

# Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa Bylaws 2022

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## ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa of Alpha Delta Kappa, hereinafter referred to as Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa. The first chapter of Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa was chartered on May 17, 1952, in Monroe, Louisiana.

## ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of Louisiana 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 Louisiana 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 BODIES

Refer to ARTICLE VI in the current Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa, for information on International Executive Bodies.

## ARTICLE VII — OFFICERS

Refer to ARTICLE VII, Section 2 in the current Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa, for information on state officers. See Louisiana Policies and Procedures Manual.

Officers of Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa shall be president, president-elect, vice president for membership, secretary, treasurer, historian, chaplain/sgt. at arms and immediate past state president.

### Section 1. Election

- a. The elected candidate qualifications committee shall present to the convention a slate of candidates whose eligibility requirements have been met.

- (1) In the event a candidate cannot attend the convention at which officer elections are to be held a two-thirds (2/3) vote will be required to add her name to the ballot. If elected, that officer's name will be read in the officer installation

ceremony.

- b. In the event the candidate qualifications committee presents an incomplete slate of candidates, a member without eligibility willing to be nominated for a vacant office may be accepted by the following process:
  - (1) The delegates will vote, by ballot, to accept the nomination of the candidate by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote. If adopted, the name of the candidate shall be added to the slate of candidates.
  - (2) Previous notice shall be provided.
- c. Election of state officers shall be by ballot and a majority of the delegates registered and voting shall elect.
- d. In the event the first ballot fails to give a majority vote to one (1) candidate for any office, the second ballot shall contain the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot.
- e. If the slate of candidates has only one person nominated for each office, the state president declares the election effective by unanimous consent or acclamation.

Section 2. Duties of officers shall be as listed in the Louisiana Policies and Procedures Manual.

#### ARTICLE VIII — COMMITTEES

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

The following shall be designated as standing Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa state committees: Alpha Delta Kappa Month, altruistic, budget, bylaws, candidate qualifications, fraternity education, and membership. Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa has the following special committees: advisory council (past state presidents,) courtesy, disaster relief, excellence in education, international convention, resolutions, scholarship, state convention, technology and ways and means.

Section 1. Committees and their chairmen, 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 Louisiana 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 AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

Refer to ARTICLE XI in the current Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa, for information on regions and regional conferences. Louisiana is in the Gulf Region, one of the seven regions in Alpha Delta Kappa.

**ARTICLE XII — STATE CONVENTION**

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

Section 1. Official delegates to the state convention shall be

- a. each elected state officer, each past state president, each state committee chairman, each chapter president or her alternate and each chapter delegate (one (1) delegate for each ten (10) members or a major fraction thereof).
- b. Each delegate has only one vote.

**ARTICLE XIII — STATE COUNCIL OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**

Refer to ARTICLE XIII in the current Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa, and Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa and Louisiana Policies and Procedures Manual for information on the state council of chapter presidents.

Section 1. The state council of chapter presidents shall meet in conjunction with the state convention in even-numbered years.

**ARTICLE XIV — DISTRICTS**

Refer to ARTICLE XIV in the current Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa, for information on districts. Use the Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa Policies and Procedures for district purposes, officers, committees and their duties and guidelines.

Section 1. Six (6) districts have been established by the Louisiana 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 chairman, chairman-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. Louisiana does not currently have city/area councils of chapter presidents.

#### ARTICLE XVI — CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

#### ARTICLE XVII — STATE AND CHAPTER BYLAWS

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

Section 1. Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa shall adopt bylaws and/or policies and procedures manual, which must be in compliance with the International Constitution and Bylaws. Each biennium, the state bylaws chairman shall send, for certification, a current copy of the state bylaws or the official policy statement, from the Louisiana 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 chairman of the International Bylaws Committee 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 International Constitution and Bylaws and the Louisiana Bylaws and/or the Louisiana Policies and Procedures Manual. Each biennium, the chapter bylaws chairman 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 chairman of the state bylaws committee 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, Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa Policies and Procedures.

#### 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 XXI in the current Bylaws of Alpha Delta Kappa, and the Louisiana 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 state 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 Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa at the close of the state convention at which it shall have been adopted.

Section 3. The Louisiana Executive Board may make editorial changes in these bylaws as may not change their substance or meaning. Those changes shall take effect upon such action and shall be reported in the next publication of the Bylaws of Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa and announced in the next Louisiana Alpha Delta Kappa newsletter.

#### **ARTICLE XXI - DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**The Internal Revenue Service requires upon the 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.**