumstance, a chapter meeting may be held electronically upon approval of the Regional Director. <u>In the event of an emergency or special circumstance that results in the need for an extra electronic meeting, approval from the regional director must be received before the meeting can be held.</u> Except for specific officers, and sorors sponsoring candidates for membership, attendance at chapter meetings and activities shall be voluntary.</p>	<p>Article III–Chapters Section 11. Each chapter shall have at least one meeting per month except during the summer months. Failure to meet three consecutive months between September and June will make the chapter inactive and ineligible for representation at the Boule.</p> <p>Chapter meetings are to be held in a manner that allows sorors to be in a room together for face-to-face discussion of chapter business except as noted in these bylaws.</p> <p>Except for chapter meetings where officer elections, budget approval, membership intake voting, or bylaw amendments discussion or voting take place, a chapter meeting may be held electronically. No more than three electronic meetings may be held during the calendar year.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency or special circumstance that results in the need for an extra electronic meeting, approval from the regional director must be received before the meeting can be held.</p> <p>Except for specific officers, and sorors sponsoring candidates for membership, attendance at chapter meetings and activities shall be voluntary.</p>

RATIONALE: To provide more flexibility in the manner in which chapter meetings can be held.

SUBMITTED BY: Directorate

DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No financial impact will be incurred at the international level. Each chapter should estimate its financial impact on the chapter.

**PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 5
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 25**

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE III -CHAPTERS, SECTION 18, Page 25</p> <p>Each undergraduate chapter shall be required to maintain a scholastic average of at least C+ in an accredited college or university, except where there are National Pan-Hellenic Council regulations. Grades must be sent to the Regional Director by the Graduate Advisor at the end of each grading period. A chapter whose scholastic average falls below C+ shall be subject to withdrawal of chapter privileges until the required average is attained, and official evidence sent to the Regional Director, except for where the National Pan-Hellenic Council governs sorority activities.</p>	<p>Each undergraduate chapter shall be required to maintain a scholastic average of at least C+ in an accredited college or university, except where there are National Pan-Hellenic Council regulations. Grades must be sent to the Regional Director by the Graduate Advisor at the end of each grading period. A chapter whose scholastic average falls below C+ shall be subject to withdrawal of chapter privileges until the required average is attained and official evidence sent to the Regional Director, except for where the National Pan-Hellenic Council governs sorority activities.</p>	<p>Each undergraduate chapter shall be required to maintain a scholastic average of at least C+ in an accredited college or university. Grades must be sent to the Regional Director by the Graduate Advisor at the end of each grading period. A chapter whose scholastic average falls below C+ shall be subject to withdrawal of chapter privileges until the required average is attained, and official evidence sent to the Regional Director.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: The National Pan-Hellenic Council does not govern Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 6
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 28

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND CLASSIFICATIONS SECTION 4, Page 28</p> <p>An undergraduate member is a soror who is pursuing a course of study leading to a baccalaureate (bachelor’s) degree at an accredited two, three, or four-year senior college or university who has been initiated under ARTICLE IV,, SECTION 12 – 21- (New Members – Undergraduates) of this Article.</p> <p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND CLASSIFICATIONS SECTION 5, PAGE 28</p>	<p>An undergraduate member is a soror who is pursuing a course program of study leading to a baccalaureate (bachelor’s) degree at an accredited two, three, or four-year senior college or university who has been initiated under ARTICLE IV,, SECTION 12 – 21- (New Members – Undergraduates) of this Article.</p> <p>A graduate member is a soror who has earned a baccalaureate (bachelor’s), graduate or professional degree at an accredited two, three, or four-year senior college or university.</p>	<p>An undergraduate member is a soror who is pursuing a program of study leading to a baccalaureate (bachelor’s) degree at an accredited college or university, who has been initiated under ARTICLE IV, SECTION 12 – 21 – (New Members – Undergraduates) of this Article.</p> <p>A graduate member is a soror who has earned a baccalaureate (bachelor’s) graduate or professional degree at an accredited college or university.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: The sorority does not initiate candidates from two or three-year senior colleges or universities.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 7
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 32

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND CLASSIFICATIONS SECTION 13, Page 32</p> <p>Undergraduate candidates must have attained the cumulative average of C+ and the semester average of C+ in the semester immediately prior to submitting an application for membership. In those two, three or four-year senior colleges or universities using pass-fail, required competency or good standing, systems of grading, either shall be acceptable. Candidates must provide written evidence of detailed community/campus involvement from a director or advisor of the activity or program.</p>	<p>Undergraduate candidates must have attained the cumulative average of C+ and the semester average of C+ in the semester immediately prior to submitting an application for membership. In those two, three or four-year senior accredited colleges or universities using pass-fail, required competency or good standing, systems of grading, either shall be acceptable. Candidates must provide written evidence of detailed community/campus involvement from a director or advisor of the activity or program.</p>	<p>Undergraduate candidates must have attained the cumulative average of C+ and the semester average of C+ in the semester immediately prior to submitting an application for membership. In those accredited colleges or universities using pass-fail, required competency or good standing, systems of grading, either shall be acceptable. Candidates must provide written evidence of detailed community/campus involvement from a director or advisor of the activity or program.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Alpha Kappa Alpha does not accept candidates from two or three-year senior colleges or universities. Additionally, amendment clarifies that the sorority accepts candidates only from accredited colleges and universities.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

**PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 8
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 33**

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND CLASSIFICATIONS, SECTION 15, Page 33</p> <p>An extension student who is attending a school at the time of voting and who has attained the classification of senior (90 semester hours) is eligible to be voted on. An extension student is one who is enrolled in and pursuing a course leading to a degree in an accredited two, three, or four-year senior college or university but not in the regular session.</p>	<p>Delete this Section.</p>	
<p>RATIONALE: Alpha Kappa Alpha does not accept candidates from two or three-year colleges or universities and the Extension category is obsolete.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 9
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 34

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND CLASSIFICATIONS, SECTION 18, Page 34</p> <p>On college or university campuses when admission to sororities is governed by the National Panhellenic Association of America or National Pan-Hellenic Council, undergraduate candidates shall be accepted as members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated under the prevailing standards of that college or university.</p>	<p>On college or university campuses when admission to sororities is governed by the National Panhellenic Association of America or National Pan-Hellenic Council, Undergraduate candidates shall be accepted as members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated under the prevailing standards of that college or university, <u>if they differ from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.</u></p>	<p>Undergraduate candidates shall be accepted as members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated under the prevailing standards of that college or university if they differ from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is not governed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council of America or the National Pan-Hellenic Council.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

**PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 10
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 34**

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND CLASSIFICATIONS, SECTION 19, Page 34</p> <p>Undergraduate candidates of city chapters matriculating in colleges or universities where admission to sororities is governed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council shall be accepted as members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated under the prevailing standards of that college or university. All other candidates for membership of that city chapter shall be accepted under the same standards/</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Undergraduate candidates of city chapters matriculating in colleges or universities where admission to sororities is governed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council shall be accepted as members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated under the prevailing standards of that college or university. All other candidates for membership of that city chapter shall be accepted under the same standards if they differ from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Undergraduate candidates of city chapters shall be accepted as members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority under the prevailing standards of that college or university if they differ from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: The National Pan-Hellenic Council does not govern Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		

**PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT # 11
Removal of Obsolete Language – Page 35**

Article/Section Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording if Proposed Amendment is Adopted
<p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND CLASSIFICATIONS, SECTION 22, Page 35</p> <p>The Membership Intake Process shall be conducted according to the process adopted by the Directorate except on college campuses where university or National Pan-Hellenic Council regulations dictate other procedures.</p>	<p>The Membership Intake Process shall be conducted according to the process adopted by the Directorate except on college campuses where university or National Pan-Hellenic Council regulations dictate other procedures.</p>	<p>The Membership Intake Process shall be conducted according to the process adopted by the Directorate.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: The National Pan-Hellenic Council does not govern the sorority.</p>		
<p>SUBMITTED BY: International Constitution Committee</p>		
<p>DIRECTORATE RECOMMENDATION: Directorate recommends adoption of the proposed amendment.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE</p>		