

VOTING RESULTS FROM CONVENTION

I. Vote on the International Altruistic Project for 20107-2019.

The support of St. Jude Research Hospital and/or Alzheimer's Association. **Both were voted on as the International altruistic projects for the 2017-2019 biennium.**

Some of the bylaws changes were to bring the bylaws in compliance with the Constitution of Alpha Delta Kappa, Incorporated which was amended by the Executive Board during the 2015-2017 biennium.

These deal with the retirement of offices of International Historian, International Corresponding Secretary, International Chaplain and President of the International Council of Presidents. Because of this, some of the bylaws have been renumbered. I am not going to list all these changes.

Changes are indicated by underlining.

Page A 15-1, Article III, Title Membership, Section (new) 3

Section 3: To be eligible for membership in Alpha Delta Kappa, a woman who is **retired** must meet the following requirements:

- a. Shall have been in the education profession in teaching, administration, or some specialized field of education for two or more years.
- b. Shall have met one of the following requirements:
 - 1) Shall have graduated from an accredited college or university with a degree in education.
 - 2) Shall, in the United States, have met the requirements for teacher certification, administrative certification, or certification in a specialized field of education the country in which she was employed.
 - 3) Shall, in a country other than the United States, have met the requirements for teacher certification, administrative certification, or certification in a specialized field of education in the country in which she was employed.
- c. Continued to demonstrate a genuine interest and active involvement in the current educational process.

Page A 15-3, Article III, Title Membership, Section 5.b.

- 3) Active on Leave is a chapter level status and not reported to Headquarters.

Page A 15-8, Article III, Title Membership (dues, etc.), Section 12 (formerly 11)

- b. The annual International dues shall be paid by Active, Active on leave, and Sustaining members.
 - 1) A life membership shall be available and may be purchased by a member who has been active for at least three (3) years. After purchase, life members shall pay no annual dues.
 - 2) A life member by tenure shall pay the annual life member by tenure dues.
 - 3) All state/provincial/national ITE and chapter honorary members shall have their annual honorary due paid by the respective S/P/N or chapter.
- i. A member of the International Chapter shall pay, during her term as an International Officer, the annual International Chapter dues and the required registration fee at International Convention.

Page A 15-9, Article IV, Title Chapter Organization (New Chapter), Section 1. c. & d.

- c. Upon Receipt of the applications for membership, the membership fee and the badge/international pin orders, Headquarters shall extend an initiation invitation to each prospective member.
- d. A new chapter may be installed and a charter granted when a minimum of fifteen (5) prospective members have been initiated.

Page A 15-10, Article IV, Title Chapter Organization (Colonization), Section 2.e.

- e. The new chapter shall be installed and shall be granted a charter when at least fifteen (15) new and/or transfer members have been initiated and/or colonized. The new initiates and transfer members shall constitute the charter members of the chapter. A majority of the officers shall be elected from the initiates.

Page A 15-11, Article IV, Title Fidelis Chapter Membership, Section 8. b. 3)

3) Fidelis chapters shall be eligible to recruit and initiate retired educators who meet the eligibility for membership. (See Article III, Section 3.)

Page A 15-13, Article VII, Title Officers, Section 1

Section 1. INTERNATIONAL. The officers of Alpha Delta Kappa shall be International President, International President-Elect, International Vice Presidents of the Regions, International Vice President for Membership, and Immediate Past International President. (International Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Chaplain have become appointed positions. The position of President of the International Council of Presidents was eliminated and her responsibilities were assigned to another officer. References to these offices as elected offices and their responsibilities have been eliminated, with the appointed officers' duties given in the International Policies and Procedures Manual. Sections have been renumbered as needed.)

Section 1. a. (4) Eliminated

Page A 15-13, Article VII, Title Officers, Section 1. a. 5)

5) A candidate for the office of International Vice President for Membership shall have served a term on the International Membership Committee as a Regional Membership Consultant. The International Vice Presidents of the Regions are eligible having served a term in their capacity as liaison with the International Membership Committee and with responsibilities as chief officers of the regions.

Page A 15-14, Article VII, Title Officers, Section 1.c. (2) & (6)

Section 1.c. 2) Election of International Officers, other than Vice Presidents of Regions, shall require a majority vote of the official delegates present and voting at the Convention.

Section 1.c. 6) Eliminated

Page A 15-15, Article VII, Title Officers, Duties, Section 1.f. 2) & 3)

2) The International President-Elect shall serve as a member of International Chapter and the Executive Board; work closely with the International President and Headquarters; preside at meetings in the absence of the International President or when requested to do so; attend meetings as authorized by the International President, International Chapter, or Headquarters; and shall serve as chairman of International Council of Presidents.

3) The International Vice Presidents of the Regions shall be the chief officers of the region and shall conduct the business of the region; serve as members of the International Chapter; serve as liaison between the International Membership Committee and states, provinces, and nations in the region; attend state, provincial and national conventions in their regions authorized by International Chapter; (et al.)

Page A 15-15-16, Article VII, Title Officers, Section 1.f. 5 thru 9—Eliminated

Page A 15-21, Article VIII, Title Committees, Section 1.a. 1)a., 3) & 3)b

1) Committees and their Chairmen shall be appointed by the International President following each International convention with the exception of the International Vice President for Membership Committee. The International Membership Committee is chaired by the International Vice President for Membership and includes regional membership consultants appointed by the International President. Vacancies on committees shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made.

3) The chairman of each of the following standing committees shall present a report of the activities and recommendations of the committee at International convention: Altruistic, Bylaws, Candidate Qualifications, Educational Symposium, Excellence in Education, Living Memorial, Scholarship. Membership, Resolutions, and World Understanding.

b. The following shall be designated as standing International committees: Altruistic, Bylaws, Candidate Qualifications, Educational Symposium, Excellence in Education, Living Memorial, Scholarship. Membership, Resolutions, and World Understanding.

Page A 15-21, Article VIII, Title Committees, Section 2.c.

2).c.The following shall be designated as standing committees: Alpha Delta Kappa Month, Altruistic budget, bylaws, candidate qualifications, fraternity education and membership. The state, province or nation may establish additional standing or special committees.

Page A 15-23, Article X, Title International Council of Presidents, Sections 1. a & b and 2.b—Eliminated

Page 26, Article XVIII, Title Publications, Section 2

Section 2. Publication of authorized revisions of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be under the jurisdiction of the Executive Director. (Changed from 'executive administrator')

Amendments submitted by various chapters and passed to the International Bylaws amended 2015 by the official delegates present and voting at the Convention. (Unauthorized version)

Page A 15-2, Article III, Title Membership, Sections 4.d, 4.e. 1), 4.f. 1) thru 4)

d. The candidate may be invited to attend meetings prior to the election process.

e. 1) Any active member unable to attend the meeting established for voting shall deliver her ballot to the membership chairman on or before the day of the meeting at which the chapter vote shall be cast. **Voting by e-mail or fax is permitted.** (Not permitted in the past.)

f. 1) Provide printed ballots with space thereon for explanations of reasons for any negative vote.

2) Give each active member present at the meeting a ballot.

3) Send a ballot to each active member prior to the meeting at which a membership vote will occur. Include the qualifications of each proposed member, voting instructions, and the date of the meeting at which the chapter will vote.

4) Supervise balloting at the chapter meeting established for voting by allowing each member to mark and turn in her ballot. At the same time and in the presence of the chapter, she should present any previously submitted ballots.

(Ballots no longer need to be turned in to the chapter in sealed, unmarked envelopes.)

Amendment submitted by the International Chapter *not passed* by 2/3 vote

Page A 15-17 Article VII, Title Officers, Eligibility, Section 2. a. 2)

2) A sustaining member, served previously as an elected chapter officer, shall be eligible to serve as a state, provincial, or national officer

2017 Proposed Resolutions submitted by chapters that were passed

2017-4 Resolved, That the International Executive Board conduct a feasibility study to consider appointment/election options to ensure that all of the regions are seated on the Alpha Delta Kappa Executive Board, to guarantee a balanced representation across regions, a tangible rendering of member equality, and especially important, a respect for the diversity in cultures across our membership.

2017-5 Resolved, That the International Executive Board study the feasibility of displaying at headquarters the flags of each country and nation which currently have members in Alpha Delta Kappa.

2017 Proposed Resolutions submitted by chapters that were not passed

2017-1 Resolved, That the International Executive Board study the elimination of the required purchase of the Alpha Delta Kappa pin (badge) when initiating new members.

(Note: Much discussion was given from sisters in all age groups discussing the honor of having/wearing the badge and how it is a conversation starter for non members.)

2017-2 Resolved, That the International Executive Board conduct a feasibility study to consider increasing a chapter's membership by allowing them to accept one (1) "retired" teacher initiate after the chapter has initiated two (2) women educators under contract in teaching, administration, or some specialized field of education.

(Note: The ones who spoke said that they did not want to be limited to the number of "retired" teachers that they may invite and initiate.)

2017-3 Resolved, That the International Board reconsider the elimination of the international chaplain, historian, sergeant-at-arms, and president of the council of presidents positions with the result of reinstating them to elected positions.

(Note: After much discussion, one sister reminded us that we filled out surveys at regional or state meetings to consider which offices could be changed to appointed ones and which need to be eliminated. The decision to change was based on the results of the surveys.)

Rationales for all amendments and proposals can be read on the International website under the International Convention site.