

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA NATIONAL BYLAWS

The provisions of these Bylaws supersede and replace entirely all previously adopted Bylaws of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity (the “Fraternity”). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the Fraternity’s Articles of Association (the “Articles”) and these Bylaws, the Articles shall prevail.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity, whose purposes are stated in the Articles of Association.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. General Policies and Procedures

- A. Any Fraternity procedures or obligations, either chapter or individual, which are not specifically defined in these Bylaws, shall be handled in accordance with established procedures as prescribed in the applicable duly adopted Fraternity policies and procedures.
- B. All chapters shall comply with the policies as set forth in the Chapter Procedures Manual and other applicable duly adopted Fraternity policies and procedures.
- C. Any provision in chapter bylaws that conflicts with a provision in these Bylaws shall be null and void.

Section 2. Voting Procedures

All national actions voted on by the chapters and the National Officers Conference require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the ballots cast, except for election of officers at the National Convention which is by majority vote. (See Article X, Section 3)

Section 3. Acronyms

The following acronyms will be used as appropriate in these Bylaws:

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| A. Sigma Alpha Iota | SAI |
| B. National Executive Board | NEB |
| C. National Vice President | NVP |
| D. National Officers Conference | NOC |
| E. National Headquarters | NH |
| F. Member in Training | MIT |
| G. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion | DEI |

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Categories of Membership

- A. This Fraternity shall have four categories of membership: Collegiate, Alumnae, Patroness and Distinguished.
- B. No person who has held membership in Mu Phi Epsilon, Delta Omicron or Phi Beta shall be eligible for any category of membership.
- C. Persons who have held membership in Phi Mu Alpha may only be initiated as Distinguished Members.

Section 2. Collegiate Membership

A. Requirements

- 1. To be eligible for election to collegiate membership in the Fraternity, the proposed candidate shall be:
 - a. A regularly matriculated woman student in an institution where a chapter of this Fraternity is chartered who has demonstrated an interest in music and in the purposes of SAI.
 - i. This is inclusive of cisgender women and transgender women. Identities that may be considered for membership include non-binary, gender nonconforming individuals who are committed to the advancement of women in music.
 - ii. Persons not considered for membership are cisgender men and transgender men.
 - b. Such students shall be enrolled in or have completed one or more courses in music and shall have met all requirements as outlined in duly adopted Fraternity policies and procedures.
- 2. No person shall be eligible for membership who has been accepted to but not initiated by Mu Phi Epsilon, Delta Omicron or Phi Beta within the previous 12 months.

B. Fraternity Education and Initiation

Invitations to membership, education, and initiation shall be in accordance with the duly adopted Fraternity policies and procedures and the Ritual of Sigma Alpha Iota.

C. Privileges and Obligations

- 1. A collegiate member in good standing shall be entitled to vote on all matters presented to the chapter, to hold office, and to act as delegate to the National Convention. (See Article IX)
- 2. To be in good standing, a collegiate member must adhere to the Ritual, the Pledge and all provisions of chapter membership as set forth in the National Bylaws, Chapter Bylaws, and duly adopted policies and procedures. The member must meet all financial obligations to the chapter and to the National Fraternity.

Section 3. Alumnae Membership

A. Requirements

1. Persons who have previously been collegiate members shall automatically become alumnae members upon graduation or termination of studies.
 - a. This is inclusive of initiated cisgender women and transgender women, non-binary, and gender nonconforming individuals who are committed to the advancement of women in music.
 - b. Persons not considered for membership are cisgender men and transgender men.
2. Non-student members became alumnae members upon initiation into the Fraternity.

B. Privileges and Obligations

1. Alumnae members in good standing shall be entitled to affiliate with alumnae chapters and to vote on all matters presented to the alumnae chapter. They shall be entitled to hold office and to act as an alumnae chapter delegate to the National Convention. (See Article IX)
2. To be in good standing, an alumnae member must adhere to the Ritual, the Pledge and all provisions of chapter membership as set forth in the National Bylaws, Chapter Bylaws, and duly adopted procedures. The member must meet all financial obligations to the chapter and to the National Fraternity.

Section 4. Patroness Membership

A. Qualifications and Procedure

A collegiate or alumnae chapter may invite and initiate into Patroness membership individuals who support the arts in their local communities and who are interested in becoming involved in a local SAI chapter.

1. This is inclusive of initiated cisgender women and transgender women, non-binary, and gender nonconforming individuals who are committed to the advancement of women in music.
2. Persons not considered for membership are cisgender men and transgender men.

B. Categories of Patroness Members

1. Patroness (without training): Initiated by a collegiate chapter, an alumnae chapter or the NEB.
2. Patroness with Training: Initiated by an alumnae chapter or the NEB, has completed a prescribed Fraternity Education Course, pays National Alumnae Association dues, and can affiliate with an alumnae chapter.

C. Privileges and Obligations

1. All patroness members may attend collegiate and alumnae chapter meetings and any Ritual ceremony.
2. Patronesses with Training may hold an elected alumnae chapter office and vote on local and national issues. A Patroness with Training must meet all financial obligations to the chapter and to the National Fraternity.

3. A Patroness with Training may serve as the Alumnae Chapter's delegate at National Convention.
4. No Patroness may hold a province, regional or national office.
5. Patroness with Training may be appointed as a Fraternity Director or Philanthropies Director.
6. All Patroness members shall receive the fraternity journal.

Section 5. Distinguished Membership

- A. The following categories of distinguished membership may be conferred:
 1. **Member Laureate** - a collegiate initiated member of the Fraternity who has achieved international distinction in the music profession.
 2. **Honorary Member** - a woman who has achieved international distinction in the music profession who is not an initiated member of Sigma Alpha Iota. This is inclusive of cisgender women and transgender women, non-binary, and gender nonconforming individuals who are committed to the advancement of women in music. Identities that will not be considered for Honorary Member are cisgender men and transgender men.
 3. **National Arts Associate** - a person who is nationally recognized for distinguished contribution to the arts.
 4. **Friend of the Arts** – a person, beyond the undergraduate student level, who is supportive of and actively involved in the arts at a local or regional level.
- B. Election to distinguished membership is upon approval of the Distinguished Membership Committee, who shall consider a candidate's qualifications and determine which category of membership may be conferred.
- C. Members Laureate shall retain all privileges of Fraternity membership. Other distinguished members may attend any Fraternity function but may not affiliate with an alumnae chapter, vote or hold office.
- D. All Distinguished Members shall receive the fraternity journal.

Section 6. Financial Obligations of Members

National dues shall be determined by a vote of the membership. The vote may be collected at National Convention, or by mail, or by an electronic method such as email as directed by the NEB. (See Article VIII.) All other fees shall be determined by the NEB, except for local chapter fees.

- A. Collegiate chapter members shall pay:
 1. National MIT fee, which includes MIT supplies
 2. National initiation fee, which includes:
 - a. Initiation fee
 - b. Life leasehold of official badge
 - c. Life leasehold of the Ritual Member Copy
 3. National dues
 4. Local chapter fees
- B. Affiliated alumnae chapter members shall pay:

1. Annual Alumnae Association dues (optional for members reaching age 70 or those who have been initiated for 50 years)
 2. Local chapter fees
- C. Unaffiliated alumnae members may pay annual Alumnae Association dues
- D. Patroness members shall pay:
1. National patroness initiation fee which includes:
 - a. Initiation fee
 - b. Life leasehold of Patroness badge
 2. Patroness with Training members who are affiliated with an alumnae chapter shall pay annual Alumnae Association dues (optional for emeritus members reaching age 70 or those who have been initiated for 50 years) and local chapter fees.

Section 7. Sigma Alpha Iota Alumnae Association

All alumnae members of SAI in good standing will be eligible to join the SAI Alumnae Association upon payment of SAI Alumnae Association dues. The privileges are:

- A. Receiving the National Journal
- B. Receiving the fraternity newsletter
- C. Such other benefits as approved by the NEB

Section 8. Transfer of Chapter Membership

Collegiate, alumnae and Patroness with Training members in good standing may transfer chapter membership in accordance with duly adopted procedures.

ARTICLE IV - CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Chapter Structure

The Fraternity shall consist of chartered collegiate chapters named consecutively according to the Greek alphabet, and chartered alumnae chapters named according to geographical location, with no two chapters bearing the same name. Chapters shall be grouped geographically into Provinces named according to the Greek alphabet, with the Provinces grouped into numerically designated Regions.

Section 2. Collegiate Chapters

A. Requirements for Collegiate Chapter Extension

1. Petitions for collegiate chapters may be considered from groups of ten or more regularly matriculated eligible students in post-secondary institutions, who are under graduating senior status, who intend to return to the institution for at least one academic year after the expected installation date. In addition, there may be students of senior or graduate status and teachers of comparable qualifications in the petitioning group. (See Article III, Section 2) (Refer to current Extension Guidelines)
2. Post-secondary institutions must:
 - a. be accredited by a U.S. Department of Education-approved accrediting agency

- b. offer a baccalaureate degree in the field of music
- c. be of sufficient size (having at least 30 eligible music majors or minors) to support a collegiate chapter
- 3. Exceptions to these requirements may be considered by and must be approved by the NEB.

B. Petitions

- 1. Petitions, including detailed information about the applicants and the institution, shall be sent to the NVP, Extension, who may refer the petition to the NEB for approval.
- 2. Upon NEB approval, procedures for installation of the new chapter shall commence.

C. Initiation Requirements for Petitioning Members

- 1. Members of the petitioning group must meet all national membership requirements. Each member of the group must pass the membership examination and pay all national fees.
- 2. All members of the petitioning group who are approved by the NEB are eligible for initiation into SAI either at the time of installation or within one calendar year from that date.

D. Installation of Chapter

- 1. The chapter shall be formally installed by a member of the NEB and shall assume all privileges and obligations of a collegiate chapter.
- 2. Each chapter established under a charter shall be named in the order of its founding as follows: consecutive letters of the Greek alphabet for the first twenty-four chapters; additional chapters by the Greek alphabet prefixed consecutively by Sigma, Alpha, Iota, and then by Beta, Gamma, Delta, et cetera, through the Greek Alphabet.

Section 3. Alumnae Chapters

A. Requirements for Alumnae Chapter Extension

- a. Ten or more SAI members in good standing (see Article III, Section 3) who are current with SAI Alumnae Association dues and organized as a group may present a group history and a signed petition for an alumnae chapter to the NVP, Extension. (Refer to the current Extension Guidelines).
- b. Exceptions to this may be considered and approved by the NEB.

B. Petitions

- a. Petitions, including detailed information about the applicants, shall be sent to the NVP Extension, who may refer the petition to the NEB for approval.
- b. Upon NEB approval, procedures for the installation of the new chapter shall commence.

C. Installation of Chapter

The chapter shall be formally installed by a member of the NEB and shall assume all privileges and obligations of an alumnae chapter.

Section 4. Chapter Financial Obligations

All chapters shall pay special assessments. The amount of chapter financial obligation shall be determined by the NEB.

Section 5. Convention Representation

- A. Chapters in good financial standing are entitled to be represented at the National Convention by one delegate.
- B. Unaffiliated alumnae, who are members of the Alumnae Association are represented at National Convention by the Director of the Alumnae Association.

Section 6. Inactive Chapter Status

A chapter may petition the NEB to become inactive by a majority vote of its membership. Such inactive status becomes effective upon approval by the NEB. A chapter may also be declared inactive or closed by the NEB. All official Fraternity property and funds must be returned to NH immediately upon a chapter's inactive status being approved or declared by the NEB.

Section 7. Chapter Ceremonies

Only the ceremonies as set forth in the Ritual of Sigma Alpha Iota may be conducted by chapters.

Section 8. Chapter Obligations

Chapters shall fulfill all obligations as outlined in the duly adopted Fraternity policies and procedures.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. National Officers

A. Elected National Officers

- 1. The elected National officers shall be:
 - a. National President
 - b. National Vice President, Alumnae Chapters
 - c. National Vice President, Collegiate Chapters
 - d. National Vice President, Extension
 - e. National Vice President, Finance
 - f. National Vice President, Fraternity Development
 - g. National Vice President, Ritual and Fraternity Education
- 2. These officers shall be elected and installed at the National Convention as prescribed in these Bylaws.

3. They shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are selected. No officer shall be eligible to serve more than three terms in the same office nor more than six terms on the National Executive Board.

B. Appointed Officer

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc., shall be appointed by the elected members of the NEB following the National Convention. The appointed officer shall serve for a term of three years and may be reappointed at the discretion of the NEB. The appointed officer must have been initiated as a collegiate member or a non-student member of the Fraternity and must be in good standing with the Fraternity.

C. Staff Officer

The Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the NEB. The Executive Director must have been initiated as a collegiate member or a non-student member of the Fraternity and must be in good standing with the Fraternity. The Executive Director shall be hired by the NEB and shall remain in that position at the discretion of the NEB.

Section 2. Regional Officers

- A. The Regional Officers shall be elected and installed at the National Convention for a term of three years.
- B. No Regional Officer shall be eligible to serve more than three terms.

Section 3. Province Officers

- A. The Province Officers shall be elected and installed at the National Convention for a term of three years.
- B. No Province Officer shall be eligible to serve more than three terms.

Section 4. Duties of National Officers

A. National President

1. Preside at the National Convention, at all meetings of the NEB and at any other meetings as appropriate.
2. Oversee liaison activity with other organizations and outside interests.
3. Appoint, with the approval of the NEB, Fraternity directors; chairmen of standing and special committees; and a Parliamentarian.
4. Oversee the job performance of all NOC members.
5. Serve on the Board of Directors of Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc.
6. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Election Committee and the Nominating Committee.

B. National Vice President, Alumnae Chapters

1. Oversee the work of the alumnae chapters.

2. Oversee the work of the Regional and Province Officers as it relates to alumnae chapters.

C. National Vice President, Collegiate Chapters

1. Oversee the work of the collegiate chapters.
2. Oversee the work of the Regional and Province Officers as it relates to collegiate chapters.

D. National Vice President, Extension

Supervise all collegiate and alumnae chapter extension.

E. National Vice President, Finance

1. Oversee Fraternity funds, including professionally managed investments and endowment funds.
2. Serve as chairman of the Finance Committee.
3. Serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc. Board.

F. National Vice President, Fraternity Development

Develop programs and resources that address fraternity member needs. This includes collegiate and alumnae members, patroness members, and Distinguished Members.

G. National Vice President, Ritual and Fraternity Education

1. Oversee all matters pertaining to Ritual and Fraternity education.
2. Have charge of national Ritual materials and equipment.

H. Chairman, Board of Directors, Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc.

Perform all duties as directed in the Bylaws of Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc.

I. Executive Director

1. Staff and maintain the NH for the Fraternity.
2. Serve as Recording Secretary for all NEB meetings.
3. Serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Finance Committee of the Fraternity.
4. Serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc. Board.

J. In addition to the specific duties outlined above for each national office, general duties required of all national officers as members of the NEB shall be to:

1. Report bi-annually or as required to the National Executive Board.
2. Report to the National Convention.
3. Oversee directors and chairmen as may be assigned by the NEB.
4. Fulfill all obligations of office.

Section 5. Duties of Regional Officers

- A. Provide leadership for their respective region in consultation with the NEB.**

- B. Coordinate Regional Meetings in consultation with the NEB.
- C. Report as required to the NEB and fulfill all obligations as outlined in the appropriate Fraternity publication.

Section 6. Duties of Province Officers

- A. Provide leadership for all chapters in the Province in consultation with the Regional Officer and the NEB.
- B. Conduct Official Visits.
 - 1. Visit each collegiate chapter in the province annually.
 - 2. Visit each alumnae chapter once in the triennium, with optional additional visits as approved by the NVP Alumnae Chapters.
- C. Report as required to the NEB and fulfill all obligations as outlined in the appropriate Fraternity publication.

Section 7. Vacancies in Office

- A. If a vacancy occurs on the National Executive Board, the NEB shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.
- B. In the event of a temporary inability of a national officer to serve, the NEB shall delegate that officer's duties to other members of the NOC.
- C. If a vacancy occurs in a Regional or Province office, the National President shall appoint, in consultation with the NEB, a successor to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI - FRATERNITY ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. National Executive Board

A. Membership

- 1. The NEB shall be the Board of Directors of the Fraternity and shall consist of
 - a. Voting members are the National Officers and the Appointed Officer.
 - b. Ex-officio members are the Staff Officer and the DEI Director.

B. Responsibilities

- 1. The NEB shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the Fraternity between National Conventions, except which is retained by the membership as provided in these bylaws.
- 2. The NEB shall meet at least annually and at the call of the National President or of any three members of the NEB. Meetings called may be conducted electronically. (See Article VIII.)
- 3. The NEB shall propose the amount for national dues. Such proposals shall be submitted to the chapters and the NOC for a vote.
- 4. The NEB shall determine other national fees. (See Article III, Section 6.)
- 5. The NEB shall have a Finance Committee.
 - a. The Finance Committee is a permanent standing committee. This Committee shall consist of the NVP Finance as chairman, the National

President and two other NEB members appointed by the National President with the approval of the NEB. The Executive Director shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of this committee.

- b. The Finance Committee shall review budgets and prepare recommendations for the approval of the NEB and shall carry out any other duties regarding the Fraternity's fiscal affairs as the NEB may direct.

C. Quorum

A majority of the NEB members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. National Officers Conference

The National Officers Conference shall consist of the members of the National Executive Board, Regional Officers, Province Officers and Fraternity Directors.

ARTICLE VII - FRATERNITY DIRECTORSHIPS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Fraternity Directorships

- A. A Fraternity Director is responsible for overseeing a particular aspect of Fraternity life.
- B. Fraternity directorships may be established or eliminated at the discretion of the NEB.

Section 2. Standing Committees

- A. Standing committees are on-going committees which have continuing responsibilities.
- B. These committees may be created or disbanded at the discretion of the NEB.
- C. The standing committees shall include but not be limited to the Distinguished Membership Committee, the Finance Committee, and the National Bylaws Committee.

Section 3. Special Committees

Special committees may be created by the NEB as needed to function until completion of a specified assignment.

Section 4. Appointment and Terms of Office

- A. All Fraternity directors and the chairmen of standing and special committees shall be appointed by the National President with the approval of the NEB.
- B. Directors and committee chairmen shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are appointed or assignment is completed, and may be reappointed at the discretion of the National President and the NEB.

ARTICLE VIII - PROVISIONS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Section 1. Electronic Meetings

The NEB, NOC, Fraternity Directorships, Standing Committees and Special Committees are authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media provided that:

- A. All attendees have the capability to participate in the meeting.
- B. The electronic meeting is conducted on a safe and secure network.

Section 2. Electronic Voting

An electronic vote may include email, voicemail or other telecommunication techniques provided that fraternity business is not exposed to the public.

ARTICLE IX - NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1. Organization and Procedure

- A. The National Convention of this Fraternity shall be held triennially at the call of the National President, date and location to be determined by the NEB, for the purpose of transacting business in accordance with the objectives of the Fraternity.
- B. In unusual circumstances, the National Convention may be rescheduled by the NEB or held on an electronic platform that allows members to participate at the same time.
- C. Unless otherwise specified, actions of the National Convention shall take effect at the close of the National Convention.
- D. The quorum of any meeting of the National Convention shall be a majority of the voting members who are registered with the Credentials Committee and in attendance at the National Convention.

Section 2. Voting Personnel

- A. The National President shall appoint a Credentials Committee which shall certify those members who are eligible to vote.
- B. One delegate from each collegiate and alumnae chapter shall have one vote for the elected National Officers and for their respective Province Officer and Regional Officer.
- C. Regional Officers shall have a vote for the elected National Officers, as well as for the Regional Officer and Province Officers in their respective region.
- D. Province Officers shall have a vote for the elected National Officers, as well as for the Regional Officer and Province Officer in their respective region and province.
- E. Fraternity Directors shall have a vote for the elected National Officers, as well as for the Regional Officer and Province Officer in their respective region and province.
- F. Each NEB member shall have a vote for each elected officer. They may cast 1/3 vote for all Province Officers and Regional Officers.
- G. No individual shall be entitled to more than one vote.

Section 3. Expenses

- A. For official collegiate chapter delegates, the money collected in the National Convention fund shall be reserved for their chapters to assist with the costs associated with attending National Convention. If the chapter chooses not to send a delegate, the National convention funds are forfeited for that triennium.
- B. For official alumnae chapter delegates, National Convention expenses shall be the responsibility of the individual and/or the chapter.
- C. National Convention expenses for members of the NEB, Regional Officers, and Province Officers shall be paid as authorized by the NEB.
- D. Fraternity directors may receive a travel stipend to the National Convention as authorized by the NEB.

Section 4. Program

The program of the National Convention may include but shall not be limited to business sessions, an awards banquet, Philanthropies functions, musical programs and Ritual ceremonies.

ARTICLE X - ELECTION PROCESS

Section 1. Qualifications for Province, Regional, or National Office

- A. Candidates for office must have been initiated as a collegiate member or non-student member of the fraternity, must be in good standing with the Fraternity, must be a member of the Alumnae Association and must meet the qualifications as set in the relevant job description.
- B. Candidates for National President shall be or shall have been a member of the NEB.
- C. Candidates for the NEB shall be or shall have been a Province Officer.
- D. Candidates for Regional Officer shall be a resident of the region they are to serve and shall be or shall have been a Province Officer. (Exemptions to these requirements may be made by the NEB should circumstances warrant.)
- E. Candidates for Province Officer shall be a resident of the Province they are to serve. (Exemptions to this requirement may be made by the NEB should circumstances warrant.)

Section 2. Nominations

- A. The Nominating Committee shall be elected by the NEB. Announcement of the chairman shall be published in *Pan Pipes* in the fall preceding National Convention. The remainder of the Nominating Committee will be announced in the spring of the National Convention year.
- B. In addition to the chairman, the Nominating Committee shall consist of one delegate from each region, on the following rotation schedule: Regions 1,3,5,7 - collegiate delegate and Region 2,4,6,8 - alumna delegate, reversing for the following National Convention; one former or retiring Regional Officer, one former or retiring Province Officer; one Fraternity Director; and the Executive Director serving as a non-voting member. The collegiate and alumnae members shall be recommended to the National President by the Regional Officers from among the official delegates to the National Convention.
- C. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be a candidate for election to any office at the National Convention.
- D. In the months preceding the National Convention:
 - 1. Nominees for all elective offices shall be solicited from the entire membership of the Fraternity. Nominations are to be submitted to the chairman of the Nominating Committee, by the established deadline.
 - 2. The eligibility (i.e., qualifications for office as stated in Section 1 of this Article, and willingness to serve) of all nominees will be verified.
 - 3. A list of all eligible nominees will be prepared and made available to all chapters and the NOC.
- E. The Nominating Committee shall meet and review the entire list of eligible nominees.

- F. At the opening General Session of the National Convention, the Nominating Committee Chairman shall present to the National Convention body the slate of nominees, one or more for each National, Regional, and Province office.
- G. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, additional nominations may be submitted by delegates utilizing established procedures immediately following the end of the first General Session. Eligibility of all additional nominees will be established prior to publication of the final slate.
- H. A member may be a candidate for no more than one National and one Regional office; one National and one Province office; or one Regional and one Province office.

Section 3. Elections

- A. The chairman of the Election Committee shall be appointed by the National President with the approval of the NEB.
- B. The Election Committee shall be composed of at least eight members appointed by the National President with the approval of the NEB and the chairman of the Election Committee.
- C. No member of the Election Committee shall be a candidate for office.
- D. The Election Committee shall have ballots prepared and balloting facilities and procedures established as appropriate.
- E. Each voting member of the National Convention shall be identified by the Election Committee from the list furnished by the Credentials Committee and shall be entitled to vote as provided in Article VIII.
- F. The election shall be held as provided in the National Convention schedule.
- G. Election shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. Where there are three or more candidates for an office and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first balloting, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot. The polls shall then be re-opened and an additional vote shall be taken for that office until a candidate is elected.
 - 1. Write-in votes are not permitted.
- H. After the polls have been closed and the votes have been tallied, the chairman of the Election Committee shall report the election results to the National Convention body.
 - 1. If a member is elected to more than one office, the member shall choose which office they wish to serve in and the other office will be considered vacant.
 - 2. Should an office be vacant when elections are concluded, it will be appointed by the National President in consultation with the NEB after the conclusion of the National Convention.

Section 4. Installation

The officers elected as herein provided shall be installed in accordance with Fraternity Ritual on the last day of the National Convention and shall assume their duties as of the close of the National Convention.

Section 5. Chapter Affiliation

While holding office, National, Regional, and Province Officers may not be affiliated with a chapter or serve as an advisor of a collegiate chapter.

ARTICLE XI – INSIGNIA

The Fraternity shall have for its insignia an official badge, a coat of arms, the name *Sigma Alpha Iota*, and other emblems as designated by the NEB. Permission must be obtained for use of official insignia in accordance with applicable duly adopted policies and procedures. This may be done by written request submitted to NH.

ARTICLE XII - RITUAL

The only Ritual ceremonies permitted are those contained in the officially sanctioned Ritual of Sigma Alpha Iota. The Ritual of Sigma Alpha Iota, including member copies, shall only be published by the Fraternity and shall remain the property of the Fraternity.

ARTICLE XIII - HONORS AND AWARDS

Fraternity honors and awards may be conferred upon members in accordance with established Fraternity guidelines and the Ritual of Sigma Alpha Iota. New honors or awards may be established at any time at the discretion of the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIV - LIMITATION OF ACTIVITIES

Section 1. Lists or Directories

The Fraternity shall not use nor permit the use of any Fraternity mailing lists or directories to conduct non-Fraternity business, with the exception of special projects for the benefit of the membership and the Fraternity as approved by the NEB.

Section 2. Public Affairs

The Fraternity shall not become involved in any campaign for a candidate for public office, nor engage in lobbying on behalf of or against any legislative proposal, with the exception of legislation which will directly affect the purposes of the Fraternity.

Section 3. National Interests

Matters pertinent to the national interest of the Fraternity may be referred to the membership by the NEB upon a majority vote.

ARTICLE XV - DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Procedures

Procedures for discipline shall be the applicable duly adopted Fraternity policies and procedures.

Section 2. Chapters

- A. Chapters may be disciplined for:
 - 1. Violation of the Ritual or these Bylaws
 - 2. Conduct detrimental to the Fraternity
 - 4. Failure to submit required reports

5. Failure to meet financial obligations
- B. An investigation into a chapter's conduct may be instituted upon recommendation of:
 1. Three or more chapter members in good standing
 2. A Province or Regional Officer
 3. A member of the NEB
- C. The NEB shall have the power to place a chapter on suspension, to close a chapter, or to otherwise discipline chapters.

Section 3. Members

- A. Members may be disciplined for:
 1. Violation of the Ritual or these Bylaws
 2. Conduct detrimental to the Fraternity
 3. Failure to perform official duties
 4. Failure to submit required reports
 5. Failure to meet financial obligations
- B. An investigation into a member's conduct may be instituted upon recommendation of:
 1. Three or more chapter members in good standing
 2. A Province or Regional Officer
 3. A member of the NEB
- C. The NEB shall have the power to expel or otherwise discipline members.

Section 4. Appeals

A chapter or member under disciplinary action shall have the right of appeal to the NEB, which shall have the authority to reverse such action.

ARTICLE XVI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Fraternity in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with state statutes, these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Fraternity may adopt.

ARTICLE XVII - TITLE IX STATUS AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Sigma Alpha Iota is a Title IX exempt organization. Sigma Alpha Iota does not discriminate against students on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, political belief, disability, age, marital status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE XVIII - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Contracts

The NEB may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Fraternity, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Fraternity and such activity may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Checks, Drafts, etc.

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Fraternity shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Fraternity and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the NEB. In the absence of such determination by the NEB, such instruments shall be signed by the NVP, Finance and countersigned by the National President or the Executive Director.

Section 3. Deposits

All funds of the Fraternity shall be deposited in a timely manner to the credit of the Fraternity in such insured banks, trust companies or other depositories as the NEB may select.

Section 4. Gifts

The NEB may accept on behalf of the Fraternity any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Fraternity.

Section 5. Books and Records

The Fraternity shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, the NEB and committees having any of the authority of the NEB, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the Fraternity may be inspected by any member or member's agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Section 6. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Fraternity shall end on June 30 of each year.

Section 7. Seal

The Fraternity seal shall have inscribed thereon the words "Sigma Alpha Iota--1903."

Section 8. Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provision of the laws of the State of Michigan or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Fraternity, 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 XIX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments at Convention

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made at any National Convention by a two-thirds vote. Notice of proposed amendments shall be sent to all chapters and the NOC at least six months prior to National Convention.

Section 2. Amendments Between Conventions

These Bylaws may be amended or revised between National Conventions by mail or electronic vote of the chapters and the NOC.

Section 3. Notification

Notification of each adopted amendment shall be sent to all chapters and members of the NOC.

ARTICLE XX – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this Fraternity, all of the net assets shall be distributed to such charitable, educational, and literary organizations described in Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the NEB in its sole discretion shall determine.

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Amended 2004
Amended May 2005
Amended February 2006 (and corrected copies distributed September 2006)
Amended March 2008
Amended November 2008
Amended March 2009
Amended March 2011

Amended July 2012
Amended August 2018
Amended February 2022
Amended June 2025