

STANDING RULES LAST AMENDED BY THE 46TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Policy - XII. Proposed Standing Rules of the National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega

1. The legislative session will be conducted using Zoom. Delegates must use Zoom on their computers or download the Zoom app on their phones or other electronic devices in order to participate in the legislative session.
2. Only registered voting and non-voting delegates and invited guests will be admitted to the legislative session.
3. At the beginning of each legislative session, the Rules and Credentials Convention Committee shall report on the number of properly credentialed voting delegates and alternates registered as present. The Rule and Credential Convention Committee shall make a final report including the total number of voting delegates registered and other action taken by the committee prior to the adjournment of the final Legislative Session.
4. There shall be no solicitation of funds or sale of any items among the delegates during the legislative session except with the permission of the chair.
5. The report or motion under consideration by the legislative body will be displayed so that it is visible to the delegates.
6. All delegates will be muted during the legislative session until recognized by the Chair.
7. Delegates shall not use the chat feature to send messages to other delegates. The chat feature may only be used to seek recognition by the Chair and submit proposed motions.
8. A delegate seeking recognition by the Chair must type all of the following information in the [Chat][Q&A] box: Color indicating reason for seeking recognition, Name, Chapter/Position. Upon recognition, delegates seeking the floor shall state their name and chapter or position and the reason for which they seek recognition.
9. The colors used to indicate the reason for seeking recognition will be the following:
 - a. GREEN– To speak in favor of a motion on the floor or to make a motion
 - b. RED– To speak against a motion on the floor or to make a motion.
 - c. WHITE– To make a motion dealing with the general conduct of the meeting.
10. Once a delegate seeks recognition in the [chat][Q&A] box, the request will be placed in a speaking order. Speakers will be rotated among “Green,” “Red” and “White.” The first 3 delegates indicating “White” shall be given priority over “Green” and “Red” but thereafter “White” cards will be recognized in normal rotation.
11. Each delegate may speak in debate once for not more than three (3) minutes on a motion and, at the discretion of the chair, a second time for not more than two (2) minutes on the same motion. This limitation on debate does not apply to Reference Committee members responsible for presenting the pending report or action.
12. When nominations for offices elected at National Convention take place the Chair shall first call on the Nominating Committee to present its slate of nomination(s). After the Nominating Committee presents its nomination(s), the chair shall call for other nominations for each office. Delegates who are nominating someone for an office may offer an up to one minute statement of rationale. No nominee may have more than one statement offered on their behalf, regardless of the number of offices they are nominated for.
13. After nominations for all offices are completed, if the number of candidates for any office is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, those candidates shall be declared elected.
14. Candidates for contested positions shall be allocated a period not exceeding 5 minutes each for the purpose of addressing the delegates or having a statement read on their behalf.
15. Immediately following the conclusion of candidate speeches, the Chair shall conduct the contested elections in the order of National President, National Vice President, the Members of the Board from the Convention Districts as one group, and the Members of the Board At Large as one group. Candidates who are not elected for the Members of the Board from the Convention Districts roles may choose to be considered for one of the Members of the Board At Large roles.
16. All motions from the floor of the legislative session consisting of five (5) or more words other than those related to

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the procedural matters, shall be submitted by typing the motion in the chat box.

17. Any resolution, directive or other motion that has been considered by a reference committee but not placed on the agenda of the legislative session by a reference committee may be brought to the floor only by a petition signed by all of the voting delegates present from five chapters. This petition must be emailed to executive.director@apo.org before the motion can be considered by the legislative body.
18. All main motions, except those dealing primarily with fiscal or financial issues, adopted by the National Convention shall take effect at the close of the Convention, unless otherwise specified in such motion. Motions dealing primarily with fiscal or financial issues shall take effect at the commencement of the next fiscal year, unless otherwise specified in such motion.
19. Voting on motions and amendments will occur using the polling feature on the virtual platform.
 - a. The Chair will announce the amount of time the poll will be open for each vote.
 - b. Once a vote is called, a poll will be displayed and delegates may vote.
 - c. Once a vote is submitted, the vote cannot be changed.
 - d. When the voting has completed, the results will be announced and may be displayed.
20. Regional chair elections shall be conducted in regional breakout meetings scheduled in conjunction with the National Convention.
 - a. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor at these meetings.
 - b. A majority vote of the registered voting delegates present and voting from their respective region is necessary for election of a regional chair to the Operations Council.
 - c. The National President shall appoint persons to conduct the elections of the regional chairs. The appointees shall report the results of the elections to the National Executive Director.
 - d. The appointees shall be in charge of the regional meetings, until the election is completed. The election shall be the only item of business during this regional meeting.
21. All questions of individual behavior deemed to be a discredit to the good name of the Fraternity shall be referred to the Spirit and Standards Committee.
22. The final legislative session of the National Convention shall be adjourned “sine die” no later than 11:59 p.m. EST, December 28 in the year in which the National Convention takes place.
23. National Convention Alcohol Policy: No member shall consume alcohol nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs during the legislative session. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs will be viewed as a violation of the Fraternity’s Convention Alcohol Policy. (BD20)