California Alpha Delta Kappa Bylaws

Amended 2024

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be California Alpha Delta Kappa of Alpha Delta Kappa, hereinafter referred to as California Alpha Delta Kappa. The first chapter of California Alpha Delta Kappa was chartered on Aug 25, 1953, in Piedmont, California.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of California Alpha Delta Kappa shall be to promote the purposes set forth in ARTICLE II of the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa*.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Refer to ARTICLE III in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on membership, transfer, resignation, reinstatement, termination, Omega Chapter, and dues, fees and assessments. See also California Policies and Procedures Manual on dues, fees and assessments.

ARTICLE IV — CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

Refer to ARTICLE IV in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on chapter organization.

ARTICLE V — SUSPENDING AND REVOKING OF CHARTERS

Refer to ARTICLE V in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on suspending and revoking of charters.

ARTICLE VI — INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD and REGIONAL COUNCIL

Refer to ARTICLE VI in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on the International Executive Board and Regional Council.

ARTICLE VII — OFFICERS

Refer to ARTICLE VII, Section 2, a. Eligibility (4) in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on state co-officers. See also California Policies and Procedures Manual.

Elected officers of California Alpha Delta Kappa shall be president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary and treasurer. The offices of vice president for membership, historian, chaplain, corresponding secretary and sergeant-at-arms may be optional.

ARTICLE VIII — COMMITTEES

Refer to ARTICLE VIII, Section 2 in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on state committees. See also California Policies and Procedures Manual.

The following shall be designated as state committees: Alpha Delta Kappa Month, altruistic, budget, bylaws, candidate qualifications, fraternity education, membership, scholarship, resolutions, publicity/technology, state convention and balloting.

Section 1. Committees and their chairs, except the candidate qualifications committee, which is elected by the executive board, shall be appointed by the state president following each state convention in even-numbered years or when the committee is authorized by the executive board.

Section 2. Duties of committees shall be as listed in the California Policies and Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE IX — INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Refer to ARTICLE IX in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on International convention.

ARTICLE X — INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

Refer to ARTICLE X in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on the International Council of Presidents.

ARTICLE XI — REGIONS, REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Refer to ARTICLE XI in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on regions and regional conferences. California is in the Southwest (SWR) Region, one of the seven regions in Alpha Delta Kappa.

ARTICLE XII — S/P/N CONVENTION

Refer to ARTICLE XII in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on the state convention. See also California Policies and Procedures Manual.

Section 1. Official delegates to the state convention shall be:

a. Each elected state officer, each past president, each state committee chair, and each chapter will have one delegate (or alternate) for every ten members per chapter with a minimum of one

delegate per chapter, and one delegate for every ten sustaining members (or majority thereof) attending the convention.

b. Each delegate has only one vote. If a designated delegate is unable to vote, only an alternate may vote; there are no proxies.

ARTICLE XIII — S/P/N COUNCIL OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Refer to ARTICLE XIII in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on the state council of chapter presidents.

Section 1: The state council of presidents shall meet in conjunction with the state convention in the even numbered years. All members are welcome to attend this meeting.

ARTICLE XIV — DISTRICTS

Refer to ARTICLE XIV in the current Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa, for information on districts.

Section 1. Four districts have been established by the California executive board to provide a strong, vital link between the chapters and the state.

- a. The districts shall meet annually to implement the adopted purposes of the districts.
- b. Each district elects a chair, chair-elect, secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XV — CITY/AREA COUNCILS OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Refer to ARTICLE XV in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on city/area councils of chapter presidents.

See also California Policies and Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE XVI — CHAPTER MEETINGS

Refer to ARTICLE XVI in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on chapter meetings.

ARTICLE XVII — S/P/N AND CHAPTER BYLAWS

Refer to ARTICLE XVII in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on state and chapter bylaws. See also California Policies and Procedures Manual.

Section 1. California Alpha Delta Kappa shall adopt bylaws and/or policies and procedures manual, which must be in compliance with the *Constitution of Alpha Delta Kappa* and *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa*. Each biennium, the state bylaws chair shall send for certification, a current copy of the state bylaws or the official policy statement, from the California Policies and Procedures Manual, that satisfies the requirement of the Internal Revenue Service for states of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, to the International Bylaws Committee Chair by October 15 of even-numbered years.

Section 2. The chapters shall adopt bylaws and/or policies and procedures manual, which must be in compliance with the *Constitution of Alpha Delta Kappa*, *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* and the California Bylaws and/or the California Policies and Procedures Manual. Each biennium, the chapter bylaws chair shall send, for certification, a current copy of the chapter bylaws or the official policy statement, from the chapter policies and procedures manual, that satisfies the requirement of the Internal Revenue Service for states of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, to the state bylaws committee chair by March 15 of odd-numbered years.

ARTICLE XVIII — PUBLICATIONS

Refer to ARTICLE XVIII in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on publications.

See also California Policies and Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE XIX — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Refer to ARTICLE XIX in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* for information on parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE XX — AMENDING OF BYLAWS

Refer to ARTICLE XX in the current *Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa* and the California Policies and Procedures Manual for information on amending the bylaws.

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the official delegates present and voting at any regular state convention provided that:

- a. the proposed amendments shall have been proposed by the California executive board, the state bylaws committee or by a chapter.
- b. a copy of the proposed amendments shall have been sent to all chapters at least thirty (30) and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the state convention.

Section 2. Unless otherwise provided prior to its adoption or in the motion to adopt, an amendment to these bylaws shall become the law of California Alpha Delta Kappa at the close of the state convention at which it shall have been adopted.

Article XXI – DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Internal Revenue Service requires upon the dissolution of the corporation's states, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any chapters within, the assets of the state or chapter(s) having assets which remain after payment of its obligations has been made or provided for, and after return, transfer, or conveyance of assets held upon condition requiring such return, transfer, or conveyance, shall be transferred to one or more nonprofit organizations whose purposes are substantially similar to those for which the corporation is organized and which at the time of such distribution are described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Code and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the Code.