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Bylaws of the  
Delta Lambda Chapter  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

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ARTICLE I  
TITLE AND OBJECT

Section 1: **Title.** This organization shall be known as the Delta Lambda chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia of America, Inc.

Section 2: **Object.** This chapter shall uphold the object stated in the National Constitution.

ARTICLE II  
OFFICERS

Section 1: **Chapter Officers.** The Chapter shall annually elect men to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Warden, Alumni Secretary, Fraternity Education Officer, Parliamentarian, and Music Director. The president shall appoint officers as listed in III, 2 subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the executive committee. Other officers may be elected as is necessary by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting.

Section 2: **Officer Qualifications.** Any active member in good standing at the time of nominations may be considered for an office. This chapter shall refer to Article X, 1 of the General Regulations for Collegiate Chapters when questions pertain to officer qualifications.

Section 3: **Officer Elections.**

- A. **Nominating Committee.** At least fifteen days prior to the scheduled chapter election, and no later than November 15th of the calendar year, the chapter president shall appoint a temporary nominating committee that shall include the president, one other officer not seeking election to an office, one graduating senior, and one junior not seeking election to an office. On or before the election day and no later than December 1st, the nominating committee shall submit a written report to the chapter secretary containing the committee's recommendation of one man for each elected office to be filled.
- B. **Further Nominations.** Any member in good standing may make additional nominations, if another member in good standing with the chapter seconds his

nomination.

- C. **Election Procedure.** During elections, each candidate is allotted three minutes to address the chapter, excepting the president who is allotted five minutes. Following each candidate's address, no more than two members may speak on behalf of that candidate for a maximum of five minutes each.
- D. **Election Results.** Elections are determined by a majority vote of the members in good standing, present and voting, where quorum is present. Voting shall be done by secret ballot.
- E. **Runoff.** In instances of election concerning three or more candidates, whereas no clear majority can be determined; a runoff election shall be held between the two most favored candidates. In the event that special circumstances arise, the chairman shall present solutions to the chapter for approval.
- F. **Installation and Term of Office.** Elected officers shall be installed using the Official Installation Procedure no later than the end of the fall academic semester. The term of office for all elected positions shall be one year.

Section 4: **Impeachment.** Any officer who is unable or unwilling to carry out the duties of his office, as defined in the General Regulations for Collegiate Chapters and the Delta Lambda Bylaws, who conducts himself in a manner unbecoming of a Sinfonian, or who uses his position for personal benefit may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of members of the chapter in good standing.

Section 5: **Resignation.** Any officer may resign his office.

Section 6: **Vacancy.** A vacancy shall be filled beginning with nominations at the next meeting where quorum is present. In the event of a vacancy, the next officer in the hierarchical chain of command will assume the duties of the vacated office in addition to the responsibilities of his elected office. Officers put on suspension shall immediately vacate their office. Vacancies shall be filled at the next business meeting following nominations, elections will occur following the procedures outlined in II, 3, B.

Section 7: **Appointed Positions.** The president shall appoint all appointed officers. (See III, 2) His appointments are subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the executive committee.

### ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: **Officer Duties.** All officers shall refer to the General Regulations for Collegiate Chapters, Article XI, for their duties. Each officer must also perform the duties listed below. The hierarchical chain of command is as follows:

- A. **President.** The president shall annually appoint officers as listed in III, 2, create any committees he deems necessary for the benefit of the chapter, and act as the official representative of the chapter at any function where one is required. All presidential appointments are subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the executive committee. The President shall also be responsible for checking the chapter mailboxes.
- B. **Vice President.** The vice president has oversight powers over all committees, excepting the executive committee.
- C. **Secretary.** The secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a chapter calendar posted in a location visible to all member of the chapter. The secretary shall also be responsible for collecting and presenting excuses.
- D. **Treasurer.** The treasurer shall submit a weekly report of chapter finances to the chapter secretary. To report any chapter financial records upon request by any active member of the chapter or the chapter's faculty advisor. The treasurer shall submit a budget to the chapter each semester, to be approved by a majority vote of active members in good standing who are present and voting.
- E. **Historian.** The historian shall be responsible for the compilation and upkeep of the chapter archives, for photographing chapter event and maintaining the chapter photographic equipment, for an annual composite photograph of the chapter, and for maintaining a chapter scrapbook, presented annually before the general chapter.
- F. **Warden.** Every semester, the warden shall be responsible for an inventory of chapter equipment, submitted to the chapter secretary and is responsible for the maintenance of all chapter equipment.
- G. **Alumni Relations Officer.** The alumni relations officer keeps an accurate list of names and addresses of all former members of the chapter and of any other alumni Sinfonians in the vicinity. The alumni relations officer shall assist the chapter secretary during meetings.
- H. **Fraternity Education Officer.** The fraternity education officer is responsible for setting the date of initiation and securing facilities for the initiation of new members. He shall also update the probationary handbook as he sees fit and submit it to the executive committee for approval.
- I. **Parliamentarian.** The parliamentarian shall serve in an advisory capacity for the president on all matters regarding parliamentary procedure, is also responsible for the upkeep of the chapter bylaws, and is the head of the House Rules Committee.

- J. **Music Director.** The music director shall coordinate public performances for all ensembles under the supervision of the chapter. Nominees for music director must audition by conducting a short singing rehearsal during elections.

Section 2: **Appointed Officer Duties.** These men are appointed for one semester, unless otherwise noted, by the president and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Their duties are listed below.

- A. **Province Council Representative.** This man is obligated to all the duties stated in the Province 28 bylaws.
- B. **Webmaster.** The Webmaster will maintain the chapter web page and listserv. At the end of his term, the webmaster shall archive all pertinent web files developed during his term and present them to the new webmaster.
- C. **Assistant Webmaster.** An assistant shall be appointed to aid the webmaster and maintain the Delta Lambda chapter webpage.
- D. **Assistant Fraternity Education Officer.** The Assistant Fraternity Education Officer is responsible for assisting the Fraternal Education Officer during the probationary period and is the head of the Fraternal Education Committee.
- E. **Jazz Band Director.** This man is responsible for assembling personnel for and rehearsing the Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Band, for choosing repertoire and maintaining the Jazz Band Music Library. He will work with the Music Director to schedule performances and rehearsals for the Jazz Band.
- F. **Assistant Treasurer.** The Assistant Treasurer shall aid the treasurer in all his appointed duties as the treasurer sees fit. He shall also be personally responsible for proofreading all chapter financial records. The Assistant Treasurer is forbidden from accepting or handling any chapter funds.

#### ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1: **Meetings.** Meetings are to be held on a weekly basis unless circumstances prevent it. Special meetings may be called by the chapter president on his own initiative or at the request of one-third of the chapter, if notice of the meeting has been posted three days in advance in a location visible to all members. The president is responsible for reserving a room for the meeting.

Section 2: **Rules of Order.** This chapter shall adhere to Robert's Rules of Order as a guide during all business meetings. The chairman should have a working knowledge of these rules of order, or abdicate the position to one who does.

### Section 3: **Attendance and Excuses.**

- A. **Attendance.** Attendance at chapter meetings is mandatory. Written excuses may be presented to the chapter secretary and will be subject to approval at the executive committee meeting following the missed chapter meeting. Excuses not approved, or thought controversial by the executive committee will be voted on at the next chapter meeting, with a majority vote of members in good standing who are present and voting necessary for approval.
- B. **Duration.** Members are expected to attend the entirety of the meeting. Members who desire to leave a meeting early should be asked to give a valid reason. Entry and exit shall be at the discretion of the Warden, but may be over-ridden by a majority vote. Members may not be held against their will, but may accept an unexcused absence as toll for an unapproved early exit.
- C. **Semester Excuses.** Members who believe they will not be able to attend a majority of chapter meeting during any given semester are encouraged to submit a semester excuse. All members who request a semester excuse for regular meetings shall submit an excuse to the Executive Committee. If approved, it will be presented to the chapter for final approval by a majority vote. If the excuse is not approved, the member shall follow the attendance policy stated above. A semester excuse is not an accepted excuse for mandatory activities that are on nights other than the scheduled chapter meetings. A semester excuse does not excuse the member from committee meetings. A semester excuse does not excuse the member from ritual or any rehearsal for ritual. Active members participating in an internship program or student teaching are automatically excused
- D. **Absences.** Any member with three or more unexcused absences in any given semester shall be placed on suspension. Any member who is placed on suspension because of attendance will have two weeks from the time of being placed on suspension to appear before executive committee or submit a written statement explaining their absences. If a member on suspension for this reason does not appear before the executive committee or submit a letter of explanation within that two-week period, he will be voted on for expulsion at the next regular chapter meeting.
- E. **Homework.** Exorbitant homework shall be an acceptable excuse if proper documentation is provided.

Section 4: **Quorum.** A simple majority of chapter members in good standing constitutes quorum. No business other than adjournment may be transacted without presence of quorum.

Section 5: **Voting.** Voting shall be done by voice vote unless otherwise requested by any member of the chapter. On request voting shall be done by a show of hands or secret

ballot, either written or marble vote, whichever is deemed desirable. No absentee or proxy votes are accepted. Members on suspension cannot vote. (See VI, 2, F, c for probationary process voting.)

**Section 6: Dates for the School of Music Calendar.** All dates for the next school year's calendar are set with the Facilities and Scheduling person for the school. All officers must report their dates to the vice president one week before the deadline. The vice president or his designee sets the dates.

**Section 7: Musical Events.** All public appearances of the Delta Lambda chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, such as serenades or public displays of music, are required events (see Section 2 above for attendance) if the events in question are brought up in New Business at least one meeting before the event(s), and are posted for no fewer than five days before the event. It is the responsibility of the Music Director to have these requirements met in order to receive the desired attendance.

**Section 8: Volunteers.** Any member who volunteers to represent the Delta Lambda Chapter, including but not limited to information tables, ushering for School of Music concerts, and Music Audition days, shall not be excused unless a replacement is found or extenuating circumstances apply. If a replacement is not acquired, the member will be charged with an unexcused absence. Any replacements must be documented and submitted to the Secretary by the first chapter meeting following the event.

## ARTICLE V CHAPTER COMMITTEES

### Section 1: **Committee Procedures**

**A. Committee Membership.** Each active member shall be a member of at least one committee per semester.

**B. Committee Scheduling.** At the first business meeting of each semester, each member shall submit a time availability form to the Executive committee. The Executive committee shall then assign all members to one of four standing committees based on time availability. These committees shall be called Red, Black, Gold, and White.

**C. Committee Work.** The work of each standing committee shall be made up of individual projects.

- a. Projects to be selected by standing committees shall be proposed and selected during the new business segment of a regular chapter business meeting. Project development and selection shall take place on a monthly basis.
- b. Projects shall be selected by the standing committees in a rotating order.

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Month 1 = Red, Black, Gold, White

Month 2 = Black, Gold, White, Red  
Month 3 = Gold, White, Red, Black  
Month 4 = White, Red, Black, Gold

**D. Use of Committees.** After a motion has received a second in a general chapter meeting, it is assigned to the proper committee by the chair. The motion is tabled until the committee reports its recommendations to the chapter. The committee's recommendations must be reported to the general chapter no later than two weeks after the original motion is assigned to the committee.

**E. Committee Attendance.** Committee members are required to attend their respective committee meetings. An absence may be excused if the committee member submits a written excuse before the meeting and it is passed by a majority vote of the committee.

**F. Committee Voting.** In committee meetings, only active members in good standing assigned to the committee may vote.

**G. Committee Leadership.** Each standing committee shall select a new project leader for each individual project.

**H. Committee Minutes.** Each committee shall be responsible for taking minutes during its business meetings. These minutes must then be submitted to the Vice President.

**Section 2: Standing Committees:** Standing committees shall be four committees of equal power and importance. The titles of these committees shall be Red, Black, Gold and White.

### Section 3: Special Committees

**A. Executive Committee.** Chaired by the president, and consisting of all elected chapter officials, this committee is to discuss chapter improvement and is responsible for all judicial acts of the fraternity. This committee does not fulfill an individual's committee obligations as stated in V, 1, A of these, the Delta Lambda by-laws.

#### **B. House Rules Committee.**

- a. **Duties.** The duties of this committee include the oversight of all amendments and revisions to the chapter bylaws. Proposed changes to the bylaws are tabled to this committee, which shall review the changes for content and constitutionality. Changes to the bylaws must pass this committee with a majority vote before the chapter can consider them. The Parliamentarian shall chair this committee.



- b. **Risk Management.** In addition to other duties, this committee shall act as an advisory panel for the chapter in all matters concerning risk management.
- c. **Members.** The members who wish to be on this committee shall submit an application to the Executive Committee before the Executive Retreat for said semester. The Executive Committee shall review and select three members to serve on that committee.

**C. Fraternal Education Committee.**

- a. **Duties.** Chaired by the assistant fraternal education officer, this committee is responsible for the recruitment and education of new members, as well as the education of the chapter as a whole. The Fraternal Education Officer shall be a member of this committee.
- b. **Members.** The members who wish to be on this committee shall submit an application to the Executive Committee before the Executive Retreat for said semester. The Executive Committee shall review and select three members to serve on that committee.

- D. Ad hoc Committees.** The president may form special committees as he sees fit. Special committees may also be formed at the request of a majority of chapter members in good standing. These committees shall be disbanded once their purpose has been fulfilled.

ARTICLE VI  
PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1: Probationary Membership.**

- A. **Definition.** A man seeking membership into the Delta Lambda chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is on a probationary status with the chapter and at all times must be willing to assume the responsibility for all assignments and obligations of his probationary membership.
- B. **Qualifications.** A student shall be eligible for membership who has completed one semester enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university, and who is in good standing with the university. This chapter may initiate up to two members per year that are unaffiliated with the university upon approval of the province governor.
- C. **Probationary Period.** At the pledging ceremony, the probationary member is paired with a big bro, who shall have been an active member in the chapter for at least one semester prior. During the probationary period, each probationary member will receive a copy of Themes for Brotherhood and a current copy of the probationary handbook. Probationary members should consult all available

sources for information during the probationary period.

- D. **Probationary Handbook.** The handbook shall include: Article VI of the Delta Lambda Bylaws, the triangle design, a study guide for the national exam, a breakdown for dues, and a calendar with all of the dates that are required during the probationary period.

## Section 2: **Probationary Requirements.**

- A. **Attitude.** The attitude a probationary member exhibits toward Phi Mu Alpha and its members will have much to do with his acceptance as a brother into the fraternity. The chapter may reconsider any probationary member who fails to exhibit an acceptable attitude. If for any reason a man's attitude deteriorates during the probationary period, he will be brought before the chapter for questioning at an active meeting or at a time deemed appropriate by the chapter.
- B. **Scholarship.** There will be an examination of the probationary member's grade point average. All members are expected to strive for scholastic excellence in all subject areas.
- C. **Attendance.** All probationary members are required to attend all scheduled meetings unless there is a conflict, which does not allow him to attend. If the probationary member cannot attend the meeting, he shall contact the fraternity education officer and his Big Brother in advance of the meeting.
- D. **Review.** The active membership reserves the right to check the progress of the probationary class by means of an interview at any regular meeting. There, the member shall be responsible for showing his triangle and answering questions related to the national exam. The fraternity education officer shall notify probationary members one week in advance if a review is deemed necessary.
- E. **Requirements for Active Membership.** In order to become an active member of the Delta Lambda chapter, each probationary member must complete the following requirements: informal audition, Orpheus project, triangle, a formal recital, and any other activities outlined in the handbook as required. Members shall also meet all financial obligations as explained at the first meeting, before he is initiated into the fraternity.
- F. **Voting on Probationary Membership.** Each member must pass three separate votes by a three-fourths majority vote of those members in good standing, present and voting in order to obtain active membership.
  - a. **First Vote.** First vote follows the informal audition and is an initial judgment on the man's character.
  - b. **Second Vote.** Second vote follows the interview at the chapter meeting. If a probationary member has not met all requirements, he shall explain his

inadequacies. If the chapter deems the excuse worthy, they shall grant an extension of no more than two weeks when the member shall submit himself to the chapter for a second interview and vote. The second vote will also be an opportunity to evaluate the man's character and attitude toward the probationary period, fellow probationary members, and prospective brothers.

- c. **Third Vote.** Third vote is the final vote and is conducted no less than two days before the ritual ceremony. The member's overall character and conduct during the probationary period are the determining factors. In addition, all requirements of membership must be previously met. This vote shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3: **Organization.** At the first meeting of the probationary class, the class shall nominate and elect class officers. Their responsibilities are as follows:

- A. **President.** The President presides at all probationary class meetings and functions.
- B. **Vice President.** The Vice-President assumes the duties of president if the president is absent.
- C. **Secretary.** The Secretary keeps minutes of all class meetings and submits them to the chapter secretary for chapter records.

Section 4: **Triangle.**

- A. **Purpose.** The triangle is intended to facilitate the interaction of Probationary, Active, and Alumni Sinfonians. It is to allow a way for the Chapter to learn the character of the Probationary Members.
- B. **Respect.** The Chapter shall show respect for Triangles of Probationary Members throughout the duration of the Probationary Process. No intentional efforts may be made to scratch, desecrate, maul, destroy, or otherwise harm each Triangle's integrity.
- C. **Specifications and Process.** Triangles shall be made of a moderate wood, such as Soft Maple, Walnut, or one of similar hardness. Pine and Poplar shall be considered too soft while White Oak and Hickory shall constitute too hard. Acceptable hardness shall be tested by pen marking prior to purchase. Probationary Members shall obtain the signatures of every Active Member of the Chapter. Active shall only sign the front of the Triangle. Probationary Members will also obtain the signatures of the other Sinfonians on the back. The dimensions and layout of the front and back of the Triangle shall be found in the Probationary Member handbook, which will be updated every semester and be provided to each Probationary Member by the Fraternity Education Officer. Each Active Member may speak to, or ask small tasks of the Probationary Member

before signing, within the guidelines and limitations of the Policy on Hazing, found in the Risk Management Polices. Questions concerning the appropriateness of any such signature or mark shall be decided by majority vote of the Executive Committee. Probationary Member shall take responsibility for the care and protection of their Triangles. In addition, the Probationary Member will provide a writing utensil for the purpose of signing his Triangle.

- D. **Signature.** Each Active Member shall sign where the Probationary Member directs him. He will not deceive the Probationary Member but reserves the right to sign in an inappropriate place if misdirected by the Probationary Member. If this should occur, and only in the case that the Probationary Member is at fault, he will remove the incorrect name, and acquire the Active Member's signature again. Special circumstances will be handled at the discretion of the Fraternity Education Officer. Active Member will use only the writing utensil provided by the Probationary Member. Other instruments of any sort will not be permitted. Signing should not deface the Triangle, or degrade the prior efforts of the Probationary Member. Defacement shall not include items such as the Chapter, Province, National Letter, or any symbol with a lasting meaning to the Probationary, Chapter, Province, or National Fraternity. Other marks unique to the Active Member shall be allowed. Defacement includes any mark made that would compromise the integrity of the Triangle and is beyond the reasonable need for pressure.

## ARTICLE VII SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS

Section 1: **Chapter Sweetheart.** The chapter annually selects a chapter sweetheart by majority vote of members in good standing, present and voting. The vote is by secret ballot. Qualifications are decided at a regular chapter meeting before nominations are taken.

Section 2: **Recognition Day.** The first regular meeting of each month is Phi Mu Alpha Recognition Day. It is the responsibility of each member to display in an appropriate manner his membership. If it is a "Formal" Recognition Day, each member is to wear his pin on a semiformal outfit of his choice. A member shall not wear his pin with blue jeans or tennis shoes. A member shall not wear his pin on ties, vests, watch pockets, coat lapels, collars, or coat sweaters.

Section 3: **Anniversaries.** The chapter shall celebrate two anniversaries: Founder's Day, (October 6) and Chapter Day. (May 23)

Section 4: **American Music Program.** The chapter shall annually present a Festival of American Music, an event showcasing the works of American composers.

Section 5: **Other Observations.** The chapter shall present other activities at its discretion.

Section 6: **Regalia.** Only initiated members in good standing may display the Greek letters ΦMA and the fraternal crest. (NC, XXI, 4)

## ARTICLE VIII CHAPTER REGULATIONS

### Section 1: **Financial Obligations**

- A. **Dues.** Dues are levied upon every active member of the chapter in each of the fall and spring semesters. Dues consist of a national tax of \$63 and a chapter tax of \$46. A province tax of \$2 per member is collected annually. Each member shall pay dues on or before November 1 and March 1. Members on suspension are not required to pay dues while on suspension. Probationary members are exempt from chapter dues. The chapter Treasurer shall collect all Probationary dues and funds that are to be collected.
- B. **Special Circumstances.** Any member unable to pay the monetary obligations set forth by the Delta Lambda Chapter by the appointed due date because of special circumstances, who is willing, may sign a promissory note requesting financial assistance from the chapter. This promissory note represents that the chapter has acknowledged the member's need for assistance and has agreed to loan the designated amount to the member on the terms that the member agrees to pay his debt to the chapter within a reasonable period of time. The signed promissory note serves as a legally binding contract between the member and the chapter. The promissory note will contain all necessary information on payment amounts and dates as decided by the member and the chapter treasurer. If the payment amounts and dates are not met the chapter has the option to take the appropriate legal measures to collect the debt. The delinquent member will be subject to suspension upon a recommendation of the Executive Committee to the chapter for failure to pay monetary obligations.

Section 2: **Alumni and Honorary Members.** There shall be no dues assessed on alumni or honorary members of this chapter. Honorary members shall be presented with the fraternity pin, membership certificate (shingles), and songbook at the chapter's expense. Following the eighth semester of active membership, undergraduate members may opt for either alumni or active status. Graduate members may transfer to alumni status at any time, as long as all fees are paid and a letter stating this fact is presented to the chapter.

Section 3: **Academic Standing.** Members of this chapter shall maintain the grade point average required for their successful continuation at the sheltering institution in good standing. Each semester, members shall fill out a grade report form. The faculty advisor is to review this report; any discrepancies are to be reported to the Executive Committee. Any member falling below the standard may present himself to the Executive Committee. The committee will decide with what action to proceed, if any. (See VIII, 6)

Section 4: **Special Assessment.** Special assessment may be levied upon each member of the chapter by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of members in good standing, present and voting.

Section 5: **Fines.** Any member absent from either a Ritual or a Ritual rehearsal shall be fined \$10, unless the member has an approved excuse at least one week before the event. Only the president or warden may impose fines. The president or warden must notify the secretary and treasurer so that they may note the infraction. The warden shall notify the member of the fine within one week of the infraction. The warden should let the member know the amount of the fine and the reason for assessment. The fined member may appeal any fine to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may remove any fine it deems inappropriate.

Section 6: **Suspension.**

- A. **Reasons.** A member shall be placed on suspension for any of the following reasons: Failure to attend Ritual or ritual rehearsals without excuse, three or more unexcused absences from required functions, failure to remit financial obligations by the stated or contracted deadline, academic standing below that required for their successful continuation at the sheltering institution in good standing, disregard for chapter welfare and other causes deemed adequate and reasonable.
- B. **Recourse.** Upon suspension, a member must either present himself for questioning or a letter detailing his defense to the executive committee and chapter within two weeks time while classes are in session. Any member failing to do so shall be voted on for expulsion at the next regularly scheduled business meeting. Any question shall be referred to the National Constitution Article XV Section One.
- C. **Signatures.** Upon suspension, probationary members shall no longer be required to obtain said active member's signature for their triangles.

Section 7: **Budget.** The treasurer shall submit a budget to the executive committee each semester. Upon approval, it shall be submitted to the chapter, to be approved by a majority vote of active members in good standing who are present and voting. Any revisions to the budget must be approved by the executive committee. The chapter must maintain a \$500 balance in the chapter checking account.

## ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1: **Chapter Amendments.** Amendments made to the Delta Lambda Bylaws shall be adopted in the following manner: The proposed change, addition, or deletion shall be presented (in writing if deemed necessary) to the chapter, then tabled to the House Rules Committee for approval and proper syntax. At the next chapter business meeting, the affirmative vote of two thirds of the active members in good standing,

present and voting will be required for the amendment to pass.

Section 2: **National Changes.** Any changes in the National Constitution, the General Regulations for Chapters, or other changes in policy made by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, INC., which affects these bylaws, will be immediately changed in these bylaws, without chapter discussion or vote.