



# The Theta Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega



## Constitution

### PREAMBLE

We, the members of Theta Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, chartered on the campus of Centre College for the purpose of assembling students under the cardinal principles of leadership, friendship, and service as embodied by the national brotherhood, do hereby adopt this Constitution

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Theta Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

### ARTICLE II - STANDARDS

This chapter shall be conducted as a service fraternity under the policies, principles, and provisions set forth by the National Articles of Incorporation, National By-laws, and the Chapter Articles of Association (consisting of the Constitution and Chapter By-Laws) of Alpha Phi Omega.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Membership in this chapter of Alpha Phi Omega shall be open to all students in good standing at Centre College who agree to embody the values and ideals of the Boy Scout Oath and Law. Membership in this chapter shall be granted after the applicant has fulfilled the membership requirements prescribed by the National Fraternity and the Constitution and By-Laws of this chapter.

Without gender implication, all initiated members of the organization are known nationally as Brothers of the Fraternity.

#### Sub-Section A – Definition of “good standing”

For all Fraternity purposes, “good standing” shall be defined as maintaining a 2.25 gpa for the semester prior and/or a 2.5 cumulative gpa rounded to the nearest tenth. First-time Freshmen shall be exempt from meeting the requirement. Members falling below this standard shall automatically be placed in associate member status for a period of one semester at which time the member may petition for a status change. Members must submit a printed grade report of the semester prior to a designated advisor within 10 days of the beginning of the current term. The Executive Committee shall designate the advisor and the President shall provide a reminder to members within 3 days of the beginning of the term. The designated advisor will compile a list of members who meet and/or fail to meet the requirements of good standing and shall submit said list to the Chapter Review Board at which time actions shall be taken as necessary. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Chapter Review Board.

#### SECTION 2 – TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

#### Sub-Section A - Pledge Membership

Pledge membership shall be conferred upon enrolled students at Centre College who have been selected by brothers of Theta Theta Chapter to participate in a period of preparation and training in the ideas and purposes of Alpha Phi Omega. Pledge membership shall be held until the student participates in the initiation ritual of the Fraternity, ceases participation in the pledge program, or fails to meet the standards set



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forth in the Pledge Policy of Theta Theta Chapter.

### **Sub-Section B - Active Membership**

Active membership in this chapter shall be conferred upon students of this educational institution who are in fellowship with the principles of Alpha Phi Omega and the Boy Scouts of America as embodied in the Scout Oath and Law and who have successfully completed the period of pledge membership. Active members shall carry all rights and responsibilities in this chapter, except that this chapter shall determine the degree of participation that is required to maintain active status. Active membership shall continue so long as the member remains in good standing in this chapter, does not become an associate or inactive member, and continues enrollment at Centre College. Active membership may be transferred to Theta Theta Chapter from another chapter if the member transfers institutional enrollment, provided that a petition from the member for active status is presented before the Executive Committee, as defined in Article VIII, and the petition receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the entire active brotherhood, and that the new brother completes the necessary forms and sees that they are forwarded to the National Office.

- A. In order to maintain active status a brother must:
  1. Have paid the National Active Membership Dues
  2. Have paid all chapter dues
  3. Have been either an active member or pledge member during the previous semester
  4. Have fulfilled attendance requirements as set forth in the Attendance Policy of Theta Theta Chapter.
  5. Have completed all service requirements during the previous semester as set forth in the Service Policy of Theta Theta Chapter.
- B. Any brother not meeting one or more of these requirements, due to unusual circumstances, may have any of these requirements waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active brothers at a regular chapter meeting.
- C. Any brother who, due to financial reasons, is unable to pay the required fees on time, may make alternative arrangements with the Treasurer. If the agreement is not kept, the brother shall be considered inactive.
- D. Any brother failing to meet the requirements for active membership and not eligible for consideration under the above clauses shall be considered an inactive member. An inactive member who wishes to be reinstated as an active brother must petition for active status. This petition is to be made to the Executive Committee and a ballot of the entire brotherhood shall decide the member's reinstatement as an active brother. A two-thirds (2/3) majority shall be required to reinstate a member's active status.
- E. Active brothers studying abroad are exempt from meeting the requirements of active brotherhood.

### **Sub-Section C - Associate Membership**



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This chapter may confer associate membership on an active member who finds it necessary to cease full involvement in chapter affairs, because of other commitments of time and effort and who petition for such membership. In order to attain associate status, a brother must attend a mandatory meeting with the Vice-President of Membership about their reasons for wanting to attain associate status. The Vice-President of Membership will present the brother's petition to the chapter for a vote. Upon approval of associate status, the brother will assume the title "Associate Brother of the Fraternity."

A brother who is granted associate membership shall be required to pay dues, attend all pledge and brotherhood rituals, and fulfill one-half of all service hour requirements as set forth in the Service Policy of Theta Theta Chapter. Associate brothers have all the rights and privileges except voting and holding office. Associate membership shall last until the end of the next long semester. Associate members may repetition the following long semester to retain Associate status. Upon the semester's end, all associates shall revert to inactive status and they must re-petition to retain associate status or request active status by the third meeting of the brotherhood during the following semester. To be reinstated as a brother from associate brother status requires a vote attaining two-thirds (2/3) majority of the entire active brotherhood.

### **Sub-Section D - Inactive Membership**

This chapter may confer Inactive Membership upon any brother who does not fulfill the requirements of active membership set forth by the Constitution of Theta Theta Chapter and has not attained Associate Membership. Inactive members shall forfeit all rights, privileges, and titles granted to them by Alpha Phi Omega. Furthermore, inactive members will no longer be permitted to wear letters, use Alpha Phi Omega insignia, or participate in Alpha Phi Omega functions as a brother.

In order to voluntarily attain inactive status, a brother must attend a mandatory meeting with the Vice-President of Membership about their reasons for wanting to become an inactive member. The Vice-President of Membership will present the brother's petition to the chapter for a vote.

### **Sub-Section E - Advisory Membership**

This chapter may confer Advisory Membership upon people approved through a vote of the brotherhood. Advisors shall have all the rights and privileges of active members except those of holding office and voting. They may chair the Advisory Committee. Advisory Membership may not be conferred upon undergraduate students. Advisors may be elected as deemed necessary by the chapter.

### **Sub-Section F - Honorary Membership**

This chapter may confer Honorary Membership upon people who have contributed significantly to the ideals and purposes of Alpha Phi Omega. People so honored shall have all the rights and privileges of active members except those of holding office and voting. Honorary Membership may not be bestowed upon undergraduate students. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the active brotherhood shall be required to grant Honorary Membership.

### **Sub-Section G - Alumni Membership**

Upon leaving this chapter and student status at Centre College, all who have held Active, Associate, Advisory, or Honorary status in this chapter at the time of graduation shall be recognized as Alumni brothers.

### **Sub-Section H - Extension Membership**

Extension Membership shall be conferred by Theta Theta Chapter upon no more than four students



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enrolled in a nearby institution of higher education in which a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is not located. In order to grant such membership, Theta Theta Chapter is required to obtain the written authorization of the National Membership and Extension Committee. Upon the application of a fifth student for Extension Membership, these students must form a petitioning group at their university. Extension Members shall have all the rights and privileges of active members of Theta Theta Chapter until a chapter is established at their university.

### **SECTION 3 – CHANGING MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

Changing from one membership status to another (i.e. Associate to Active) shall be achieved by addressing a petition to the Executive Committee and then to the next full meeting of the brotherhood. The usual twenty-four (24) hour notice before voting is not required for a change in membership status. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the brotherhood is required to change membership status. This may be attempted at any time. Individuals for whom status is under consideration shall not be present in the room at the time of consideration.

### **SECTION 4 - SUSPENSION**

This chapter shall have the authority to suspend members for just cause after due deliberation of the Chapter Review Board. Upon the suspension of a member, the chapter may, at its discretion, petition the National Fraternity for a letter of suspension to be affixed to the individual's membership records. Members on suspension are not allowed to vote, hold office, represent Alpha Phi Omega at any official function, attend fraternity sponsored fellowship events, or utilize fraternity insignia including but not limited to the wearing of "letters."

### **SECTION 5 - MEMBERSHIP RECORDS**

The chapter Historian shall maintain a permanent record of all members.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES**

### **SECTION 1 - CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Chapter Meetings shall occur weekly throughout the academic semester in a place and at a time designated by the Executive Committee, and approved by the brotherhood. Exceptions may be granted by a majority vote of the active brotherhood.

### **SECTION 2 - QUORUM**

A quorum, necessary to transact all official business, shall consist of an absolute majority (51%) of all active brothers.

### **SECTION 3 – VOTING**

Any matter of significant legislation to be voted upon needs to be open to the brotherhood for at least twenty-four (24) hours before the vote. If it does not meet the time requirement, it must be postponed until the next meeting. Any official business requires a simple majority vote unless otherwise stated in this Constitution and By-laws. In instances where the legislation requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the brotherhood, a forty-eight (48) hours notice shall be required.

### **SECTION 4 - SPECIAL MEETINGS**



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A Special Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee or by a petition containing the signatures of at least one-third (1/3) of the active brotherhood. The announcement of a Special Meeting must be posted at least three (3) days in advance except in extraordinary circumstances.

### **SECTION 5 - ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Order of Business shall be conducted according to the Executive Committee's written agenda. The President shall be extended the privilege of amending these procedures under special circumstances. Robert's Rules of Order shall be used for all meetings in which voting on legislation or membership status will be taking place. All other meetings shall apply Robert's Rules of Order as determined by the presiding officer.

### **SECTION 6 - EXCUSED ABSENCE**

An excused absence shall be granted upon the discretion of the Sergeant-at-Arms and/or the President in accordance with the written attendance policy as in the Chapter By-laws.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

### **SECTION 1 - PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all chapter and executive meetings, submit all forms and monies to the national office, confirm their receipt, inform the Advisory Committee of actions of the brotherhood, closely monitor all operations of the chapter and give leadership to planning and goal setting of the chapter, including, but not limited to, conducting a Chapter Program Planning Conference. The President shall represent the chapter to the campus and its officials, the community and within Alpha Phi Omega. The President has the power to establish committees and serve as an ex-officio member.

### **SECTION 2 - VICE-PRESIDENT OF SERVICE**

The Vice-President of Service shall be in charge of all service related projects, chair the Service Committee, and establish a monthly written service agenda which must be approved by the brotherhood. The Vice-President of Service shall perform all presidential functions in the temporary absence of the President as well as distribute and collect all service reporting forms.

### **SECTION 3 - VICE-PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

The Vice-President of Membership shall be responsible for recruitment, retention, development and execution of the invitation (rush) program, and oversight of the Pledge Educator each semester. The Vice-President of Membership shall also chair the Membership Committee and oversee the activities of the Pledge Educator. In order to preserve the brotherhood of Theta Theta Chapter, the Vice-President of Membership shall maintain contact with active and alumni members.

### **SECTION 4 – VICE-PRESIDENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

The Vice-President of Fellowship shall be responsible for the planning and implementation of at least two (2) fellowship activities per month. To facilitate this, the Vice-President of Fellowship shall chair the Fellowship Committee. Furthermore, the Vice-President of Fellowship shall establish a monthly written fellowship agenda which must be approved by the brotherhood.

### **SECTION 5 – VICE-PRESIDENT OF LEADERSHIP**

The Vice-President of Leadership shall be responsible for planning and implementing at least one



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LEADS course held at Centre College per year, organizing various leadership development workshops, maintaining records of leadership positions held by brothers, promoting general leadership development amongst brothers and developing outreach activities in the area of leadership development including the Boy Scouts of America and local high schools. The Vice-President of Leadership shall also chair the Leadership Development Committee

### **SECTION 6 – PLEDGE EDUCATOR**

The Pledge Educator shall be elected by the active brotherhood two weeks prior to the beginning of each invitation (rush) program period for a term to expire at the conclusion of said invitation (rush) period, and shall serve under the guidance of the Vice-President of Membership. The Pledge Educator shall be in charge of planning and conducting all pledge activities as well as acting as liaison between active brothers and pledges. The Pledge Educator is not considered an officer of the Fraternity.

### **SECTION 7 - TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all chapter finances, including the payment of bills and collection of fees and dues, and the development of a written budget policy to be approved by the brotherhood. The budget policy must address budgets for each officer, all standing committees, and temporary committees or project chairs concerning projects which are large, lengthy, or otherwise in need of funds. In addition, the Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions. A report on chapter finances shall be made available to the brotherhood at the first meeting of each month. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the filing of Student Government Association budget requests. Upon completion of the financial year (June-May) the Treasurer shall report on the financial health of the chapter. The Treasurer is also in charge of all fundraising projects, and oversees fundraising events.

### **SECTION 8 - SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping accurate written records of all chapter meetings, maintaining a list of contact numbers for the brotherhood, and keeping a record of all meeting agendas.

### **SECTION 9 - HISTORIAN**

The Historian shall be responsible for keeping a written and updated history and scrapbook(s) of the chapter, containing photographs, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia; organizing and supervising composite pictures; and keeping updated historical records such as member records and family trees for the chapter. Also the Historian shall be responsible for collecting copies of national, regional, sectional and chapter papers, and making them available to the brotherhood. This includes fraternity documents and convention information, along with whatever else is deemed necessary. The Historian shall also maintain an accurate record of alumni members. The Historian also has responsibility for the chapter ritual kit.

### **SECTION 10 – SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate record of brother attendance at all chapter meetings, making all necessary reservations of rooms, registering fires, granting excused absences, and acting as liaison between the Fraternity and the Centre College Department of Public Safety.

### **SECTION 10 – PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

The Public Relations Director shall be the chair of the Communications Committee and shall be responsible for bringing to completion all assignments delegated to the aforesaid committee.



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## **SECTION 11- SECTION REPRESENTATIVE**

The Section Representative will be responsible for communicating with other chapters within the section, organizing inter-chapter events, posting chapter events to the section blog, and organizing Sectional Conference when Theta Theta plays host. The Section Representative will also be responsible for maintaining a directory of other chapter officers within the section.

## **SECTION 12 – CHAIN OF LEADERSHIP**

The Chain of Leadership proceeds in the following order: President, Vice-President of Service, Vice-President of Membership, Vice- President of Fellowship, Vice-President of Leadership, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Public Relations Director, and Section Representative.

## **ARTICLE VI - CHAPTER ELECTION PROCEDURES**

### **SECTION 1 - ORDER OF OFFICES**

The election of officers shall normally proceed in the order of the Chain of Leadership. The first five (5) offices shall be voted on at the meeting falling in the second week following Centre College's spring break. The remaining offices shall be voted on during the meeting of the week following. Vacancies shall be filled as they occur.

### **SECTION 2 - LETTERS OF INTENT**

Letters of intent to run for an office must be submitted to the chapter President by the deadline set forth by the chapter President. These letters shall create the initial slate of candidates for each respective office.

### **SECTION 3 - NOMINATIONS**

The floor shall be opened for the nomination of additional candidates who had previously submitted a letter of intent prior to the election of each office.

### **SECTION 4 - STATEMENTS**

Each candidate shall be given five (5) minutes to speak followed by five (5) questions from the floor with one minute to respond to each. During this phase all candidates for the office being voted on, except the speaker, shall be dismissed from the room. The Sergeant-at-Arms will keep time.

### **SECTION 5 - COMMENTS**

After each candidate's statement, the floor shall be opened for comments. All candidates for the office being considered shall leave the room at this time. Up to three (3) comments may be heard per candidate. If necessary, a three (3) comment extension may be granted by a majority vote of the members present. Comments made during this period are to remain confidential.

### **SECTION 6 - VOTING**

Voting on an office shall commence after all the candidates have been heard. The candidates shall return to the meeting room. All voting shall be handled by secret ballot, unless a candidate is running unopposed. In this case, the president may entertain a motion to vote by acclamation.

To be elected, a candidate must have a clear majority of the active brothers present at the meeting. If



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no candidate receives a clear majority, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

### **SECTION 7 - RUN OFF ELECTIONS**

In the case of a run off election, election procedures shall follow the guidelines set forth in sections four, five, and six of this article.

## **ARTICLE VII - RESIGNATION OF OFFICE**

### **SECTION 1 – VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION**

An officer wishing to resign his or her position must submit a letter of resignation to the Executive Committee, detailing the reasons for the resignation. The officer must allow enough time before the resignation takes effect for a replacement to be properly voted in.

### **SECTION 2 – REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER**

Should there be a problem with any individual officer such that a movement is made to force a resignation, the following procedure must be followed:

- A. The complaint must be presented to the Chapter Review Board. The Chapter Review Board will hear arguments in support of and against the complaint in closed session. Following this, the Chapter Review Board will recommend to either send the complaint to the entire brotherhood or to dismiss the complaint.
- B. If this action does not correct the problem, the President shall present the topic of resignation at a full meeting of the brotherhood. The officer in question shall be given five (5) minutes to speak and answer questions from the floor. The floor shall then be opened for comments. The officer shall leave the room at this time. Up to six (6) comments may be heard with equality given between comments in the affirmative and comments in the negative. Comments made during this period are to remain confidential.
- C. At this time a vote by secret ballot shall be held. A two-thirds (2/3) majority is required to remove an officer from office. The officer shall then return to the room to hear the decision.

### **SECTION 3 – AUTOMATIC RESIGNATION**

An officer must resign if he or she fails to meet the following requirements at any point during the semester.

- A. All officers must remain enrolled and in good academic standing at Centre College.
- B. All officers must be active members of the fraternity during his/her time in office. If an officer becomes inactive due to attendance, he or she may petition the brotherhood to become active no later than two (2) weeks following the meeting which causes him or her to become inactive. If this status is not granted, or if the officer chooses not to petition for this status, he or she must resign.

## **ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



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The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the chapter, advisors, and past presidents who hold active membership. Of these, only the elected officers have voting power. The Executive Committee shall perform the duties stated in this Constitution. Other duties shall be assigned at the discretion of the President.

### **SECTION 2 - STANDING COMMITTEES**

Standing Committees shall be formed at the beginning of each semester, by informed selection. All committees shall have a minimum of three (3) members excluding the chair, but are not to exceed members equaling 15% of the active brotherhood except in instances where 15% of the active brother is equivalent to less than three (3) members. Committee members shall be responsible for assisting committee chairs in performing their duties. The standing committees are: Service, Membership, Fellowship, and Communication.

#### **Sub-Section A - Service Committee**

The Service Committee will assist the Vice President of Service in the planning, coordination, and implementation of the service program of Alpha Phi Omega.

#### **Sub-Section B - Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee will assist the Vice President of Membership in the planning, coordination, and implementation of the invitation (rush) program each semester. The committee will also be responsible for advising the Vice-President of Membership on the selection of a Pledge Educator each semester.

#### **Sub-Section C Fellowship Committee**

The Fellowship Committee will assist the Vice-President of Fellowship in the planning, coordination, and implementation of the fellowship program of Alpha Phi Omega.

#### **Sub-Section D – Leadership Development Committee**

The Leadership Development Committee will assist the Vice-President of Leadership in the planning, coordination and implementation of a leadership development program for both brothers and as an outreach.

#### **Sub-Section E - Communication Committee**

The Communication Committee will be responsible for developing and distributing all forms of advertisements for fraternity events. Furthermore, the Communication Committee will be responsible for maintaining a positive image of the fraternity to the campus community through flyers, advertisements, publications, letters to faculty/staff, and other means of communication as deemed necessary.

### **SECTION 3 - TEMPORARY COMMITTEES**

Temporary committees shall be established to complete one specific task or project. Temporary committees and their respective chairs shall be proposed by the President to be approved by the Executive Committee or by a brotherhood vote, if the Executive Committee deems it necessary. At the completion of the committee's task or project, the committee shall be dissolved.

### **SECTION 4 - ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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This chapter shall have an Advisory Committee consisting of at least one scouting advisor and at least three (3) advisors from Centre College. One of these advisors shall be elected as chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

### **SECTION 5 – CHAPTER REVIEW BOARD**

The Chapter Review Board shall be a council consisting of the President, Vice-President of Service, one representative elected from the Executive Committee, and two (2) representatives elected from the active brotherhood at-large. At no point shall the Chapter Review Board exceed five (5) members. Each member has equal standing regardless of the office held. The Council shall review and make decisions concerning violations of the Risk Management Policy, those members who do not complete other policy requirements, and other such concerns. The Chapter Review Board shall meet in resolution of minor situations for which all other viable alternatives have been exhausted and serious situations which are damaging to the chapter. These meetings are closed with the exception of an invitation from the board. If a member of the Chapter Review Board is seeking a decision from the board, an alternate from the active brotherhood shall sit to vote in their place. The Chapter Review Board may provide a verbal warning to, assign service hours to, reprimand or suspend a member. After one reprimand in any single semester, the Chapter Review Board may only suspend a member.

### **ARTICLE IX - CHAPTER DUES**

This chapter reserves the right, through a vote of the active brotherhood, to establish reasonable dues and/or fees in addition to those established by the National Fraternity. In the event that an increase or decrease in dues is exceptionally necessary, the Executive Committee, by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) majority vote may override a vote in the negative from the active brotherhood. Dues shall be set each fiscal year (June-May), with relation to the state of finances of the chapter.

### **ARTICLE X - HAZING**

There shall be no hazing or informal pledging in connection with the functions of this chapter. Any mistreatment of any member or other people at any time shall be considered a violation of the purposes of this chapter and the National Fraternity.

### **ARTICLE XI – RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

All Brothers of the Fraternity must agree to and sign the Chapter Risk Management Policy at the beginning of each term. The Historian will maintain an accurate record of these agreements.

### **ARTICLE XII - HOUSING POLICY**

As a service fraternity, this chapter does not operate nor maintain a fraternity house as lodging quarters for its members or for any other people. The chapter may maintain rooms for meetings at the discretion of its members.

### **ARTICLE XIII - POLICY ON ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

This chapter of Alpha Phi Omega shall not seek nor accept membership in any governing association consisting solely of social fraternities, except on approval of the National Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE XIV - AUTHORITY OF CHAPTER**

This chapter may adopt by-laws, rules, or regulations that do not conflict with the National Articles of



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Incorporation, the National By-laws, Chapter Articles of Association, or the rules, regulations and policies of Centre College.

### **ARTICLE XV - FINANCE AND PROPERTY**

Upon the dissolution of the chapter a written report of any money or property on hand shall be filed by its officers with Centre College and a copy shall be sent to the National Executive Director of Alpha Phi Omega. Such money or property shall be held by the National Office of Alpha Phi Omega until the reactivation of the chapter, and be delivered to the chapter at such time.

Should reactivation not occur within five (5) years of dissolution, such funds shall then be paid to an organization tax exempt within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS**

The active brotherhood of this chapter shall have sole power to amend these Chapter Articles of Association. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active brotherhood is required to amend these articles. All motions pertaining to the Constitution and By-laws must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee prior to the presentation of the motion. The Executive Committee shall then present the motion on behalf of the sponsoring brother and shall present a copy of the motion to the Secretary. If deemed necessary by the President of active brotherhood, a Constitution & By-Laws Committee may be appointed to research, develop, and present amendments to this constitution and by-laws.

### **ARTICLE XVII - FINAL AUTHORITY**

The final authority over chapter events is held by the Active Membership.

### **ARTICLE XVIII - BY-LAWS AUTHORITY**

The Chapter By-laws shall consist of a collection of the service, fellowship, attendance, budget, risk management, and pledge policies. These shall be drawn up or amended when required or at policy review and passed with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the brotherhood.

The By-laws shall serve as a supplement to the Constitution and have full authority.