### Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Form

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<td>To Amend Article IV, Section 29: by inserting “or has held a baccalaureate degree for ten or more years” between the words with a cumulative average of C+ and or a graduate or professional degree from an accredited senior college or university who has some definite contribution to make to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.</td>
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### Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The proposed amendment provides an opportunity for women who would be precluded from applying for membership because of the failure to achieve a cumulative average of at least C+ as an undergraduate or have not obtained a graduate or professional degree to qualify for
membership.

Describe estimated financial impact of proposed amendment:

The proposed amendment would present no financial impact/burden but has the potential for increased revenue.

Proposed
by: Epsilon Omega Chapter, Baltimore, Maryland

(Indicate Name and Location of Chapter, Name of Standing or Special Committee, Directorate, or General Member)

Date of Chapter Meeting and Results of Vote: **November 12, 2016** 118 Sorors in favor of amendment 0 opposed

(If proposed amendment is submitted by a chapter, include meeting date and results of chapter vote)

Refer to Article XIII, Page 55 of the Constitution and Bylaws; and Pages 51 and 52 of the Manual of Standard Procedure for information related to amending the bylaws.
Contact information of the Chapter Basileus or Committee Chair for questions related to the proposed amendment:

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Name of Region

Date of regional conference vote:

Number of Votes Cast: ____________ Number of Yes votes ____________ Number of No votes ____________

Signature of Regional Director _______________________________ Date ___________________________
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<td>Every financial chapter and each group of assembled financial general members at a Boule shall be entitled to not less than two delegates and two alternates to serve as substitutes if delegates are absent. Every chapter and each group of assembled financial general members at a Boule having a membership of more than ten shall be entitled to one additional delegate and one alternate delegate for every fifteen members or fraction thereof, up to the maximum number of twelve delegates.</td>
<td>Delete two before delegates Insert three before delegates</td>
<td>Every financial chapter and each group of assembled financial general members at a Boule shall be entitled to not less than three delegates and three alternates to serve as substitutes if delegates are absent. Every chapter and each group of assembled financial general members at a Boule having a membership of more than ten shall be entitled to one additional delegate and one alternate delegate for every fifteen members or fraction thereof, up to the maximum number of twenty-four delegates.</td>
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Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

Rationale: The number of delegates and alternates for chapters has not increased since this present provision related to financial chapters and entitlement to delegates was approved in 1962. Constitution and Bylaws of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Article VII, Section 1.d., page 42.

In 1962 there were 277 Chapters in AKA and 1962 saw the last "Christmas Boule" and the largest attendance ever for a December Boule, with 850 members registered. 67th Boule, Atlanta, Georgia, 993 chapters, 18,892 sorors registered compared to 9,023 for the 66th Boule.

After 1962 with the exception of technical changes such as naming of the section and page numbers; there were no amendments made to the 1962 provision until forty years later in 2002 when the provision was amended to insert "and each group of assembled financial general members at the Boule after chapter in each sentence. In 2002 there were 927 Chapters. Increasing the number of delegates that chapters are entitled to is consistent with increase in members and chapters in 2016.

Current active membership is 66,862 and there are 993 chapters. Current Delegates entitled to chapters as of the 67th Boule were (4,483) representing 6.7% of the active membership (66,862) and 993 chapters.

In 2014 there were 61,882 active members reflecting a 5.9% increase. In 2015 there were 65,305 active members. In 2014 chapters were entitled to 3,826 delegates representing 6.2% of the active membership. Our active membership now stands at the highest level in the Sorority's history. Increasing the number of delegates chapters are entitled will increase the percentage of delegates for chapters consistent with membership growth which is reportedly at the highest level in sorority history.

Supporting Documents: Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Revision through 1962, Chronology of Constitution and Bylaw related to the provision of chapters entitled to delegates

Reference:
- www.AKA1908.org-Members Only Section/Resources/Forms and Documents Archive Search>Constitution and Bylaws Archive (1923-2000)
- Alpha Kappa Alpha, In The Eye of the Beholder, Margorie H. Parker
- Past is Prologue, 1908-1999. The History of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Marjorie H. Parker
- Pearls of Service, The Legacy of America’s First Black Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Earnestine Green McNealey
- Ivy Leaf Magazine, Vol. 94*No.3* Fall/Winter 2015
- Report of the Executive Director Boule Reports, Membership, page 22, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, 67th Boule, July 9-14, 2016, Atlanta, Georgia Registration Report (Verbal), Plenary Session 1, Soror Cynthia Howell, Executive Director, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, 67th Boule, July 11, 2016

Please see attachments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Describe estimated financial impact of proposed amendment:

A potential increase in revenues for the sorority.

Proposed by: Xi Omega Chapter, Washington, DC
(Indicate Name and Location of Chapter, Name of Standing or Special Committee, Directorate, or General Member)

Date of Chapter Meeting: Sat. 12/03/2016 and Results of Chapter vote – Number of votes cast: 111; Number of Yes votes - 94; Number of No votes- 17.

Note: 2/3’s or 74 votes were required by Xi Omega Chapter making this recommendation.

(If proposed amendment is submitted by a chapter, include meeting date and results of chapter vote)

Refer to Article XIII, Page 55 of the Constitution and Bylaws; and Pages 51 and 52 of the Manual of Standard Procedure for information related to amending the bylaws.
Contact information of the Chapter Basileus or Committee Chair for questions related to the proposed amendment:

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Name of Region:

Date of regional conference vote:

Number of Votes Cast: ____________________________ Number of Yes votes ____________________________ Number of No votes ____________________________

Signature of Regional Director ____________________________ Date ____________________________
## Article VI - Penalties and Restoration of Privileges, Expulsion of an Individual Member

Add new SECTION 11.

### SECTION 11

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**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

During the 2016 Boule, family members of Sorors recommended for expulsion, that were present at the conference were permitted to speak on their behalf during the discussion portion of the expulsion vote. All members recommended for expulsion should have the right to provide a statement addressed to the delegates that are deciding whether to expell their membership or not.

Describe estimated financial impact of proposed amendment:

None.

**Proposed by:** Rho Mu Omega, Washington, DC.

(Indicate Name and Location of Chapter, Name of Standing or Special Committee, Directorate, or General Member)

Date of Chapter Meeting and Results of Chapter Vote

November 5, 2016 Chapter Meeting; 51 votes cast: 47 yes votes, 4 no votes.

(If proposed amendment is submitted by a chapter, include meeting date and results of chapter vote)

Refer to Article XIII, Page 55 of the Constitution and Bylaws; and Pages 51 and 52 of the Manual of Standard Procedure for information related to amending the bylaws.
Contact information of the Chapter Basileus or Committee Chair for questions related to the proposed amendment:

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Name of Region:

Date of regional conference vote:

Number of Votes Cast: Number of Yes votes Number of No votes

Signature of Regional Director Date
To amend Article VII, Section 5 by inserting "Additionally each graduate chapter member, each undergraduate chapter member, and each general member shall pay an annual fee to support hosting the annual regional conference."

Each graduate chapter member, each undergraduate chapter member, and each general member shall pay an annual fee to support hosting the annual regional conference. Proposals for the amount of the per capita tax shall be presented with the budget report and voted on at the Boule.

Every year each Region hosts a Regional Conference and many times there is little to no start up money available to pay the required deposits for facilities and other contracts that must be secured prior to the collection of registration fees which does not occur until the year of the conference. This will also eliminate having to depend on chapters to pay a hostess fee, which is a strictly voluntary commitment unless the chapter obligates the expense.

The financial impact will be absorbed by each member by inclusion in her annual per capita payment. The proposed fee is $5.00 which is comparative to the most recent approved Boule Fund support fee passed at the 67th Boule. The $5.00 fee is meant to offset immediate expenses that are crucial to the strategic planning and timely forward movement of the Regional Conference.

Proposed by: Xi Sigma Omega Chapter, North Atlantic Region, Gaithersburg, Maryland

Date of Chapter Meeting and Results of Chapter Vote: The recommendation to submit this amendment unanimously passed at the November 13, 2016 Chapter Meeting.

Refer to Article XIII, Page 55 of the Constitution and Bylaws; and Pages 51 and 52 of the Manual of Standard Procedure for information related to amending the bylaws.
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Number of Votes Cast: ___________ Number of Yes votes ___________ Number of No votes ___________
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