

# ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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PHI Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, Inc. Alpha Delta Chapter Constitution and Bylaws Drafted by 2016 president, Tyler Bainter Adopted January 17, 2017, Revised January 26, 2024

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# Interpretations, Definitions, and Abbreviations Interpretations

A specific rule takes precedence over a general rule when both address the same subject.

# **DEFINITIONS**

Sinfonian: Any collegiate, alumni, or honorary initiated member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

- ♦ Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America (Fraternity)
- ♦ Alpha Delta Chapter (Chapter)
- ♦ Iowa State University (University)
- ♦ Province 26 (Province)
- National Constitution and Bylaws (NC&B)
- ♦ Province Constitution and Bylaws (PC&B)
- ♦ National Executive Committee (NEC)
- ♦ Commission on Standards (COS)
- Province Governor (PG)
- ♦ Deputy Province Governor (DPG)
- ♦ Collegiate Province Representative (CPR)
- ♦ Assistant Collegiate Province Representative(s) (ACPR)
- Probationary Member (PM)
- ♦ Fraternity Education Officer (FEO)
- ♦ Alumni Relations Officer (ARO)
- ◆ Executive Committee (EC)
- ♦ Purchasing Card (P-Card)

#### **CONSTITUTION** 1 **PREAMBLE** 2 3 We, the Brothers of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, in order to develop the best and truest fraternal spirit, the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students, the advancement of music in America, and a loyalty to the Alma Mater do ordain and establish this Constitution 5 for the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. ARTICLE I. DESCRIPTION SECTION I. NAME AND STRUCTURE 8 The name of this organization shall be the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of 9 10 11 The primary characteristics of the Chapter and structure are defined by the National Bylaws, Title II. 12 The Chapter Constitution prescribes how the Chapter shall function. It shall include all rules that the Chapter 13 considers so important that they 14 cannot be amended without previous notice to the members and by a three-fourths vote and 15 cannot be suspended, except clauses that provide for their own suspension under specified conditions, or clauses in rules of order, and by a three-fourths vote. 16 17 This Constitution shall fulfill the obligations of Title III of the National Bylaws. SECTION 2. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT 18 Iowa State University and the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia do not discriminate on the 19 20 basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, 21 national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S. Veteran. ARTICLE III. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS 22 23 SECTION 1. NATIONAL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS The Chapter is governed first and foremost by the National Constitution and Bylaws. Any articles or bylaws 24 25 within this document in conflict with the NC&B shall be superseded by the conflicting article or bylaw. 26 SECTION 2. NATIONAL POLICIES 27 The Chapter reports to the NEC, which, in part, creates or approves National Policy. Any articles or bylaws 28 within this document in conflict with the National Policy Manual shall be superseded by the National Policy. 29 Section 3. Province Governing Documents The Chapter shall also be governed by the Province 26 Constitution and Bylaws. Any articles or bylaws 30 31 within this document in conflict with the PC&B shall be superseded by the conflicting article or bylaw. 32 SECTION 4. CHAPTER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS 33 The Chapter Constitution and Bylaws shall be the guiding documents for the Chapter business not detailed in the National Constitution and Bylaws. The Chapter shall further be governed by ratified Chapter Policies 34 35 which cover items not described by National Policies. This Constitution and Bylaws shall govern the Chapter

in all cases to which they apply and are consistent with the NC&B, the PC&B, and any policies that the

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Fraternity might adopt.

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National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 5. Student Inter-Greek Music Association

#### 39 The Chapter is a Member Chapter of the Student Inter-Greek Music Association at Iowa State University 40 (SIGMA) and abides by the SIGMA Constitution and Bylaws. 41 SECTION 5. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE 42 The Chapter abides by, and supports established University policies, State and Federal laws and follows local 43 ordinances and regulations. ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP 44 45 SECTION I. ELIGIBILITY Title I, Article I, Section 2 of the National Constitution and Bylaws states that no man under the age of 46 eighteen (18) shall be permitted to hold any class of membership. Additionally, no man will be considered for 47 48 membership if he is a member of any other secret national fraternal society in music. 49 Regarding National Constitution and Bylaws, Title I, Article I, Section Two, it is the 50 interpretation of the National Executive Committee that any individual who identifies 51 consistently and in good faith as a man is eligible for status as a Probationary Member 52 and initiation. This policy upholds the Fraternity's mission as a brotherhood of men and 53 maintains the all-male character of the Fraternity; it should not be interpreted as a waiver 54 of the Fraternity's exempt status under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. 55 Adopted: December 11, 2016 56 SECTION 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP 57 The four classes of membership are collegiate, probationary, alumni, and honorary. 58 SECTION 3. PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP Probationary Membership shall follow the provisions in Title III, Article III of the National Constitution and 59 60 Bylaws. 61 In addition, the Chapter shall hold two probationary classes annually. The first shall occur in the Fall semester 62 and the other in the Spring semester. **SECTION 4. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS** 63 64 Per Title III, Article VIII, Section 1 of the National Constitution and Bylaws, "For conduct which is harmful 65 to the best interests or good name of the fraternity, the Chapter may expel any of its collegiate members from 66 67 Three-fourths of the members in good standing, present and voting, may expel a member from the 68 Fraternity. ARTICLE V. OFFICERS 69 SECTION I. OFFICER SLATE 70

As defined by Title III, Article IV, Section 1 of the National Constitution and Bylaws, with the addition of

The President shall be responsible for all duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV, Section 6 of the

Music Director, Province Delegate, Social Chair, Webmaster, and Meme Chair.

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- 76 He shall fill the roles of vacant offices until the office is filled, either by special or regular election.
- 77 The President shall complete President's Training annually, as required by the University.

#### 78 Section 3. VICE President

- 79 The Vice President shall be responsible for the duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV, Section 7 of
- 80 the National Constitution and Bylaws.
- 81 In addition, the Vice President shall supervise all standing Chapter committees. He shall also chair any
- 82 standing committee without a constitutionally designated chairman.
- 83 The Vice President shall also serve as Parliamentarian. He shall keep the National Constitution and Bylaws,
- 84 the Province 26 Constitution and Bylaws, the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order.
- 85 He shall be responsible for the interpretation and application of the same.
- 86 The Vice President shall assist the Music Director in coordinating recitals.

#### 87 SECTION 4. SECRETARY

- 88 The Secretary shall be responsible for his duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV, Section 8 of the
- 89 National Constitution and Bylaws.

#### 90 Section 5. Treasurer

- 91 The Treasurer shall be responsible for his duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV, Section 9 of the
- 92 National Constitution and Bylaws.
- 93 In addition, the Treasurer shall submit a semesterly Chapter budget. He shall be responsible for collecting and
- 94 keeping accurate records of all dues from collegiate members, as well as any money owed or other excessive
- 95 fines. He shall present an update on the status of the Chapter's funds at each business meeting.
- 96 The Treasurer shall complete Treasurer's Training annually, as required by the University.

#### 97 Section 6. Warden

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- 98 The Warden shall be responsible for his duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV, Section 12 of the
- 99 National Constitution and Bylaws.
- 100 In addition, the Warden shall reserve locations for Chapter functions and maintain the quality of all Chapter
- 101 materials. The Warden shall manage all Chapter keys and distribute them to Chapter officers as necessary.
- 102 The Warden shall also hold the title of Risk Management Officer. He shall uphold the Risk Management
- 103 Policies of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity and of Iowa State University.
- 104 As Risk Management Officer, the Warden shall:
  - Help minimize potential risks for Chapter activities;
  - Recommend risk management policies or procedures;
  - Submit documentation to the University Office of Risk Management;
- And ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with the Office Risk Management
   for events, when applicable.
- He shall send all disciplinary letters to members requiring disciplinary action.
- 111 The Warden shall also serve as Ritual Director.

#### 112 Section 7. Historian

- 113 The Historian shall be responsible for the duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV, Section 13 of the
- 114 National Constitution and Bylaws.
- 115 In addition, the Historian shall keep an up-to-date, photographic record of all Chapter activities. He will
- 116 create a yearly scrapbook highlighting all Chapter events that have taken place over the last year.

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117 He shall regularly update and preserve the family trees and update the Chapter bulletin board with upcoming

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- 118 Chapter events.
- 119 He shall also assist the Alumni Relations Officer with creating an annual alumni newsletter and send an
- informational letter to national headquarters for publication.
- 121 The Historian shall collaborate with the Fraternity Education Officer on continuing Fraternity education. He
- shall give a presentation once a semester on the history of the Chapter or the National Fraternity.

#### 123 Section 8. Alumni Relations Officer

- 124 The Alumni Relations Officer shall be responsible for the duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV,
- 125 Section 11 of the National Constitution and Bylaws.
- 126 In addition, the Alumni Relations Officer shall update all Chapter alumni on current Chapter events regularly.
- 127 He shall inform any local alumni association of graduating brothers. He shall create an alumni newsletter,
- along with the Historian, detailing the projects the Chapter is currently working on.

#### 129 Section 9. Fraternity Education Officer

- 130 The Fraternity Education Officer shall be responsible for the duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV,
- 131 Section 10 of the National Constitution and Bylaws.
- 132 In addition, the Fraternity Education Officer shall organize the voting process for Probationary Members and
- 133 handle all bid distribution. The Fraternity Education Officer shall be responsible for continuing Fraternity
- 134 education; he shall use the Historian for assistance. He shall be assisted by the Assistant Fraternity Education
- 135 Officer
- 136 He shall schedule all Probationary Member meetings and record attendance for each meeting. He shall also
- 137 report on all attendance for Color Nights.

# 138 Section II. Music Director

- 139 The Music Director shall direct all vocal music. He shall oversee all song rehearsals and determine which
- songs will be performed. He shall coordinate Chapter recitals with the Vice President.

# 141 Section 12. Province Delegate

- 142 The Province Delegate shall be one of the primary liaisons between the Chapter and the Province in
- 143 conjunction with the President.
- 144 He will maintain contact with and receive information from the Province Council about provincial events,
- 145 national events, and important pertinent material. He shall relay information from the Province to the EC and
- 146 the Chapter.
- 147 The Province Delegate shall also serve as a messenger between the Chapter and the Province. He shall
- 148 communicate information from the Chapter to other chapters.
- The Province Delegate shall be a member of the Province Council. He shall engage with the PC and
- members of other chapters to create a better community in the Province. He shall look among other
- 151 Chapters for new, original ideas and improvements to traditional Chapter events.

# 152 Section 13. Social Chair

- 153 The Social Chair shall schedule and manage all social events for the Chapter. He shall complete group orders
- for shirts in collaboration with the Treasurer or Chapter.
- 155 The Social Chair shall hold the title of Interfraternal Chair. He shall communicate with and attend the
- 156 meetings of other fraternities as necessary and schedule cross-fraternity events.

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#### 157 **Section 14. Webmaster**

- 158 The Webmaster shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee. The
- 159 Webmaster shall administer all Chapter social media accounts and websites, and shall ensure the information

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on Chapter social media pages and websites are accurate and up-to-date.

#### 161 SECTION 15. MEME CHAIR

- 162 The Meme Chair shall provide the Chapter with a meme at each business meeting.
- 163 Memes must be approved by the EC before each meeting. Memes shall not include any content which may
- be considered discriminatory in nature. The memes shall follow the standards set in the Risk Management
- 165 Policies.

#### 166 Section 16. Faculty Advisor

- 167 The Faculty Advisor shall be responsible for the duties appointed to him in Title III, Article IV, Section 14 of
- 168 the National Constitution and Bylaws.
- 169 The Faculty Advisor(s) shall also maintain a record of the academic status of all active members and shall
- 170 meet with all brothers falling below the minimum academic standards of the University. If a brother chooses
- 171 not to attend this meeting, he shall be immediately considered for suspension.
- 172 The Faculty Advisor(s) should attend at least the first business meeting of each month.

# 173 Section 10. Assistant Fraternity Education Officer

- 174 The Assistant Fraternity Education Officer shall-assistants the Fraternity Education Officer with his duties
- as detailed in Article V, Section 9.

#### 176 Section 17. Nominations

- 177 A Nomination Committee shall be created as defined by Title III, Article IV, Section 3 of the National
- 178 Constitution and Bylaws. Officer nominations will take place during the last business meeting of the Fall
- 179 Semester.

#### 180 Section 18. Elections

- 181 In addition to Title III, Article IV, Section 1 of the National Constitution and Bylaws, Chapter elections will
- take place during the first business meeting of the Spring semester.

#### 183 Section 19. Installation and Term

- 184 Officers are installed on the second meeting of the Spring semester, using the official installation ceremony.
- 185 The length of each Officer's term will be a full calendar year, beginning on the second meeting of the Spring
- semester and ending on the second meeting of the Spring semester of the following year.

### 187 SECTION 20. REMOVAL

- 188 An officer may be removed from his office for the following offenses: Violation of his Oath of Office,
- 189 Violation of his Obligation, or any other offense, as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Removal
- 190 of an officer shall follow the policies and procedures laid out in Title III, Article IV, Section 4 of the National
- 191 Constitution and Bylaws.

# 192 Section 21. Resignation

- 193 An officer may resign his position. Upon the Officer's resignation, the President assumes the duties and
- responsibilities of the vacant office until it is filled by special or regular elections.

# 195 Section 22. Officer Academic Standards

- 196 Chapter Officers must meet the following requirements, except for the Alumni Relations Officer and Faculty
- 197 Advisor:

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collegiate Sinfonian in his last year.

198 a) Be in good standing with the University and enrolled at least half-time during his term of office. b) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 during the semester immediately before, 199 during the semester of election, and during the term of office. For this provision to be met, the 200 201 Officer must have been enrolled at least half-time during the semesters under consideration. 202 Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to meet the requirements prescribed in (a) and 203 **ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES** 204 205 **SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the duties appointed to them by Title III, Article VI, 206 207 Section 1 of the National Constitution and Bylaws. 208 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President as Chairman, the Vice President, Secretary, 209 Treasurer, Warden, Fraternity Education Officer, and Faculty Advisor. The Faculty Advisor is a non-voting Commented [TS8]: Added Fraternity Education Officer 210 member ex oficio of the EC. Commented [BM9]: Add list of EC members 211 The EC shall act as the disciplinary review board. The EC shall review any case of active member 212 misconduct, defined as any action harmful to the interests and reputation of the Fraternity. 213 The EC shall maintain the Chapter calendar. The EC shall assess all fines. 214 Commented [BM10]: Added SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL STANDING COMMITTEES 215 216 The additional standing committees of the Chapter shall consist of Recruitment Committee, Financial 217 Committee, Sweetheart Committee, Service Committee, Alumni Committee, and Awards Committee. Commented [BM11]: Social committee was transformed into Social Chair, bylaws were not updated accordingly. Strike 218 SECTION 3. SPECIAL COMMITTEES Social Committee 219 Special committees may be appointed according to the provisions outlined in Title III, Article VI, Section 3 220 of the National Constitution and Bylaws. 221 **SECTION 4. RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE** 222 The Recruitment Committee shall schedule, plan, and execute all Rush Week events, posters, and announcement delegation. The members of the Recruitment Committee shall include the Fraternity 223 Commented [BM12]: Changed "shall be" to "shall include" 224 Education Officer as its chairman, the Treasurer, and any other active member. Commented [BM13]: Changed wording 225 SECTION 5. FINANCIAL COMMITTEE 226 The Financial Committee shall schedule, plan, and execute all fundraising events and advise the Treasurer on 227 the creation of the budget and financial decisions. The members of the Financial Committee shall include the Commented [BM14]: Changed "shall be" to "shall include" Treasurer as Chairman, the Social Chair, and any other active member. 228 229 SECTION 6. SWEETHEART COMMITTEE 230 The committee shall select the Chapter Sweetheart and keep stock of appropriate Sweetheart jewelry, and Commented [BM15]: Changed "of the deciding" to "of 231 coordinate all serenades. The Chapter may overrule the Sweetheart decision by vote at a regular business selecting" 232 meeting. 233 SECTION 7. AWARDS COMMITTEE 234 The Awards Committee shall be responsible for facilitating the allocation of awards to any individual and 235 shall oversee the procedures for selecting Sinfonian of the Month and any other form of recognition for 236 service. The members of this committee shall include the President as Chairman, the Treasurer, and one Commented [BM16]: Changed "shall be" to "shall include"

238 239 240 241	SECTION 8. BYLAWS COMMITTEE  The Bylaws Committee shall review the Chapter Bylaws and oversee changes to the Chapter Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee shall be convened by the President. It shall include the President as Chairman, one other Officer, one graduating senior, and one member of junior status.
242 243 244	Section 9. Service Committee  The Service Committee shall plan and execute all Chapter service projects. The members of the Service Committee shall include the Vice President as chair and at least two other collegiate Sinfonians.
245 246 247 248 249	The Alumni Committee shall plan, coordinate, and implement programs and/or events that will engage alumni. The Alumni Committee shall assist the Alumni Relations Officer with his duties. The Alumni Committee is chaired by the Alumni Relations Officer and shall include at least three other collegiate Sinfonians.
250	ARTICLE VII. FINANCES
251 252 253 254 255 256	Section 1. Dues  In addition to the National Per Capita Tax detailed in Title I, Article X, Section 1 of the National Constitution and Bylaws, the Province Tax detailed in Article X, Section 2 of the Province Bylaws, and the Council Tax detailed in Article X, Section 3 of the Student Inter-Greek Music Association Constitution, each collegiate member of the Chapter shall pay Chapter dues, due to the Treasurer no later than the due date for National Per Capita Tax.
257 258	All members in good standing who have failed to remit the total dues owed to the Chapter shall be automatically suspended without a Chapter vote, per Title III, Article VIII, Section 2 of the NC&B.
259 260 261 262	Section 2. Initiation Fee  Each PM shall be required to pay the Initiation Fee outlined in Title I, Article I, Section 10 of the National Constitution and Bylaws. This is a requirement for initiation and is to be paid no later than two weeks before initiation. The EC will consider any PM who has not paid his fee for removal from the probationary process.
263 264 265	SECTION 3. ACCOUNTS  All monies belonging to the Chapter shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for the Chapter at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office, which shall serve as the Chapter Treasury.
266	ARTICLE VIII. SPECIAL EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES
267 268 269 270	SECTION 1. SPECIAL OBSERVANCES  The Chapter shall observe Founder's Day (October 6) and Chapter Day (December 17) per Title III, Article II, Section 5 of the National Constitution and Bylaws. The Chapter shall also recognize the Reactivation of the Chapter (December 13) when it celebrates Chapter Day.
271 272 273	SECTION 2. AMERICAN MUSIC RECITAL  The Chapter shall present annually, in the Spring semester, at least one program devoted exclusively to the music of American Composers.
274 275	SECTION 3. MILLS MUSIC MISSION The Chapter shall present at least one Mills Music Mission annually.

SECTION 4. REQUIRED CHAPTER SERVICE EVENTS

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277 278	Required Chapter Service Events are defined as any event where members must make additional commitments outside of the Chapter's regular schedule.
279	Section 5. Pin Attire Day
280 281	The Chapter shall observe Pin Attire Day on the first business meeting of the month, excluding the first meeting of the Fall and Spring semesters.
282 283 284	Members shall wear pin attire for the entire day unless they are unable to otherwise, such as work, class, or safety requirements. Pin attire shall be worn throughout the day regardless of whether a member will attend the meeting. Probationary Members are exempt from Pin Attire Days but are encouraged to participate.
285 286 287 288	Section 6. Brother and Faculty Recitals  Brothers shall be required to attend senior recitals of Chapter members, as well as one Faculty Advisor recital or concert, to be chosen by the Chapter each semester. Attendance of Junior recitals and other faculty Sinfonian recitals is encouraged but not required.
289	ARTICLE IX. VOTING AND QUORUM
290 291	SECTION I. VOTING Voting shall always follow Robert's Rules of Order.
292	SECTION 2. QUORUM
<ul><li>293</li><li>294</li><li>295</li></ul>	A quorum shall be defined as half of all active members in good standing plus one.  A quorum is required to approve minutes from the previous meeting. No business can be conducted if a quorum is not reached.
296	ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS
297 298 299 300 301	SECTION I. AMENDMENTS  This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the collegiate members of the Chapter in good standing, present and voting, at any regular business meeting. The proposed amendment must have been presented in writing at a previous meeting. The amended Constitution shall be submitted to the Office of Student Engagement within ten (10) days.
302 303 304 305	SECTION 2. CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES  The Executive Committee has the authority to make clerical and technical changes to the Chapter Constitution, including corrections of typographical, spelling, grammatical, or other errors which would not change the meaning of the clause.

**Commented [BM17]:** Changed "previous commitment" to "additional commitment"

**Commented [BM18]:** Strike "Events such as these are follows..."

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307	ARTICLE I. OFFICERS
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310	He shall fill out all membership invitations.
311	The President shall ensure the Faculty Advisor is aware of all chapter events, including business meetings.
312 313 314 315 316	SECTION 2. VICE PRESIDENT  The Vice President shall attend each committee meeting at least once per semester.  The Vice President shall schedule service projects for the Chapter. He shall coordinate yearly or semesterly recital hall cloud cleaning. He shall schedule and coordinate Mills Music Missions. He shall plan other service projects as the Chapter sees fit.
317 318 319 320 321	SECTION 3. SECRETARY  The Secretary shall keep track of active members' attendance at all meetings and Chapter events. The Secretary shall record minutes of all Chapter and Executive Committee meetings and be responsible for distributing each to the Chapter. He shall notify all active members of the date and time of all Chapter functions-and any changes to the scheduled program.
322 323	He shall promote events as the Chapter sees fit. He shall maintain Google Drive documents. He shall maintain both digital and physical records of all Chapter minutes.
324 325 326	SECTION 4. TREASURER  The Treasurer shall deposit all monies he has collected to the Campus Organizations Accounting office within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt.
327 328 329 330 331	SECTION 5. HISTORIAN  The Historian shall maintain video recordings of all Chapter recitals. He is encouraged to record at least either or both the Founder's Day and Chapter Day ceremonies annually.  In conjunction with the Social Chair, he shall author Chapter website updates and social media posts at least twice monthly.
332 333	He shall maintain the Chapter bulletin board with Chapter news, Sinfonian of the Month, recital posters, and other events and information as he sees fit.
334 335	SECTION 6. ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER  The Alumni Relations Officer shall distribute an alumni newsletter at least twice a semester.
336 337	He shall send monthly updates to the Province Alumni Coordinator to inform him about chapter events and activities.
338 339 340 341	SECTION 7. FRATERNITY EDUCATION OFFICER  The Fraternity Education Officer shall record attendance at all Probationary Member meetings. The FEO must be present at all PM meetings. If he cannot attend, he shall find a suitable replacement, either the Assistant Fraternity Education Officer or another qualified Brother take his place and record attendance.
342	Section 8. Assistant Fraternity Education Officer

The Assistant Fraternity Education Officer shall attend all Probationary Meetings as he is able. He shall

temporarily fill in for the Fraternity Education Officer in his absence.

**BYLAWS** 

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#### 345 **Section 9. Province Delegate**

- 346 The Province Delegate<sup>1</sup> shall connect with all Province Council members via the approved Province
- 347 communication medium, as determined at Province Workshop.

#### 348 Section 10. Music Director

349 The Music Director shall assist at the Vice President's discretion on recitals.

#### 350 SECTION II. SOCIAL CHAIR

- 351 The Social Chair shall organize Brotherhood activities, which shall occur at least once per month.
- 352 In conjunction with the Historian, he shall author Chapter website updates and social media posts at least
- 353 twice monthly.

#### 354 Section 12. Webmaster

- 355 The Webmaster shall manage access and permissions to all Chapter social media accounts and websites. He
- 356 shall make regular data backups at least twice monthly.
- 357 He shall ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all the Chapter's data.
- 358 He shall adhere to the Privacy Policy of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America and Iowa State
- 359 University security standards and policies.

#### 360 SECTION 13. MEME CHAIR

- 361 The Meme chair shall provide a meme in an approved picture format (JPEG or PNG) or provide a link to a
- 362 video. This shall be presented in the reports section of the business meeting.

#### 363 Section 14. Nominations

- 364 In addition to the Nominating Committee detailed in Title III, Article IV, Section 3 of the National
- 365 Constitution and Bylaws, the Chapter shall also accept nominations from the floor, considering all members'
- 366 opinions. In addition, all nominated members must prepare a speech to deliver on the night of the elections.

#### 367 Section 15. Elections

- 368 Each candidate shall be given five (5) minutes to discuss his platform and five (5) minutes for questions.
- 369 Additional time may be granted to questioning with a proper motion to extend debate. A person will be
- 370 granted extra time by a simple majority.

# 371 Section 16. Training

- 372 Current officers and officers-elect shall both be required to attend a training night. Training night shall occur
- 373 between the first and second business meetings of the Spring semester. During this time, the outgoing
- 374 officers shall instruct the officers-elect on the duties of the office to which they are to be installed. The
- 375 outgoing President shall prepare and present a short keynote over leadership expectations. Officers-elect shall
- 376 use this time to ask questions and familiarize themselves with essential documents pertaining to their
- 377 position(s) before installation.

#### SECTION 17. REMOVAL

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- 379 In addition to Title III, Article IV, Section 4 of the National Constitution and Bylaws, a member shall only
- 380 give notice of his intent to move for officer removal during new business. The member shall move to open
- discussion on providing this notice. After his motion has been made and seconded, he will state why he
- 382 believes an officer should be removed. Immediately after, the Brother to which the charge is brought shall
- voice his response. The rest of the debate shall follow regular order and follow Robert's Rules of Order.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Appendix 1.

384	Section 18. Resignation
385	Should an officer consider resignation, he shall follow these procedures:
386 387	The Officer shall notify the Executive Committee of his decision one week before the proposed resignation. This shall be by official method only (i.e., email or letter). During that subsequent week, the Officer shall have
388	time to withdraw his resignation. During that week, the EC shall note but not make any announcements of a
389	potential vacancy. After that week has passed, to the day, the Brother will have officially resigned from his
390	office.
391 392	While the office is vacant, the President shall assume the duties of the office until it is filled by a special or regular election.
393	If a special election is required, it shall be made the new business of the next business meeting.
394	If the Officer in question forgoes the one-week notice and chooses immediate resignation, then the above
395	procedures shall be followed as if the week-long consideration had passed.
396	ARTICLE II. COMMITTEES
397	Section I. Awards Committee
398	The Awards Committee shall nominate three collegiate brothers each month to be chosen as Sinfonian of the
399	Month. The nominations for Sinfonian of the Month shall be completed by the first business meeting of each
400	month.
401	The Awards Committee shall complete their work and have awards ready by the Graduating Brothers
402	Ceremony in the Spring Semester.
403	ARTICLE III. FINANCES
404	Section I. Dues
405	Chapter Dues shall be eighty dollars (\$80) annually, payable in two semesterly installments of forty dollars
406	(\$40) each.
407 408	Province Tax is defined in the Province Constitution and Bylaws, currently twenty dollars (\$20) annually, payable in two semesterly installments of ten dollars (\$10) each.
409	The Council Tax for the Student Inter-Greek Music Association (SIGMA) is defined in the SIGMA
410	Constitution and Bylaws, currently ten dollars (\$10) annually, payable in two semesterly installments of five
411	dollars (\$5) each.
412	Section 2. Fines
413	The Warden or Executive Committee must give notice of a fine within one week of its incurrence, or it will
414	be rendered invalid.
415	Any member who has accumulated fine(s) must pay them within one (1) week of receiving notice. Failure to
416	pay a fine after 1 week will result in the member automatically being placed on probation. If an egregious
417 418	time, to be determined by the EC, has passed without payment of the fine to the Treasurer, the EC may recommend the member for suspension or further disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.
419	Disciplinary status shall be lifted, and good standing returned immediately upon receipt of payment to the
420	Treasurer.
421	Section 3. Use of Chapter Funds
422	All checks must require two signatures for the use of Chapter funds. Any two of the following three Chapter
423	officers can sign for the use of Chapter funds: Treasurer, President, or Faculty Advisor.

- 424 The Executive Committee may approve using emergency funds, up to one hundred dollars (\$100) per
- 425 emergency. The Chapter may then review the legitimacy of the emergency at the following Chapter meeting.
- 426 If the funds are deemed to be misused, those funds must be immediately repaid by the members of the EC.
- 427 The use of funds through a University Purchasing Card shall be approved by the Chapter through the budget
- 428 and by vote at business meetings as needed. Only two P-Cards may be used by the Chapter at any time: one
- 429 for the Treasurer, and one for the President.
- 430 All Chapter expenditures must be approved by the Faculty Advisor.

# ARTICLE IV. OBSERVANCES

#### 432 Section I. Pin Attire

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- Pin Attire shall be defined as stated in Title I, Article XVI, Section 3 of the National Constitution and Bylaws, but with these specifications:
  - ◆ The Pin must be worn on the outermost clothing item that a brother will not take off.
  - The base layer for pin attire is a button-up dress shirt, defined as "a collared shirt that is suitable for wear with a necktie."
  - ♦ A suit vest, formal sweater vest, or formal sweater may be worn over the dress shirt, and the Pin placed thereon. Ties shall be optional.
  - Dress pants or non-cargo khakis are acceptable bottoms. Dress shoes are preferred but not required.
- 441 If a brother wishes to wear jeans, they must fit the following specifications:
  - Jeans must be dark wash and non-baggy.
    - Dress shoes or boots are required; athletic shoes are not allowed.
    - A tie or blazer is required.
- 445 Pin Attire shall not be a reason for which a Probationary Member or Brother feels unable to participate in the
- 446 Fraternity. If Pin Attire poses a problem for a member, the Chapter shall assist him in finding affordable
- attire, or by making exceptions to the dress code for that member.
- 448 Members are expected to wear their membership pin at all performances while in pin attire. Failure to do so
- 449 will result in an admonishment from the Executive Committee on the first occurrence and a five-dollar (\$5)
- 450 fine for each subsequent occurrence.

#### 451 Section 2. Pin Attire Day

- 452 The purpose of Pin Attire Day is to inspire fraternal pride amongst brothers, promote the organization, and
- 453 make the Fraternity visible on campus.
- 454 Failure to participate in a Pin Attire Day shall result in a ten-dollar (\$10) fine to the Brother.

#### 455 **Section 3. Formal Attire**

- 456 Formal attire is defined as follows:
- 457 ♦ A button-up dress shirt
- 458 ♦ A necktie
  - ♦ A suit jacket or blazer
- 460 ◆ Dress slacks
- 461 ♦ Dress shoes
- 462 Formal attire shall be required for brothers of all membership classes in attendance at Ceremonies for
- 463 Pledging, Color Nights, Initiations, and Mills Music Missions.

- When required, Probationary Members' formal attire shall be the same as is defined above. The Bigs and
- 465 Fraternity Education Officer shall be obligated to ensure that the new PMs understand these guidelines
- 466 preceding the Ceremony for Pledging.
- 467 Formal attire shall not be a reason a PM or Brother feels unable to participate in the Fraternity. If Formal
- 468 Attire poses a problem for a member, the Chapter shall assist him in finding affordable attire, or make
- exceptions to the dress code for that member.
- 470 Brothers may wear cultural attire in place of formal attire.
- 471 Failure to wear formal attire, when required, shall result in a ten-dollar (\$10) fine for each occurrence.

#### 472 Section 4. Brother and Faculty Recitals

- 473 A short sing should follow all required recitals. The song selection shall include "Hail Sinfonia" and other
- 474 songs as requested by the performing Brother.

#### 475 Section 5. Sinfonian of the Month

- 476 Sinfonian of the Month is an honor which may be bestowed upon any collegiate Sinfonian in good standing.
- 477 The honor of Sinfonian of the Month recognizes a Brother's fulfillment of the Object, or musical, academic,
- 478 or personal achievement.
- 479 The Chapter shall recognize one collegiate Sinfonian every month as Sinfonian of the Month. The Awards
- 480 Committee shall nominate at most three (3) collegiate Brothers by the first business meeting of each month.
- 481 Additionally, the Awards Committee may nominate an Alumni or Honorary Sinfonian for recognition,
- 482 separately from the Collegiate Sinfonian of the Month. Sinfonian(s) of the Month shall be elected by a simple
- 483 majority of all Brothers in good standing, present and voting, by secret ballot.
- 484 The same Brother may not be recognized as Sinfonian of the Month for two consecutive months.

# ARTICLE V. DISCIPLINE

#### 486 Section I. Attendance

- 487 A collegiate Chapter member in good standing may have two (2) unexcused absences per semester. If the
- 488 member accumulates more than two unexcused absences, the member will automatically be put on probation,
- 489 pending an Executive Committee review.
- 490 All collegiate Chapter members shall be required to attend two (2) meetings of the Probationary Member
- 491 class. If this is not possible, the member must make arrangements with the Fraternity Education Officer.
- 492 Any member who enters an event defined as a meeting at least fifteen (15) minutes after it has begun will be
- 493 counted as tardy.

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- 494 Any member who enters an event defined as a ritual, rehearsal, or special/required event at least ten (10)
- 495 minutes after it has begun will be counted as tardy.
- 496 Three (3) tardies will count as one unexcused absence.

#### SECTION 2. EXCUSED ABSENCES

- 498 Any member who must miss a Chapter meeting must file his reason with the Executive Committee at least
- 499 twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. If he plans to be late to a Chapter meeting, he must file his excuse
- 500 with the EC at least two (2) hours before the meeting.
- 501 Any member who must miss a Ritual or Special Event as defined in Article V, Section 1 of the Chapter
- 502 Bylaws must file his reason with the EC ten (10) days before the event, having been given early enough
- 503 notice.
- 504 Any member who must miss a Ritual Rehearsal, as defined in Article V, Section 1 of the Chapter Bylaws,
- must file his reason with the EC twenty-four (24) hours before the event.

- 506 Any member who must miss a required recital, as defined in Article VIII, Section 6 of the Chapter
- 507 Constitution, must file his reason with the EC forty-eight (48) hours before the event.
- 508 Any member who must miss a Required Chapter Service Event, as defined in Article VIII, Section 4 of the
- 509 Chapter Constitution, must file his reason with the EC twenty-four (24) hours before the event. The member
- must also inform the Chapter and find a replacement.
- 511 All notifications to the EC regarding absences must be made via an official communication method, defined
- 512 as either email, letter, or carrier pigeon. 🦻
- 513 The decision as to whether any reason for absence is acceptable is at the discretion of the EC.
- 514 If emergencies arise, such as severe illness or a family emergency, a simple notification to the Secretary may
- 515 suffice, regardless of how soon it is to the event. The EC will review the emergency circumstances and may
- 516 serve as an excused absence.

#### 517 **Section 3. Fines**

- 518 Any member with an unexcused absence for a ritual, defined as a Ceremony for Pledging, Color Night, or
- 519 Initiation, will be fined thirty dollars (\$30).
- 520 Any member who misses a special event, defined as a Mills Music Mission, Chapter Recital, or other events
- 521 without a prescribed fine that require all collegiate members, will be fined twenty dollars (\$20).
- 522 Any member who incurs an unexcused absence for any Ritual rehearsal, as designated by the Warden, shall be
- 523 fined five dollars (\$5) for each occurrence.
- 524 Any member absent from a Required Service Event as defined in Article VIII, Section 4 of the Chapter
- 525 Constitution shall be fined ten dollars (\$10) for each occurrence.
- 526 Any member absent from a Special event defined in Article VIII, Section 6 of the Chapter Constitution shall
- 527 be fined twenty dollars (\$20) for each occurrence.
- Any member who fails to participate in Pin Attire Day, as defined in Article VIII, Section 5 of the Chapter
- 529 Constitution, shall be fined ten dollars (\$10) for each occurrence.
- 530 Any member who fails to wear Formal Attire, when required, as defined in Article IV, Section 3 of the
- 531 Chapter Bylaws, shall be fined ten dollars (\$10) for each occurrence.

#### 532 **Section 4. Probation**

- 533 The Executive Committee may place a member on probation as part of the disciplinary process. Reasons for
- 534 probation include but are not limited to failure to pay fines, excessive unexcused absences, failure to uphold
- 535 the responsibilities of membership, or other offenses. While on probation, members lose voting privileges but
- are still entitled to all other rights of membership.

#### 537 Section 5. Disciplinary Hearings

- 538 Any member under review by the Executive Committee for misconduct shall be notified in writing, one week
- 539 prior, of the location and time of their hearing. The member in question can also represent himself in writing
- 540 given to the EC.

#### 541 Section 6. Removal of Members

- 542 Per Title III, Article VIII, Section 1 of the National Constitution and Bylaws: "For conduct which is harmful
- 543 to the best interests or good name of the fraternity, the Chapter may expel any of its collegiate members from
- 544 the fraternity."
- 545 A motion to start the expulsion process of a member must be made at a regularly scheduled business meeting.
- It must be approved by a majority of members in good standing who are present and voting.
- Per Title III, Article VIII, Section 3 of the NC&B:

548	"The Chapter sends at least one week's written notification to any member being
549	considered for expulsion by the Chapter informing him of his right to and interview
550	with the Chapter executive committee and Faculty Advisor. The member may waive such
551	interviews. The written notification states the reasons for the proposed action, the time
552	and place of the proposed interviews, and the member's right of appeal to the NEC if the
553	Chapter approves the expulsion."
554	Three-fourths of the members in good standing, present and voting, may expel a member from the
555	Fraternity

# **ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS AND REVIEWS**

#### 557 **Section 1. Amendments**

- 558 These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the collegiate Chapter members in good
- standing, present and voting, at any regular business meeting, provided that the proposed amendment was
- 560 presented in writing at a previous meeting. The amended bylaws shall be submitted to the Office of Student
- 561 Engagement within ten (10) days.

# 562 **Section 2. Reviews**

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- The Bylaws Committee shall review these Bylaws at least once every year and following any changes to the
- 564 governing documents listed in Article III of the Chapter Constitution.
- 565 The Bylaws Committee shall review these Bylaws no later than December of the year of a National Assembly.

# SECTION 3. CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES

- 567 The Executive Committee has the authority to make clerical and technical changes to the Chapter Bylaws,
- 568 including the corrections of typographical, spelling, grammatical, or other errors which would not change the
- 569 meaning of the clause.

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571	APPENDIX I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 572 1. Attend all required meetings.
- 573 2. Pay all financial obligations.
- 574 3. Maintain academic performance standards.
  - 4. Become familiar with the Fraternity's governing documents and policies.
- 576 5. Become familiar with the Fraternity's history.
  - 6. Support the efforts and objectives of the Fraternity.

#### APPENDIX I. PROVINCE DELEGATE 578

- This role was first defined and enacted in August 2016, by 2016 Collegiate Province Representative Andrew R
- Hoffmann, 2017 Collegiate Province Representative-elect Luke Sanders, and 2017 Assistant Collegiate 580
- Province Representative Clayton Ryan. The primary roles were defined by 2017 Assistant Collegiate Province 581
- 582 Representative elect Clayton Ryan. Constant contact with the other Brothers and Chapters is important in
- 583 creating fun, engaging, and Brotherly events for the advancement of our order, music in America, and
- 584 fraternal spirit.

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#### APPENDIX 2. SCHEDULE OF FINES

Offense	Fine
Unexcused Absence from Ritual	\$30
Unexcused Absence from Special Event	\$20
Unexcused Absence from Required Recital	\$20
Failure to participate in Pin Attire Day	\$10
Failure to wear Formal Attire when required	\$10
Unexcused Absence from Required Service Event	\$10
Unexcused Absence from Ritual Rehearsal	\$5
Failure to wear Pin at performance	2 <sup>nd</sup> and subsequent occurrences, \$5

# APPENDIX 3. REQUIRED ADVANCE NOTICE TIMES FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES

Event	Time
Ritual	10 days
Special Event	10 days
Required Recital	48 hours
Required Service Event	24 hours
Ritual Rehearsal	24 hours
Chapter Meeting	24 hours
Chapter Meeting (Tardy)	2 hours



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