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ALPHA GAMMA RHO



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PREFACE

Pursuant to the action of the fifty-ninth National Convention of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity held in Breckenridge, Colorado August 13-15, 2006 this Twenty-sixth Edition of the National Constitution and Statutes of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity is published to include all amendments and revisions up to and including August, 2006.

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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION
OF
ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY (INC.)**

An Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, in order to promote a spirit of sociability and good fellowship among the collegiate students of agriculture and related programs and to bring about closer relationships among men pursuing some phase of agriculture as a profession, do, in Convention assembled, hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for its government.

**National Constitution
OF
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ARTICLE I

Purpose

To make better men, and through them a broader and better agriculture by surrounding our members with influences tending to encourage individual endeavor, resourcefulness, and aggressive effort along lines making for the development of better mental, social, moral and physical qualities; to promote a wider acquaintance and a broader outlook on the part of agricultural men through fellowship in a national organization that stands for the best social, mental and moral development.

ARTICLE II

Principles and Policy

Section 1. Alpha Gamma Rho defends the individual's right to liberty and equality of opportunity and adheres steadfastly to social, religious and political democracy.

Section 2. Alpha Gamma Rho seeks to teach men how to live and work together, striving by precept and example for the personal development of the individual in the training of mind and body. The fraternity carries forward the fundamental purposes of education, adding a fraternal influence for dignified living and individual development. Alpha Gamma Rho strives for the best interests of the colleges at which it has chapters.

Section 3. Alpha Gamma Rho is a large organization requiring good management and sound financial practices. The fraternity man and the chapter group acquire strength and stature as each develops business experience and a true perception of business methods.

Section 4. Alpha Gamma Rho urges excellence in scholarship and provides encouragement and recognition for intellectual attainment in addition to rewards given by the college. The fraternity considers good scholastic standing a key measure of its members' success and sense of purpose in college.

Section 5. Alpha Gamma Rho accepts its role in the moral and spiritual development of the individual. It endeavors to develop those finer qualities of ethics conduct, which add to the inner growth of man.

Section 6. Alpha Gamma Rho recognizes that culture goes hand in hand with education, and therefore, seeks to broaden the growth of the fraternity member by encouraging the acquisition of knowledge and experience in cultural subjects.

Section 7. Alpha Gamma Rho is the center of much of the social life of each fraternity member. As such, it seeks to develop the social graces, the art of good living, the development of courtesy and kindness. Good manners, good taste and good companionship are a part of the training of every member.

Section 8. Alpha Gamma Rho seeks to provide pleasant and adequate housing. It encourages healthful practices by its members, so that a sound mind in a sound body shall be the aim of every fraternity member.

Section 9. Alpha Gamma Rho seeks to develop those qualities of human understanding and of kindness, with a knowledge and training in appraising the basic values of life. Alpha Gamma Rho is a fraternity with high brotherhood attainments and every effort should be made to develop and recognize tolerance, consideration and understanding of others.

Section 10. Alpha Gamma Rho encourages all members to be good citizens, to practice self-government, to participate in the affairs of the college community and thereafter, to sense the duties and exercise the responsibilities of citizens in the community, state and nation.

ARTICLE III

Objects

The objects of Alpha Gamma Rho are:

Section 1. To provide a college home where members with a common interest in agriculture may live and work together under those social and cultural influences, which will provide for the proper training and discipline of each member.

Section 2. To develop a program of activities within each chapter in accordance with the highest ethical standards of the profession of agriculture and to recognize the importance of this program being in harmony with the ideals of the college or university of which it is a part.

Section 3. To maintain in each chapter a business organization that emphasizes the importance of sound financial practices by insistence on prompt collection of accounts from members and equally prompt payment of money owed.

Section 4. To promote in every way the diligent application of each member to his primary task as a student since excellence in scholarship is recognized as one of our principal objectives.

Section 5. To encourage the development in our members of the finest qualities of ethical conduct that spring from a recognition of the importance of moral and spiritual growth.

Section 6. To augment the training which may be afforded through university life by emphasizing the importance of courtesy, good manners, good taste, companionship and sportsmanship that will be the basis for a balanced program of living.

Section 7. To emphasize the vital importance of agriculture and agricultural related pursuits in providing food and fiber for the expanding population of the world in which we live.

Section 8. To develop within our group an appreciation of the desirability of binding all our members through ties of sincere and enduring brotherhood so that through life the best qualities of each shall be encouraged by precept, example and friendly criticism.

Section 9. To defend the right of the individual to liberty and equality of opportunity through steadfast adherence to the principles of social, economic, religious and political democracy as the only sound basis for developing responsible citizenship that will lead toward a better civilization.

ARTICLE IV

Definitions

The following terms, whenever used in this constitution, shall, unless otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings, respectively:

Members: The members of the Fraternity shall be those persons who have been duly initiated to membership in the Fraternity and are in good standing on the records of the National Headquarters.

Alumni Members: All persons who have been initiated to membership and who are not Collegiate Members.

Collegiate Members: Those persons who have been initiated to membership and who are engaged as students pursuing courses of study for a baccalaureate or associate degree at an accredited institution of higher education.

Delegate: Any Member duly accredited as a Voting Delegate or Alternate Delegate at any National convention of the Members of the Fraternity.

Voting Delegate: A Member certified in such manner as the National Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe as the official representative of a chapter to vote at the National Convention of the Members of the Fraternity.

Alternate Delegate: A Member who is qualified and certified to substitute for a Voting Delegate at a convention of the Members of the Fraternity.

Fraternity: Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, an Illinois Non-for-Profit Corporation.

Undergraduate Chapter: A group of Members meeting the requirements of Article XII, Section 1.

Alumni Chapter: A group of Members meeting the requirements of Article XII, Section 2.

Alumni Corporation: A corporation, duly organized, meeting the requirements of Article XII, Section 3.

Colony: A group of men seeking to become an Undergraduate Chapter and recognized as such by the National Board of Directors.

National Board of Directors: The Board of Directors of the Fraternity elected as such pursuant to the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Illinois.

National Headquarters: The principal business office of the Fraternity as from time to time established by the National Board of Directors.

Undergraduate Director: An undergraduate determined by the National Board of Directors to serve as an ex-officio member of the National Board of Directors for a period not to exceed one year.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

- (a) **Collegiate Membership.** Any person who meets the following criteria is eligible for initiation:
- (i) He shall be a student at an institution of collegiate rank at which the Fraternity shall have chartered an Undergraduate Chapter, and not have withdrawn, or otherwise revoked, the Charter thereof, provided, however, upon the installation of an Undergraduate Chapter those persons who formerly were students and members of the Colony shall be deemed to meet the foregoing requirements;
 - (ii) He shall be engaged in the study of agriculture or agricultural related subjects;
 - (iii) He shall have executed, and there shall have been delivered to the National Headquarters of the Fraternity, such written statement, in such form, as the National Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe;
 - (iv) He shall be not a member of, and not an applicant for membership in, any other social or professional-social fraternity; and
 - (v) Unless initiated upon the installation of an Undergraduate Chapter, he shall have been elected to membership by the Undergraduate

Chapter of the Fraternity chartered at the college which he attends, by a favorable vote of not less than four-fifths of the Collegiate Members of the Fraternity comprising for the time being such Chapter, in accordance with the rules and procedures thereof.

(b) Honorary Membership. A person not enrolled in college may be initiated to membership in the Fraternity, upon payment of the prescribed initiation fee, if he meets the following criteria:

- (i) He shall have attended college and be proposed for membership in recognition of his aid and support to the Fraternity or one or more of its chapters;
- (ii) He shall, at the time of his initiation, not be a member of any other social or professional-social fraternity;
- (iii) He shall have been elected to membership by the unanimous vote of the Undergraduate Chapter of the Fraternity, which proposes to perform his initiation.

(c) Distinguished Service Membership. A person not enrolled in college may be initiated to membership in the Fraternity, without the requirement of initiation fee, if he meets the following criteria:

- (i) He shall have made outstanding contributions to agriculture or to the Fraternity;

- (ii) He shall, at the time of his initiation, not be a member of any other social or professional-social fraternity;
- (iii) He shall have been elected to membership by the unanimous vote of the National Board of Directors or by two-thirds vote of the National Convention, and he shall be initiated at a session of the National Convention or other general meeting of Fraternity members having nationwide representation.

Section 2. RESIGNATION

No member of Alpha Gamma Rho shall be permitted to resign or depart honorably there from. The obligations and vows of Alpha Gamma Rho shall be assumed for life.

Section 3. SANCTIONS

The Noble Rulers, the Chapter Advisers, the National Officers, and the National Board of Directors shall have and may exercise the power and authority to impose sanctions upon Members in accordance with the National Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity and such policies and procedures as shall have been adopted. Every Member subject to sanctions, whether constituting fine, suspension of rights or other order, shall abide thereby until such are satisfied, expire or removed by appeal or otherwise.

Section 4. EXPULSIONS

Any Collegiate Member and any Alumnus Member may be expelled from the Fraternity upon two weeks notice in writing and

(1) a majority vote, or such higher amount as a chapter may, by local rule, require of the Collegiate members of the fraternity in the Undergraduate Chapter at which he is or last was a student, ratified by a majority of the members of the National Board of Directors, or (2) a two-thirds vote of the members of the National Board of Directors, in either case in accordance with such regulations and procedures as may from time to time be provided by Statute.

Section 5. REINSTATEMENT

Any former Member may upon proper petition be reinstated to membership (1) by not less than two-thirds of the Voting Delegates assembled at any National Convention, or (2) by not less than a four-fifths vote of the Collegiate Members of the Undergraduate Chapter of which he was a member, ratified by a majority of the members of the National Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Secrecy and Ritual

Section 1. SECRECY

The meaning of the badge shall never be divulged to any person other than a Member of the Fraternity. Neither the motto nor its meaning shall be divulged except to a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and then only in subdued whispers. The grip and other means of recognition shall be imparted only to Members. Expulsion by and from the fraternity shall not release any member from his obligations of secrecy. It shall be the duty of each Collegiate and Alumnus Member to use every means in his power to preserve the secrets of the Fraternity and to guard against

carelessness on the part of the Chapters, committees or Members in disclosing such secrets.

Section 2. RITUAL

The initiation ritual of the Fraternity shall be employed uniformly in the initiation of all persons who shall become Members. It shall contain a statement of the meaning of the badge, it shall contain the motto and its meaning, it shall provide for imparting the grip, and it shall contain such other matters, words and actions and shall be conducted in such setting and manners, as the National Convention or the National Board of Directors shall from time to time, prescribe. The meeting ritual of the Fraternity shall be employed at each meeting of the Undergraduate Chapters of the Fraternity and shall contain such words and actions, and be conducted in such setting and manner, as the National Convention or the National Board of Directors shall, from time to time, prescribe.

ARTICLE VII

Emblems

Section 1. BADGE

The badge of Alpha Gamma Rho shall consist of a gold colored crescent with a sickle and sheaf of wheat placed inside the points of the crescent; the handle of the sickle shall touch the point at the left of the crescent and head of the sheaf of wheat shall touch the point at the right; the sickle shall be superimposed upon the sheaf of wheat; the letters shall appear in black enamel on the center of the crescent; and the badge shall be worn over the heart with the sheaf in the upright position.

Section 2. INSIGNIA

- (a) The Colors of the Fraternity shall be dark green and gold;
- (b) The Flower shall be the pink rose;
- (c) The Coat of Arms shall be as it appears on official printed copies of this Constitution or other official publications of the Fraternity;
- (d) The Flag of the Fraternity shall be cloth having a solid green field on which shall appear the Coat of Arms and the Greek letters in gold colored material.

Section 3. OTHER EMBLEMS

The Fraternity may adopt such further emblems and insignia, in addition to the badge, colors, flower, coat of arms, flag, and recognition pins, provided that no emblem other than the badge shall evidence membership in the Fraternity, and provided further that no emblem shall be adopted or employed except in such manner as the National Board of Directors shall prescribe.

ARTICLE VIII**Conventions****Section 1. ANNUAL MEETINGS**

- (a) In every even-numbered year the Fraternity shall hold an annual meeting of its Members known as the National Convention, and these meetings or conventions shall be held in such place as shall be

designated by the delegate body in attendance at a preceding National Convention, provided, however, in the event of extenuating circumstances, the National Board of Directors may alter such place, for the purpose of electing members to the National Board of Directors, approving allocations of the fraternity's revenues to its trust funds and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting;

- (b) In every odd-numbered year an annual meeting of the Fraternity may be held at such time and place and on such date as shall be designated from time to time by the National Board of Directors and stated in the notice of the meeting, but the failure to hold any such meeting shall not work any forfeiture, invalidate any act or impair any obligation or franchise of the Fraternity.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Fraternity, whether in lieu of any National Conventions or other annual meeting or for a special purpose or purposes, may be held at such time and place as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting. Such special meetings may be called by the Grand President, by resolution duly adopted by the National Board of Directors, or by petition signed by not less than ten Noble Rulers of Undergraduate Chapters, stating the purpose of such special meeting.

Section 3. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Written or printed notice shall be given by mail neither less than thirty (30) nor more than forty (40) days before the date of the meeting, stating the place, date and hour thereof.

If mailed, such notice shall be deemed delivered when a copy thereof is deposited in the United States mail addressed to each Undergraduate Chapter at its address as it appears on the records of the Fraternity.

Section 4. VOTING RIGHTS

At each meeting of the Fraternity:

- (a) Each Undergraduate Chapter shall be entitled to four Voting Delegates, three of whom shall be duly initiated and accredited Collegiate Members thereof and one of whom shall be a duly initiated Alumnus member of the Fraternity duly appointed as adviser thereto;
- (b) Each Alumni Corporation shall be entitled to one Voting Delegate, who shall be a duly initiated Alumnus Member accredited by the Alumni Corporation of such Undergraduate Chapter, provided that such Alumni Corporation is in compliance with Article XII, Section 3, of this Constitution, and in addition, each Alumni Chapter which has in the 12 months preceding the Convention met the minimum program requirements established by the National Board of Directors, shall be entitled to one Voting Delegate, who shall be a duly initiated Alumnus Member in good standing on the roster, of, and accredited by, the Alumni Chapter;
- (c) Credentials of delegates from Undergraduate Chapters shall be signed by the Noble Ruler and Vice Noble Ruler-Planning of each respective Chapter. Credentials of delegates from Alumni Chapters shall be signed by the President and Secretary of each respective Alumni

Chapter. Credentials of delegates from Alumni Corporations shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the respective Alumni Corporations. Credentials of all Voting Delegates may include the name of an Alternate Delegate, properly supported by further credentials, who may substitute for such Voting Delegate in accordance with such rules and procedures as the National Board of Directors may prescribe;

- (d) Each incumbent member and each former Alumnus Member of the National Board of Directors, each Past Grand President of the Fraternity, the Treasurer, the Historian, the two elected trustees on the Chapter House Loan Fund Board of Trustees, and the Regional Vice Presidents shall have one vote, exercisable only in person;
- (e) No voting by proxy shall be permitted;
- (f) No Delegate may vote more than one vote, no Delegate may vote for any Undergraduate or Alumni Chapter who was not designated to do so at least thirty days prior to the date fixed for the opening of the meeting, and no Delegate may vote in contravention of such rules and regulations of general application not inconsistent herewith as the National Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe;
- (g) The National Board of Directors shall prescribe which Delegates, if any, shall receive reimbursement in whole or in part, for expenses in attending the National Convention.

Section 5. QUORUM, CONDUCT

- (a) A majority of the Voting Delegates eligible to vote at any meeting shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Members but a lesser number may by majority vote adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than announcement at the meeting.
- (b) Roberts' Rules of Order shall be followed in the conduct of all meetings except as otherwise prescribed herein or by law, and the Legal Counsel of the Fraternity shall serve as parliamentarian.

ARTICLE IX

National Board of Directors

Section 1. NUMBER AND ELECTION

The business and policies of the Fraternity shall be managed by its National Board of Directors, which shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine Alumnus Members, as determined from time to time by resolution of the National Convention. If no such determination is made, the number of Alumnus Members who shall constitute the entire National Board of Directors shall be six, plus ex-officio, Undergraduate Directors plus the National Adviser of the Fraternity, if one be designated.

At the first National Convention held after the adoption of this Constitution, six persons shall be elected as members of the National Board of Directors. As promptly as possible after their election, the elected members of the National Board of Directors shall meet and shall, by lot or in any other fair manner, divide into three classes of two members each. The term of the members of

Class I shall be for two years, Class II shall be for four years, and Class III shall be for six years and in each case until their respective successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, the term of each member elected to the National Board of Directors shall be for six years, and no member shall be elected to successive terms on the National Board of Directors.

Section 2. VACANCIES

A vacancy occurring in the National Board of Directors may be filled by a majority of the Directors thereof then in office, though less than a quorum. The Directors so chosen shall hold office until the next election of the class for which each such director has been chosen and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Section 3. MEETINGS

An annual meeting of the National Board of Directors shall be held at the place of and promptly after each National Convention without notice thereof. The National Board of Directors may hold such other meetings, upon not less than five days' notice given in person or by telephone, verbally, or by mail or telegram, in writing, at such times and places as shall be specified in the call thereof. Any such notice shall be deemed given, if verbally, at the time of communication, and if in writing, at the time delivered to the telegraph or postal service. The members of the National Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole National Board of Directors, designate one or more committees of the National Board of Directors, each such committee to consist of one or more of the members of the National Board of Directors. As such committee, to the extent provided by law within such limitations as the National Board of Directors may provide by resolution, shall have

and may exercise all the powers and authority of the National Board of Directors.

Section 4. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

The National Board of Directors may take action by written consent or by telephone conference without the need of a meeting.

ARTICLE X

Officers

Section 1. OFFICERS

The officers of the Fraternity shall be chosen by the National Board of Directors at each annual meeting, and may be chosen at any regular or special meeting, of the National Board of Directors. The principal officers of the Fraternity shall be the President and the Executive Vice President, each of whom shall be chosen from among the members of the National Board of Directors. A Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Editor, Financial Vice President, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers and other officers may be chosen by the National Board of Directors and their compensation, if any, fixed by the National Board of Directors. The Directors and Officers may be reimbursed such of their expenses as shall be approved by the National Board of Directors. The National Board of Directors may from time to time designate one Member as National Adviser, who shall be chosen for his knowledge of and contributions to the Fraternity.

Section 2. TERM OF OFFICE

The officers shall hold office for one year following their election or until their successors are chosen and qualify.

Section 3. THE PRESIDENT

The President shall be known within the Fraternity as “Grand President.” He shall preside at all meetings of the Members and the National Board of Directors. He shall be the chief executive officer of the Fraternity and shall have general supervision of its business and affairs. He shall keep the National Board of Directors and the Committees thereof informed and freely consult with them concerning the business and affairs of the Fraternity. He shall have authority to sign and execute all instruments in the name of the Fraternity.

Section 4. VICE GRAND PRESIDENT

The Vice Grand President shall, upon the direction or the inability of the President, perform all duties and functions and exercise all powers and authorities of the President.

Section 5. THE FINANCIAL VICE PRESIDENT

The Financial Vice President, if one is chose, shall be responsible to the President and the National Board of Directors for implementing and coordinating the financial and fiscal policies and procedures of all areas in the National Fraternity.

Section 6. OTHER OFFICERS

Other officers shall have such powers, shall employ such titles, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the National Board of Directors.

Section 7. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall (a) record all the proceedings of meetings of the Members of the Fraternity and the National Board of Directors in books to be kept for that purpose; (b) give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and of the National Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, or as required by law; (c) have custody of the corporate records and of the seal of the Fraternity, and affix, or cause to be affixed, the seal of the Fraternity to all instruments which the National Board of Directors shall have authorized to be executed under seal; and (d) have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Board of Directors, the President, or the Executive Vice President.

Section 8. TREASURER

Under the direction of the Financial Vice President, if any, the Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer, and shall have such powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Board of Directors, the President, or the Executive Vice President.

ARTICLE XI

Administration

Section 1. AUTHORITY OF NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In addition to the specific powers elsewhere herein granted to the National Board of Directors, the National Board of Directors shall have power and authority to interpret, construe and enforce the Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity, to administer the business and affairs of the Fraternity, to adopt and amend policies and procedures to be followed by Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters and, subject to the concurrent right and power of the National Convention, to enact, amend or repeal Statutes.

Section 2. OTHER SPECIFIC POWERS

The National Board of Directors may, or may authorize any of its Committees or any designated officers of the Fraternity, to appoint and remove, or authorize the appointment and removal of, the Advisers of the Undergraduate or Alumni Chapters; expel by two-thirds vote any Member from the Fraternity; appoint general committees of the Fraternity provided that no such general committee may have or exercise any of the powers or authority of the National Board of Directors; suspend, place on probation, reinstate or revoke the Charter of any Chapter; and approve, disapprove or change all convictions and penalties made and assessed by the Chapters. The National Board of Directors shall (a) direct the payment of such expenses incurred by officers, boards, committees and members in the performance of Fraternity business as it shall deem required by the Constitution, Statutes or the best interests of the Fraternity and fix the compensation and benefits of its employees, provided, however, that no member of the National Board of Directors as

such, or as President or Vice Grand President shall receive any compensation for his services to the Fraternity; (b) cause the accounts of the Fraternity to be audited at least annually by independent public accountants; and (c) keep and maintain fidelity bonds upon all Members and employees having control over Fraternity funds and property, and keep or cause to be kept sufficient records of its affairs and those of the Fraternity, which shall be open in inspection by any member of the Fraternity at reasonable times upon request.

ARTICLE XII

Chapter

Section 1. UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

The following procedures shall apply to the chartering of a new Undergraduate Chapter:

- (a) The National Board of Directors shall investigate on a continuing basis the desirability of established Undergraduate Chapters at new locations having adequate college agricultural enrollment and courses of study, and the National Board of Directors shall initiate each colony and direct, and assist in action leading to, the establishment of a colony when the circumstances so warrant;
- (b) The formal chartering procedures for any Colony shall begin when such group seeking a charter submits to the National Board of Directors, at its express written invitation, a petition signed by not less than twenty (20) undergraduate students of the institution and members of the Colony at which the Undergraduate Chapter, if chartered, will be located, all of who must reside together in a house rented or owned by an Alumni Corporation as provided in Section 3 of this Article XII;
- (d) The National Board of Directors shall thereupon appoint an official investigating officer who shall visit the colony and its college

institution at which it is located to confirm all pertinent qualifications for a chapter and who shall submit to the National Board of Directors a full report of his findings;

- (d) If the National Board of Directors is satisfied with the report of its investigating officer, it shall cause such report together with such other supporting material as may be appropriate to be distributed to all Undergraduate and Alumni Charters for their consideration; provided, however, no report shall be made on any Colony which has not for the full twelve-month period preceding the date thereof, served meals, maintained near-capacity occupancy of its house, and avoided operating loss;
- (e) The chartering of a new Undergraduate Chapter shall require approval by not less than 75 percent of the votes cast in either a mail ballot vote, in which each Undergraduate and Alumni Chapter shall be entitled to one vote, or a two-thirds vote of the National Convention.
- (f) The cost of publication and distribution of a petition by any colony seeking a charter shall be borne by the petitioners.
- (g) A newly chartered Undergraduate Chapter shall be installed under the direction of the National Board of Directors.

Section 2. ALUMNI CHAPTERS

The following procedures shall apply to the chartering of a new Alumni Chapter:

- (a) The National Board of Directors shall investigate on a continuing, informal basis the desirability of establishing Alumni Chapters at new locations at which a reasonable number of interested Alumni Members reside in proximity to each other, and the National Board of Directors shall assist in action leading to such establishment when the circumstances so warrant;
- (b) An Alumni Chapter shall be chartered by the National Board of Directors only upon the petition of not less than ten alumni Members residing in a reasonable proximity stating facts and circumstances which support the reasonable belief that the group, so chartered, will continue in existence as an Alumni Chapter supporting the principles of the Fraternity.

Section 3. ALUMNI CORPORATIONS

At each location at which an Undergraduate Chapter is, or is to be, chartered, not less than five alumni Members shall cause to be incorporated a non-profit corporation the purpose of which is, but need not be limited to, providing college housing for the collegiate Members of the related Undergraduate Chapter. Any Alumni Corporation receiving a loan or a guarantee of performance from the Chapter House Loan Fund shall be required to place real and personal property in trust for the benefit of the fraternity by executing and delivering appropriated deeds and instruments to the National Board of Directors. Each existing Alumni Corporation shall amend, on or before December 31, 1986, and each alumni Corporation hereafter formed shall upon its incorporation provide in its articles of incorporation or equivalent instrument to the effect that upon discussion of the

Alumni Corporation (i) all debts of said Alumni Corporation shall be paid and its affairs settled, (ii) all remaining assets shall be transferred, delivered and paid over to the Fraternity or, if it be not qualified to receive such net assets, to the Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho, and (iii) the Alumni Corporation shall be liquidated. Thereupon, without any further act such Alumni Corporation shall be a duly constituted Alumni Chapter and the Fraternity shall issue a charter to it as such. As promptly as possible after any such liquidation, the Fraternity shall give written notice, by first-class mail with postage prepaid, to each living member initiated by the aforesaid Undergraduate Chapter stating (x) the current fair market value of the net assets received, (y) whether the Fraternity or said Foundation was the recipient thereof and providing the name and address of the authorized representation to which said net assets aid to agricultural students at the college or university at which such Undergraduate Chapter was located, or efforts to establish and house an Undergraduate Chapter thereat.

Section 4. POWERS AND DUTIES

Subject to such probationary and other restrictions as the National Board of Directors may from time to time impose on any or all of them the Undergraduate Chapters shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) The power to initiate Members into the Fraternity, except at a National Convention, but only according to the prescribed ritual:
- (b) To preserve discipline, carry on the work of the Fraternity in all local affairs and to have jurisdiction over all Collegiate Members of the Fraternity who are undergraduates of the college at which the

Undergraduate Chapter is located;

- (c) To adopt and enforce for its own government rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the Fraternity;
- (d) To levy and collect fees, dues, fines and accounts for general and Chapter purposes and to forward promptly to the National Headquarters all amounts due or payable thereto; and
- (e) To punish by expulsion or otherwise in accordance with Article V, Section 4 of these Articles and Chapter 5 of the Statutes, for any violation of the laws of the Fraternity, any member of the chapter, subject to the final review and approval by the National Board of Directors.

Section 5. OFFICERS

The officers of the Undergraduate Chapters shall be: Noble Ruler, Vice Noble Ruler-Activities; Vice Noble Ruler-Alumni Relations; Vice Noble Ruler-Finance; Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Development; Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Recruitment; Vice Noble Ruler-Planning; Vice Noble Ruler-Management and Operations; and Vice Noble Ruler-Scholarship all of whom shall be elected annually for a term of one year.

Additional officers may be provided for by action of such Chapter. The manner of election, terms of office and duties of Undergraduate Chapter officers shall also be provided for by

rules and regulations of such Chapter not inconsistent with the laws of the Fraternity.

Section 6. CRESCENT AND DIRECTORY

Each undergraduate Chapter shall publish a Crescent not less than two times per college year and a directory of members at least every fourth year and issue a directory supplement for those years when directories are not issued.

ARTICLE XIII

Anniversaries

Section 1. FOUNDING DATE

The age of the Fraternity shall date from the founding of Alpha Gamma Rho at Ohio State University (Beta Chapter) on October 10, 1904.

Section 2. FOUNDERS DAY

April 4th of each year shall be known as Founders Day in honor of the date that the organizations in Illinois and Ohio associated themselves as Alpha and Beta Undergraduate Chapters, respectively, of Alpha Gamma Rho on April 4, 1908, thus starting the growth of the Fraternity nationally.

ARTICLE XIII

Indemnification

The Fraternity shall indemnify each person serving on the Board of Directors, each person serving as an officer of

the Fraternity elected by the Board of Directors, each person serving as Chapter Adviser, and each person serving as a member of the Chapter House Loan Fund Board, and the predecessors of each of them, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement of any action, suit or proceeding brought or threatened against such person by reason of the fact that he was holder, of such position to the fullest extent permitted by Section 108.75 or any successor provision thereto from time to time of the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of Illinois.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended only at a National Convention by a three-fourths vote of the Voting Delegates in attendance at the session at which the amendment is considered and acted upon.

STATUTES of ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY

CHAPTER I

Power and Duties of Officers and Committees

1. DIRECTOR AND OFFICERS. The National Directors and Officers shall have such duties and exercise such authorities as the constitution, these Statutes and the Resolutions of the National Board of Directors, shall provide.

2. INSTALLATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS. At each session of National Convention at which Directors are elected and at each meeting of the National Board of Directors at which Directors or the President or any Vice President (however designated) is elected, the newly-elected director or officer shall be installed, by the Member who presided at the opening of such meeting, prior to adjournment of such meeting by administration of the following oath:

“I promise and vow upon my word of honor as a gentleman, and by all that I hold sacred and holy, that I will conform to and abide by the Objects and Principles of Alpha Gamma Rho, its Constitution and Statutes and the Laws and Edicts of the National Board of Directors and that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected.” (All Officers but the Grand President shall add “or of any office to which I may succeed.”) “So help me God and keep me steadfast in my determination to carry out the cause in just and righteous manner.”

3. CHAPTER ADVISERS. The Chapter Advisers shall be considered Officers of the fraternity; and as such each Chapter Adviser shall, with respect to the Chapter (Undergraduate or Alumni) which he is appointed to advise:

- (a) Be appointed for a term of not more than one year, renewable at the pleasure of the Board, by or under the authority of the National Board of Directors;
- (b) Have initial and primary authority to issue orders and binding instructions with respect to scholarship, finances, morals, social activities and all other matters within the purposes, objects and established national policies and procedures of the Fraternity, subject to review and modification by, or on behalf of, the Grand President or the National Board of Directors;
- (c) Sign such statements, including eligibility for membership, and furnish such other information and reports as shall be requested from time to time by, the National Board of Directors;
- (d) Attend each National Convention, and each seminar or other meeting to which the officers of his Chapter are invited, of the Fraternity insofar as possible, and be allowed his ordinary and necessary expenses in attending the same, to the extent allowed by resolution of general application by the National Board of Directors adopted before or after such meeting; and,

- (e) Be entitled, upon his request or with the approval of the National Board of Directors, to have appointed a Co-Adviser, Financial Adviser or Assistant Adviser who shall have all the powers, duties and privileges of the Chapter Adviser.

4. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD. The National Board of Directors may designate one or more Committees, comprised solely of one or more members of the Board, which committee may have and exercise all such powers of the Board as it may allow.

5. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE. The official correspondence of the National Officer shall be deemed the property of the Fraternity and shall be turned over to the national Headquarters upon the expiration of their respective terms of office.

6. NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES. Prior to or at the first session of each National Convention, the Grand President shall appoint for the period thereof the necessary committees. These committees shall assume such duties as their names indicate and shall do all in their power to promote and facilitate the work of the convention.

7. CHAPTER HOUSE LOAN FUND. No body of the Fraternity shall take any action, except in accordance with law and upon the advice of counsel and a finding by the National Board of Directors that the proposed action is in the best interests of the Fraternity, to alter the following provisions which govern the Chapter House Loan Fund, a separate legal entity organized as a trust for the benefit of the Fraternity and all its members.

The Chapter House Loan Fund shall be controlled by a Board of Trustees composed of three members of the National Board of Directors of the Fraternity (one of whom shall be the Grand President of the Fraternity and the other two of whom shall be designated by the National Board of Directors) and two Alumni Members, making a total of five members of the Board. The two Alumni Members shall be nominated by the National Board of Directors and elected by the Convention, provided the National Board of Directors may fill vacancies by election. The terms of office of the Alumni Members shall be for four years.

The Board shall elect its own officers as deemed necessary, who need not except for the Chairman thereof be members of such board, and who shall have all the powers and authority usually vested in trustees of similar trusts.

The Board shall keep a true and complete record of its actions and shall submit a report thereof together with an accounting of its receipts, loans, investments and other disbursements to each National Convention of the Fraternity and to the National board of Directors upon request.

The Board is empowered to establish all rules and regulations as to rates, terms, and any other conditions which are necessary to acquire and loan monies on mortgages of Alumni Corporation properties, to borrow money from time to time for its purposes, to pledge any or all of its assets as security to obtain funds to be loaned, and to execute and deliver such agreements as may be necessary or desirable to effect its purposes.

The Board of the Chapter House Loan Fund is authorized to guarantee the performance of a mortgage by an agreement and not co-signing the note of indebtedness for new or extensive modernization of Chapter houses. This guarantee is

distinguished as an obligation of the Chapter House Loan Fund and shall not be construed to mean the total assets of the National Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

The Board of Trustees may incur and pay such expenses, and may employ and compensate from the income of said trust, such accountants, brokers, agents and other assistants, all as it shall deem necessary or desirable in the management of said trust. Action taken or approved by a majority of the Trustees shall be the action of the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees shall be relieved and held harmless by the National Fraternity from all liability and financial responsibility for loss of principal or income which shall occur as a result of any error in judgment, mistake, or any other action or inaction excepting only their own conscious and willful misconduct.

The Trustees in their discretion shall have the power to determine what monies, property and receipts are income, and what are principal and their decision made in good faith shall not be subject to change.

CHAPTER II

Prospective Members and Initiations

1. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

(a) All prospective members shall be required to make a formal covenant.

- (b) At the time of the oath, each Chapter shall furnish the prospective member with a copy of the National Constitution and Statutes, the official Fraternity Manual and the Songbook of the Fraternity.

2. TRANSFERS.

Before committing a man who has been a resident, either as a student or a member of the faculty, at an institution where Alpha Gamma Rho has a Chapter, the Chapter seeking to commit the man shall consult the Chapter where the man had theretofore been resident. It is also required that the Chapter confers with its Chapter Adviser with respect to all proposed members.

3. INITIATIONS

- (a) Any and all forms of rough initiation, which may be in any way dangerous to the life, or well-being of the initiate, are prohibited.
- (b) Initiation programs are to be conducted in such a way that they become a positive influence in the development of the individual member as a future effective member of Alpha Gamma Rho. All initiations must be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the National Board of Directors and of the collegiate institution where the Chapter is located.
- (c) No undergraduates shall be initiated into membership who has not met such standards of scholastic achievement as shall be specified from time to time by the National Board of Directors. (Current resolutions of the National Board requires that the minimum standard of scholastic achievement be, and hereby is a high

school GPA of 2.3 for first semester freshmen and 2.25 GPA for current college students (2 or more year students), effective July 1, 2005.

- (d) Formal initiation of prospective members shall be conducted within seventy-two (72) hours of acceptance of bids, or other formal invitation of membership.

CHAPTER III

Undergraduate Chapter Officers

1. TIME OF ELECTION. Undergraduate Chapter officers shall be elected annually to one-year terms of office which terms shall begin not earlier than January 1 nor later than January 31 of each year.

2. EXAMINATION. No officer-elect of any Undergraduate Chapter shall be installed to any office in such Chapter until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination of the Law and the Ritual, particularly those portions relative to the duties of the office to which he has been elected, conducted by the Noble Ruler before the Undergraduate Chapter in session, nor shall any officer-elect of any Undergraduate Chapter be installed unless he has a grade point average four-tenths if a point higher than that average which is equivalent to a "C" average at the collegiate institution at which such Chapter is located. Failure of any officer-elect to pass satisfactorily the examination and scholastic standing qualification herein provided prior to his installation shall automatically create a vacancy in the office.

3. INSTALLATION. The Noble Ruler-elect shall be installed by the outgoing Noble Ruler or by a Past Noble Ruler, or if neither is

present, by any acting Noble Ruler chosen by the Chapter for the purpose; the new Noble Ruler shall then install the other officers. Each officer when installed shall make the following declaration:

“I promise and vow upon my word of honor as a gentleman and by all that I hold sacred and hold that I will conform to and abide by the objects and principles of Alpha Gamma Rho, the Constitution and Statutes, the laws and edicts of the National Board of Directors, the National Officers including the Chapter Adviser, and the Rules and Regulations of the Chapter, and to perform faithfully all the duties of the office to which I have been chosen, so help me God and keep me steadfast in my determination to perform justly and correctly the same.”

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business for meetings of Undergraduate Chapters shall be:

1. Opening ceremony
2. Roll call
3. Reading of Minutes of last meeting
4. Proposals for membership
5. Election of officers
6. Reports of committees and officers
7. Unfinished business
8. Discussion and balloting on proposed members
9. Initiation of candidates (when applicable)
10. New business
11. Suggestions for betterment and constructive criticism
12. Adjournment
13. Closing ceremony

The presiding officer shall conduct meetings with careful attention to correct parliamentary procedure. Wherever the

Chapter's regulations and the Fraternity's Constitution and Statutes are not specific, Roberts' Rules of Order shall apply.

5. NOBLE RULER. The Noble Ruler shall preside at all Chapter meetings, preserve order, maintain orderly conduct, decide all points of law and order, issue summons commanding the attendance at meetings of any or all members and enforce same, appoint all committees, sign credentials of delegates to Convention and perform such other duties as may devolve upon him under the Constitution, Statutes and Ritual. It shall be his special care to see that all the officers of his Chapter properly perform their duties and he shall report any negligence to his Chapter, with recommendations for removal from office or other punishment as to him may deem proper.

6. VICE NOBLE RULERS. Each Chapter shall have at least five Vice Noble Rulers encompassing the eight functions enumerated below. Order of Vice Noble Rulers is considered equal. The Undergraduate Chapter designates one of the Vice Noble Rulers to act in absence of the Noble Ruler in the event of death or disability. The Chapter shall determine ritualistic officers. The National Headquarters shall furnish to each Chapter suggestions for responsibilities of each office.

(a) Vice Noble Ruler-Activities. The Vice Noble Ruler-Activities shall be responsible for encouraging and directing brothers toward involvement in campus activities. He shall see that Alpha Gamma Rho is represented in both the College of Agriculture and general campus activities. The Vice Noble Ruler-Activities shall also be responsible for the Chapter's alcohol awareness program and all social functions of the chapter. He shall provide social activities that develop the maturity and social awareness of the

members. It shall be his specific obligation to see that all Chapter activities involving alcohol promote responsible use on the part of the members and guests.

(b) Vice Noble Ruler-Alumni Relations. The Vice Noble Ruler-Alumni Relations shall be responsible for the following: a) frequent contact with the Chapter's alumni body; b) proper maintenance of Chapter alumni records; c) the proper observance of Founders' Day and Homecoming; d) publishing two or more times during the year a Chapter newsletter to be known as the Chapter Crescent; e) publication of a Chapter directory, either supplemental or complete, arranged in both numerical and alphabetical order, identifying each brother listed therein as to his year of initiation and his latest mailing address, and a copy of said Directory or supplement shall be furnished the National Headquarters by November 15th each year.

- (c) **Vice Noble Ruler-Finance.** The Vice Noble Ruler-Finance shall collect promptly all dues, fees, taxes, fines and other monies of the Chapter, keep a just and true account of the same and pay them out only on order of the Noble Ruler and Vice Noble Ruler-Planning with the consent of the Chapter; shall remit to the National Headquarters, as soon as due, all taxes, dues, fees or other monies payable to the Fraternity, and shall be personally responsible to the Fraternity for all such sums not remitted within ten days after collection; shall send with each remittance an itemized statement of explanation upon the proper forms; shall see that the accounts of the Chapter are properly kept in books of accounting approved by the National Board of Directors, and shall send to the National Headquarters within twenty days after the end of the month, a complete report of the finances of the Chapter for such month, and shall make such other reports as he shall be required to make.

The Vice Noble Ruler-Finance, unless excused in writing by a national officer other than the Chapter Adviser, must keep all financial records on forms adopted or pre-approved by the Fraternity and make monthly financial reports, approved and signed by the Chapter Adviser to the National Headquarters. Such reports must be mailed not later than the 20th of each succeeding month. Penalty for failure to comply with this requirement shall be removal from office.

A budget must be completed and sent to the National Headquarters for approval no later than May 15th of each year.

- (d) Vice Noble Ruler-Management and Operations.** The Vice Noble Ruler-Management and Operations shall be responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the chapter house property. He shall oversee its care, maintenance, and shall report on necessary replacement or addition of capital items and shall recommend and implement safety programs.
- (e) Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Development.** The Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Development shall be responsible for the moral, mental and fraternal development of the Chapter's members. He shall oversee the Chapter membership education program.
- (f) Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Recruitment.** The duties of the Vice Noble Ruler-Membership Recruitment shall be to coordinate all recruitment activities throughout the year.
- (g) Vice Noble Ruler-Planning.** The Vice Noble Ruler-Planning shall be responsible for the annual development and updating of the Chapter operating plan. He shall coordinate with the Executive Council all changes to the plan, and he is responsible for conducting a meeting between the incoming and outgoing

officers to discuss the Chapter's progress, reviewing and updating the plan accordingly. He shall monitor and encourage progress of individuals responsible for areas of the plan.

The Vice Noble Ruler-Planning shall keep a record of all proceedings of Chapter meetings and shall transmit a copy of the same to the Secretary of the National Fraternity upon request. He shall perform the duties of corresponding secretary for the Chapter; shall send to the National Headquarters reports upon proper forms of all initiations, affiliations, deaths, and expulsions of members and election of officers within three days after he has notice of such events. He shall make such other reports as may be required of him by the National Officers of the Fraternity. He shall act as or oversee the Chapter Historian, and he shall act as custodian of Chapter archives and records.

The Vice Noble Ruler-Planning shall send the credentials of the Convention delegates to the National Headquarters at least thirty days prior to the Convention. He shall be subject, personally, to payment of such fines and to performance of such acts as the National Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe for failure to perform the duties of his office.

- (h) **The Vice Noble Ruler-Scholarship.** The Vice Noble Ruler-Scholarship shall promote good academic achievement within the Chapter. He shall develop and administer scholarship incentive and scholarship development programs within the chapter and submit such reports as specified from time to time by the National Board of Directors including a semester or quarterly report of the Chapter's scholarship information as specified by the National Officers of the Fraternity. He shall work with the scholarship committee in determining the scholastic standing of all members and prospective members at least once each semester or quarter. He shall also maintain an organized test file, and a practical and useful library.

7. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

- (a) Any Chapter officer who shall fail at any time during his term of office to live in the Chapter house while school is in session shall by such failure be removed automatically from office.
- (b) The National Officers of the Fraternity, severally, shall have power to remove from office summarily, without the need to show any cause whatsoever, any Chapter officer and to designate from among the Members of the Chapter his successor; if no such designation is made, the Chapter shall fill any such

vacancy so created, by vote of its Members, as promptly as possible.

- (c) Any Chapter officer who shall fail at any time during his term of office to maintain a cumulative grade point average four-tenths of one point above his college's equivalent of a "C" average shall be removed automatically from office, unless he shows good cause to continue in office as determined by a Chapter Adviser.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE. Each Chapter shall have a Finance Committee consisting of the Vice Noble Ruler-Finance, at least three other Collegiate Members, and at least two Alumni Members, usually the Chapter Adviser; and supervision over the financial affairs of the Chapter and shall inspect the Vice Noble Ruler-Finance records and audit his accounts.

9. RECORDS RETURNED. Whenever the Charter of any Undergraduate Chapter shall be revoked, or an Undergraduate Chapter is for any reason discontinued, the Charter and all books, funds, records, files, forms, etc., relative to such Chapter shall be at once transmitted to the National Headquarters, which shall file, hold and deposit the same and keep due record of all such returns.

CHAPTER IV

Fiscal Year, Finances, Fees and Taxes

1. **FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the Fraternity shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the succeeding year.
2. **FEES.**
 - (a) **Initiation Fees.** The initiation fee for membership in the Fraternity, to be collected and remitted to the National Headquarters by the Undergraduate Chapter conducting the ceremonies, shall be the amount from time to time in effect as specified in Table A attached to these. After making such allocation as is required by paragraph (d) hereof, the Board of Directors shall allocate, set aside or expend all initiation fees for such Fraternity purposes as it may deem necessary or desirable, including the furnishing of an official plain badge to the initiate. Additional chapter initiation fees may be fixed by each chapter. No prospective member shall be sworn or initiated until the initiation fee has been paid. A chapter check for said initiation fee shall be sent to the National Headquarters within three days following initiation.

- (b) **Semi-Annual Dues.** Each Undergraduate Chapter and Colony shall collect and remit to the National Headquarters an amount from time to time in effect as specified in Table A attached to these Statutes and hereby made a part hereof, for each Collegiate Member as semi-annual national dues. Additional chapter dues may be fixed by each chapter. The semi-annual dues as determined and in effect on or before April 15 shall be assessed of the members during the first month upon returning to school in the Fall and Spring term, and remitted to the National Headquarters no later than October 15 and February 15 respectively.
- (c) **Alumni Dues.** Each alumni member may be billed and encouraged to pay annually to the National Headquarters of the Fraternity a sum as voluntary national dues.
- (d) **Initiation Fee Allocation.** The Fraternity shall, upon receipt of each fully-paid initiation fee, allocate a portion thereof as annually approved by the National Board of Directors to the SICKLE & SHEAF Endowment Fund and Chapter House Loan Fund, and at least quarterly pay into said Funds the amounts so allocated.

- (e) **Undergraduate Chapter Convention Fees.** Such amount as shall be fixed from time to time by the National Board of Directors shall be paid to the Fraternity, and delivered to the National Headquarters, annually on or before January 15 of each fiscal year of the Fraternity, by each Undergraduate Chapter as and for a Convention Fee. Convention Fees paid by each Undergraduate Chapter shall be credited against Convention and registration fees charged at the next National Convention for the Collegiate Members of such chapter who are its voting delegates.
- (f) **Alumni Chapter and Alumni Corporation Convention Fees.** The National Board of Directors shall fix from time to time the amount of a Convention Fee due to the National Headquarters by the Alumni Corporations and Alumni Chapters, and shall further establish the payment due date thereof.

3. **RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAPTERS.** Each Chapter shall be responsible to the National Board of Directors for the fees, taxes and assessments levied upon it and its members; the failure of an individual member to pay the same shall not release his Chapter from the obligation of the payment thereof. Chapters in arrears of any fees, taxes, or assessments shall be denied their vote in the National Convention;

arrears for two years shall be deemed sufficient cause for forfeiture of the Chapter at the discretion of the National Board of Directors.

4. METHOD OF COLLECTING MEMBERS' DEBTS TO CHAPTERS.

- (a) Any Member whose bill to his Chapter is past due for sixty days or more shall be denied the privileges of the Fraternity until such time as the bill is paid, unless satisfactory arrangements are made with the Finance Committee and the Chapter Adviser, and a bankable note presented covering the amount of the bill.
- (b) If the bill is not paid within one year, the Member shall be expelled from the Fraternity.
- (c) If debts of Members cannot be collected by ordinary means, the Chapter, after due notice to the debtor, may bring civil action against the delinquent member for the amount concerned.
- (d) No Member in arrears in his payment of accounts due the Chapter shall be eligible to hold any office in the Chapter nor shall he be entitled to any privileges of the Fraternity.

5. CHARGES TO COLONIES.

- (a) **Installation of Colonies as Chapters.** The sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid as a charter fee by each Colony upon its installation as an Undergraduate Chapter.

(b) Initiation of Members into Colonies. Each Colony shall pay to the Fraternity at its National Headquarters, in the manner and at the times specified for the payment of initiation fees by Undergraduate Chapters, for each individual committed to initiated to membership in the Colony an amount equal to the sum provided as initiation fee at such time pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph (a) of this chapter. Upon the installation of a Colony as an Undergraduate Chapter, each initiated member of the Colony with respect to whom a Colony initiation fee has been paid as aforesaid, shall be eligible to membership in the Fraternity and may be initiated upon payment of the initiation fees provided at such time in Section 2 of this Chapter. Colony initiation fees remitted to the Fraternity shall be allocated, set aside and expended in the same

(c) Convention Charges. Such amount as shall be fixed from time to time by the National Board of Directors shall be paid by each Colony to the Fraternity, and delivered to the National Headquarters, annually on or before January 15 of each fiscal year of the Fraternity, as and for a Convention Charge. Such Convention charges paid by each Colony shall be credited, pro rata, against convention and registration fees charged at the next National Convention for two representatives of such Colony to attend that National Convention.

6. **AUDIT.** An audit of the books of the Vice Noble Ruler-Finance of each Undergraduate Chapter shall be made annually, either (a) at the time the new officers assume office, but not later than March 31, or (b) within sixty (60) days following the close of the fiscal year of such Chapter, by a competent, disinterested accountant or by an audit committee of the Alumni Members of such Chapter. A copy of the audit report shall be sent to the National Headquarters within thirty days after the date of the audit.

CHAPTER V

1. **TRIAL CODE.** Each Chapter shall formulate such procedures for the discipline expulsion and suspension of membership privileges of its Members as shall accord with fairness and brotherhood, and no Trial code shall be mandated by the Fraternity. The National Headquarters shall furnish to each Chapter upon request suggestions for trial procedures.
2. **DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHAPTERS AND OFFICERS.** The Secretary of the Fraternity shall compile and from time to time, as he deems fit, publish in whole or in part the "Policies and Procedures of Alpha Gamma Rho" which shall contain their conduct as a part of the Fraternity, that the purpose of the Fraternity may be better achieved.
3. **SUSPENSION.** Upon the receipt of information confirming allegations that any provision of the National Constitution and Statutes has been violated, and if in his opinion the best

interests of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity so require, the Executive Director or the Grand President may suspend a Member's or a Chapter's rights and privileges with the right of appeal and to a hearing if such a request is received in writing within fifteen days after receiving notice of such suspension.

The hearing shall be held as promptly as reasonably practicable by a committee appointed by the Grand President and approved by the National Board of Directors of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7), one of whom shall be designated Chairman, who shall investigate and hear the evidence and make written findings of fact and recommendations for sanctions and other actions, if any, and report the same to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall offer the committee's findings and recommendations to the National Board of Directors whose decisions shall be final.

CHAPTER VI

These Statutes may be amended, enlarged, revised or otherwise altered, in whole or in part, at the National Convention by two-thirds vote, or, between meetings of the National Convention in the following manner:

1. The National Board of Directors may propose, by a two-thirds vote, a proposed amendment to these Statutes.

2. The proposed amendment must then be submitted, in writing, to each undergraduate and alumni chapter and alumni corporation. Each Chapter and Corporation shall have three months to respond.
3. Each Chapter and Corporation shall have one vote.
4. If a majority of the Chapters and Corporations vote during the time to respond and at least two-thirds of the votes cast favor approval of the amendment, the proposed amendment will be adopted upon the next meeting of the National Board of Directors.
5. The National Board of Director's action proposing an amendment may not be taken within six months before the start of a National Convention; nor any proposal submitted between May 1 and August 1.

**TABLE A
TO THE STATUTES OF
ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY**

INITIATION FEES

Time of Ceremony: On and after January 1, 2007

Amount Payable Prior to Initiation \$225.00

SEMI-ANNUAL DUES

Effective January 1, 2007

Amount Due:	Fall	October 15	\$65.00
	Spring	February 15	\$65.00