



# Kappa Delta

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## National Bylaws Related to Nominating and Elections

### ARTICLE VI. NATIONAL COUNCIL

- A. **Composition.** The National Council shall be composed of six elected officers: National President, National Vice President, National Vice President-Membership, National Vice President-Collegians, National Vice President-Alumnae and National Vice President-Finance. The Executive Director shall serve as Corporate Secretary and as an ex-officio member without vote as advisor.
- B. **Authority.** The National Council acts as the board of directors and has the power to manage the business and operations of the Sorority between conventions. The National Council has the exclusive duty to manage and account for all the financial and real property matters of the Sorority.
- C. **Duties.** The National Council shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, the convention, the rules, manuals, and the parliamentary authority adopted in these bylaws.
1. The National President, in addition to the duties above, shall preside at the National Convention and at National Council meetings and shall, with the approval of the National Council, appoint such members of the National Leadership Team and committees as deemed necessary. She serves as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Sorority except the Nominating Committee.
  2. The National Vice-Presidents, in addition to the duties above, shall perform duties in the National Council Manual and any duties assigned by the National President or the National Council.
  3. The National Council shall assign and supervise National Leadership Team members and shall participate in planning and directing the educational conferences and National Convention of the Sorority.
- D. **Meetings and Emergencies.**
1. The National Council shall meet at times deemed necessary by a majority of the National Council members. The National Council shall be authorized to meet by telephone conference or other electronic communications media so long as all of the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting. The National Council shall be authorized to meet or vote by any other method in compliance with law.

2. In the event of an emergency or disaster as determined by the National Council, the quorum requirement shall be reduced to the National Council members that are able to attend a meeting. This emergency provision shall be applicable during such an event and is not effective after the emergency ends.

E. **Quorum.** A majority of the members of the National Council shall constitute a quorum.

F. **Nominations.**

1. At least one year before the National Convention, the National Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee of alumnae members.
2. Members may submit suggestions for nominations to the Nominating Committee; however, the committee is not restricted to the suggestions received.
3. The committee shall select at least one nominee for each office.
4. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
5. All candidates, whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or nominated from the floor, shall be required to submit statements of consent to serve, eligibility documentation, and other information determined by the Nominating Committee at least 48 hours prior to the nominations being taken up at the Convention.

G. **Eligibility for office.**

1. Only alumnae members in good standing are eligible to serve as elected officers.
2. Only members of the current National Council are eligible for election as National President.

H. **Term and limits.**

1. Terms of office begin at the close of the Biennial Convention.
2. Members of the National Council shall serve terms of two years or until their successors are elected.
3. A National Council member may serve no more than three two-year terms in the same office.
4. A National Council member who serves by filling a vacancy for more than one year is considered to have served a full term.

I. **Election.**

1. Elections shall take place at the Biennial Convention.
2. Voting shall be by ballot, including electronic ballot, and a majority vote shall elect.
3. If a majority vote is not attained on the first ballot, the name of the person receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot. This procedure shall be followed on subsequent ballots until a majority is reached.
4. If only one person is nominated for an office, election may be by acclamation.

J. **Vacancy.**

1. In case of the resignation, removal, or death of the National President, the National Council shall elect, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote, one of its members to the office of National President within two weeks following the vacancy. She shall serve until the next Convention, at which time a National President shall be elected by the Convention.

2. Other vacancies on the National Council shall be filled by election by the National Council. A three-fourths (3/4) vote shall be required to elect. The elected National Council member shall serve until the next Convention, at which time the office shall be filled by election of the Convention.

K. **Removal.** A National Council member may only be removed from office consistent with the applicable law under which Kappa Delta is incorporated.

## ARTICLE VII. BIENNIAL CONVENTION AND MEETINGS

A. **National Convention.** The Biennial Convention shall be held at a place and time determined by the National Council.

B. **Delegates.** The voting body for all meetings shall consist of:

1. Elected members of the National Council;
2. National Leadership Team volunteers;
3. Standing Committee chairs;
4. One delegate, who is the chapter president or an alternate member in good standing from each collegiate chapter in good standing; and
5. One delegate, who is an active member in good standing or alternate from each alumnae chapter in good standing.

C. **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting shall be held at a place and time determined by the National Council. In odd numbered years, the annual meeting shall be held during the Biennial Convention. In even-numbered years, the annual meeting may be held at any national event or as a separate meeting.

D. **Electronic Meetings.** If authorized by National Council, annual, regular and special meetings of the members may be conducted by any means of communication by which all participating members may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, or as otherwise permitted in compliance with law, and pursuant to the guidelines and procedures adopted by National Council. A member participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person.

E. **Special Meetings.** A special meeting may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Council or on written request by a majority of the collegiate chapters in good standing. Notice of a special meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting.

F. **Notice.** Notice for all meetings shall be sent to the members at least 30 days in advance of any meeting. Notice may be sent by electronic media. Notice shall be sent to the most recent member contact information on file with the Sorority.

- G. **Quorum.** The quorum at meetings shall be a majority of the delegates registered for the meeting.
- H. **Voting.** There shall be no absentee or proxy voting permitted.
- I. **Postponement and Cancellation.** In the event of an emergency, the National Council, by a majority vote, may postpone or cancel a meeting. All members shall be notified in a manner determined by the National Council to be fair and reasonable in the circumstances. In the event of a cancellation, necessary business and election of officers may be conducted by mail or electronic ballot, and as otherwise permitted in compliance with law. For an election, a plurality vote shall elect.