

**2017 NATIONAL BYLAWS**  
**KAPPA DELTA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**

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## PREAMBLE

Believing that the organization of our Sisterhood should be so perfect as to enable us to show forth in our lives the principles of Kappa Delta, a Sorority established by Mary Sommerville, Julia Gardiner Tyler, Sarah Turner, and Lenora Ashmore at the State Female Normal School of Virginia, now Longwood University, on the twenty-third day of October, Eighteen Hundred Ninety-seven, and now organized as a corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the National Convention of Kappa Delta Sorority has, from time to time, revised and amended its instrument of government.

The **Constitution** of Kappa Delta was first prepared in 1900. In 1913 the **Constitution** and **National Bylaws** were carefully separated and brought up to date. The 1919 National Convention was devoted to the study and adoption of a revised **Constitution** and **National Bylaws**. First impression, 1919; second impression, 1921; third impression 1925; fourth impression with amendments to date, 1941. Amended in 1946, 1949, 1953, 1955. Fifth impression, with amendments, 1957. Amended in 1959, 1963, and in 1965.

As the Sorority grew in size and complexity of organization, it seemed imperative that the **Constitution** and **National Bylaws** should be superseded by a streamlined document. At the Thirty-eighth National Convention held in June, 1969, the revision of the **Constitution** and **National Bylaws** was completed and adopted, resulting in a single instrument, the **National Bylaws**. Amended in 1971 and 1973.

Continued growth of the Sorority and the necessity for numerous biennial amendments to the **National Bylaws** created repetition and some inconsistencies. In order to eliminate these, a rearranged instrument was presented to and approved by the Forty-first National Convention held in June of 1975, with the adopted **National Bylaws** amendments incorporated. First impression, 1975. Amended 1977, 1979. Second impression, with amendments, 1981. Amended 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2001.

Due to sorority growth, change and piecemeal bylaw amendments since 1969, a revision of the **National Bylaws** was authorized by the 2001 Convention. The proposed revision was considered and adopted at the 2003 Convention. Amended 2005, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2017.

The following is the resultant instrument, the **National Bylaws**, which govern Kappa Delta.

**ESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF KAPPA DELTA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**  
June 29, 2017

- 1) The name of the Corporation shall be Kappa Delta Sorority, Incorporated.
- 2) The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at Lynchburg, Virginia.
- 3) The Object of the Corporation shall be the formation and perpetuation of good fellowship, friendship, and sisterly love among its members, the encouragement of literature and education, the promotion of social interest, and the furtherance of charitable and benevolent purposes.
- 4) The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the National Council. The number of members of the National Council shall be six, which number shall be changed only by amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, and shall be composed of the National President, National Vice President, National Vice President-Membership, National Vice President-Collegians, National Vice President-Alumnae, and the National Vice President-Finance. The members of the National Council shall be elected by the National Convention.
- 5) The Corporation shall have the power to hold real estate for the purpose of building chapter houses and lodges for its meetings and such other facilities as may be necessary or desirable for its purposes.
- 6) The Corporation shall have the right of perpetual succession, and a common seal which may be a scroll or impression, with the right to change the same at pleasure, and shall have the power to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with and have all the rights and privileges of a corporation, and be subject to all the rules and regulations and restrictions, and do all other acts and enjoy all other powers extended to similar corporations in general, under and subject to the laws of this Commonwealth.
- 7) The Corporation shall have the right to establish (i) a national council, (ii) subordinate college chapters at female or co-educational institutions of learning, and (iii) alumnae chapters, in this and other states and in such manner as may seem proper to it, and designate the same by such number or distinguishing mark as to the Corporation may seem proper, and such collegiate chapters and alumnae chapters when so established shall become a part of this Corporation and subject to its charter, bylaws, rules and regulations.
- 8) The members of this Corporation shall be those persons who from time to time become members of its collegiate chapters or alumnae chapters. The members shall have the right to elect and designate delegates from their respective collegiate chapters or alumnae chapters to the National Convention. The National Convention shall include delegates from each collegiate chapter or alumnae chapter of the Corporation, the National Council, and the National Leadership Team members. The National Convention shall have the exclusive right to adopt, amend and repeal bylaws, and shall have the right to prescribe rules and regulations for the government of this Corporation and for the admission and expulsion of members. The power to amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation is hereby expressly reserved to the National Council.
- 9) Upon termination, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, the National Council shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the National Council shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Record of the City or County in which the registered office of the Corporation has been located, exclusively for such purposes and to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE I. -- NAME

The name of the organization shall be Kappa Delta Sorority, Incorporated, so named on October 23, 1897, and incorporated by Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, April 21, 1902.

## ARTICLE II. -- PURPOSE AND OBJECT

The purpose of Kappa Delta Sorority is to promote true friendship among the college girls of our country by inculcating into their hearts and lives those principles of truth, of honor, of duty, without which there can be no true friendship. The object of Kappa Delta Sorority is the formation and perpetuation of good fellowship, friendship, and sisterly love among its members; the encouragement of literature and education; the promotion of social interest; and the furtherance of charitable and benevolent purposes. These principles are set forth in the **Articles of Incorporation** and **The Ritual of Kappa Delta Sorority**. We thus declare in this article of our **National Bylaws** that the founding principles and beliefs of the organization shall be perpetuated and that all laws adopted for the government of this Order shall have for their object the advancement of these principles.

## ARTICLE III. -- GOVERNMENT

The **Articles of Incorporation** are the supreme governing instrument. They provide that the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a National Council; that between conventions judicial and executive power shall be vested in the National Council; and that the National Convention shall have the exclusive right to adopt bylaws and to prescribe rules and regulations of the Corporation and the admission and expulsion of members.

## ARTICLE IV. -- STRUCTURE

**Section A. Constituent groups.** Kappa Delta Sorority shall consist of collegiate chapters and alumnae chapters.

**Section B. Charters.** The National Council of Kappa Delta shall have the sole authority to charter collegiate chapters and alumnae chapters. Charters of collegiate chapters shall authorize the chapters to initiate collegiate members into the Sorority.

## ARTICLE V. -- MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

**Section A. Kappa Delta is an organization open for membership to women only.**

**Section B. Collegiate members.**

**1. Eligibility.** To be pledged to Kappa Delta Sorority, a female candidate must fulfill the requirements of membership set forth by the institution where she is matriculated and the requirements of Kappa Delta. At any regular or called chapter meeting, any initiated member in good standing may propose the name of a potential new member provided she is not an initiated member of any other National Panhellenic Conference member group.

**2. Invitation.** A ninety-percent affirmative vote by secret ballot of the collegiate chapter is necessary to extend an invitation to membership. (See **Chapter Officer's Handbook**.)

- a. Invitation to membership shall be in the manner designated by the college Panhellenic. If a written invitation is offered and declined, the invitation shall be returned per the procedures of the college Panhellenic.
- b. A collegiate chapter of Kappa Delta may recall an invitation to membership only if the prospective member has made disparaging remarks about the Sorority or conducted herself in a manner unbecoming to a future member. In such an instance, if a written invitation was issued, the chapter shall request its return. The chapter shall send a detailed report of the case as outlined in the **Chapter Officers' Handbook**.

**3. Requirements.** There shall be three degrees leading toward full membership.

- a. A candidate for the First Degree shall have met college Panhellenic, collegiate chapter, and national Kappa Delta requirements.
- b. A candidate for the Second Degree shall have previously received the First Degree and shall have met the college Panhellenic, collegiate chapter and national Kappa Delta requirements for initiation.
- c. A candidate for the Third Degree shall have received the First and Second Degrees.
- d. Requirements for the three degrees leading toward full membership are found in the **Chapter Officers' Handbook**.
- e. At the time of Second and Third Degrees, a candidate for membership shall be a regular matriculate of the institution where the chapter is located.

**Section C. Alumnae members.**

- 1. **Eligibility.** Alumnae members shall be those Kappa Deltas who are not members of a collegiate chapter.
- 2. **Postcollegiate candidates.** Women who are not members of another National Panhellenic Conference member group may be initiated after college if eligible in one of three categories:
  - a. Alumnae Initiates. With the unanimous approval of the National Council, local women who will serve as members of chapter advisory boards, as members of house corporation boards, as faculty advisors, or as active members of alumnae chapters may be initiated as alumnae initiates of Kappa Delta.
  - b. Installation initiates
    - (1) Alumnae of the local group that petitioned Kappa Delta may be initiated at the time of installation of the chapter or within a period of time designated by the National Council.
    - (2) With the unanimous approval of the National Council, certain prominent local women with college background may be initiated as installation initiates of Kappa Delta.

- c. Honor initiates. With the unanimous approval of the National Council, women who have achieved distinction in a particular field or who have contributed to the objectives of the Greek world may be initiated into a chapter designated by the National Council.

**Section D. Termination of membership.** A member may not leave the ranks of the Sorority except by expulsion or release by unanimous vote of the National Council upon petition of resignation. [See Art. XVI, Sec. E. and the Chapter Officers' Handbook.] An initiated member who has left the ranks is ineligible for membership in any other National Panhellenic Conference member group.

## **ARTICLE VI. -- NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**Section A. Composition.** The National Convention shall be composed of the National Council, National Leadership Team, and delegates from collegiate chapters and alumnae chapters.

**Section B. Time and place.** The National Convention shall assemble biennially at a place determined by the National Council.

**Section C. Voting delegates.**

1. Those entitled to a vote and voice at the National Convention shall be the National Council members, National Leadership Team, one delegate from each collegiate chapter in good standing [see Art. X, Sec. D], and one delegate from each alumnae chapter in good standing. [See Art. XI, Sec. F. 1.]
2. Each voting member of the Convention shall be entitled to one vote only, even though serving in more than one capacity in convention.

**Section D. Credentials.** All voting members of the National Convention shall present credentials authorized by the National Council before receiving seat assignments and voting in convention.

**Section E. Quorum.** The quorum at each meeting of the Convention session shall be three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members of the Convention.

**Section F. Defrayal of expenses.** The National Council shall determine the defrayable convention expenses of National Leadership Team members and chapter delegates and shall notify them. [See Art. XII, Sec. C. 5.]

**Section G. Postponement and cancellation.**

1. In the event of war or other national emergency, the National Convention may be postponed for the duration of the emergency upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the National Council, National Leadership Team, collegiate chapters, and alumnae chapters in good standing. This vote shall be taken by mail under the direction of the National President with the approval of the National Council.
2. Should a national emergency necessitate cancellation of a convention, the necessary business and election of officers shall be conducted by mail with voting entitlement as provided for convention representation. [See Article VI, Sec. C.] The National Headquarters shall be responsible for distribution of ballots and necessary information under direction of the National Council. The National Council shall set the deadline for return of ballots and shall designate a committee to tabulate the votes. In an election by mail, a plurality vote shall elect.

## **ARTICLE VII. – ELECTIONS**

### **Section A. Eligibility for office.**

1. Only alumnae members in good standing are eligible to serve as elected officers. [See Art. XI, Sec. C.]
2. Only a member of the current National Council is eligible for election as National President.

### **Section B. Nominations.**

1. At least one year before the National Convention, the National Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee of alumnae members. Any member may submit to the committee nominations for the National Council. The committee shall inquire as to the ability and qualifications of the candidates. It shall be guided but not restricted by the suggestions received and shall present to the Convention at least one nominee for each office. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided that all appropriate paperwork for the nominee has been presented to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at least forty-eight hours prior to the convening of the business meeting at which nominations will take place.
2. The consent of all nominees shall be secured and their eligibility ascertained before their names are placed in nomination either by the Nominating Committee or by a member from the floor.
3. The convention delegates shall be furnished information about the duties of all offices and the qualifications of all nominees.

### **Section C. Term and limits.**

1. Officers of the National Council shall be elected for a two-year term at each biennial convention
2. An officer may serve no more than three two-year terms in the same office of the National Council.
3. In filling vacancies for unexpired terms, an officer who has served in an office for at least one year is considered to have served a full term.

### **Section D. Voting.**

1. Voting shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. If more than two members are nominated for the same office and 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. If only one person is nominated for an office, a voice vote may be taken.
2. A Tellers Committee appointed by the National Council shall tabulate the votes. Any member of the committee shall automatically be excused when her name appears on a ballot as a nominee. The National Council shall appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.

### **Section E. Assumption of duties.** Each National Council member shall assume her duties at the close of the Convention.

#### **Section F. Vacancy in office.**

1. In case of the resignation 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 no later than two weeks following the vacancy. She shall serve until the next convention, at which time a National President shall be elected by the Convention. The vacancy created by her election shall be filled according to the procedure in Art. VII, Sec F. 2.
2. Other vacancies on the National Council occurring between conventions shall be filled by election of 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.
3. With cause or in a case of incapacity, and by a unanimous vote of the remaining members of the National Council, any council member may be requested to resign and if upon her refusal to resign as requested, the office shall be declared vacant. [See Art. VII Sec. F. 1. and 2. for procedures for filling the office.]

### **ARTICLE VIII. -- NATIONAL COUNCIL**

**Section 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.

**Section B. Duties.** In addition to the following specified duties, National Council officers may be assigned to committees and projects of the Sorority, as the National President deems advisable, with the National Council's approval.

1. **National President.** The National President shall enforce the terms of the **Articles of Incorporation** and the **National Bylaws**; she shall be empowered to sign all legal documents of the corporation; she shall keep the gavel and a Sorority seal; and she shall perform all other duties usually devolving upon this office. She 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 a member of the Board of Directors of the Kappa Delta Foundation, Inc., and as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Sorority except the Nominating Committee.
2. **National Vice President.** The National Vice President shall preside in the absence or at the request of the National President and shall perform all duties usually devolving upon this office. She shall perform other duties as delegated by the National President or National Council. She shall supervise National Leadership Team members as assigned by the National Council, and she shall participate in planning and directing the educational conferences and National Convention of the Sorority.
3. **National Vice President-Membership.** The National Vice President-Membership shall direct all collegiate membership activities of the Sorority, subject to the approval of the National Council. She shall supervise National Leadership Team members as assigned by the National Council, and she shall participate in planning and directing the educational conferences and National Convention of the Sorority.
4. **National Vice President-Collegians.** The National Vice President-Collegians shall have supervision of all collegiate chapters. She shall supervise National Leadership Team members as assigned by the National Council, and she shall participate in planning and directing the educational conferences and National Convention of the Sorority.

- 5. National Vice President-Alumnae.** The National Vice President-Alumnae shall have supervision of all alumnae chapters. She shall supervise National Leadership Team members as assigned by the National Council, and she shall participate in planning and directing the educational conferences and National Convention of the Sorority.
- 6. National Vice President-Finance.** With the advice of the National Council, the National Vice President-Finance shall formulate financial policies and a yearly budget; establish any funds necessary to conduct and carry out the business, purpose, and object of the Sorority; oversee the approval of all expenses; and act as purchasing agent for the Sorority. She shall oversee the receipt, disbursement, and accounting of Kappa Delta monies; the accounting system maintained by the National Headquarters; and is authorized to initiate, maintain and terminate funds and accounts for the Sorority. She shall serve as Treasurer of both the Chapter Housing and the Investment Advisory Committees. [See Art. XII. Sec. A.2. and Sec. D. for duties] She shall supervise National Leadership Team members as assigned by the National Council. She shall also hold title and perform the duties of the Corporate Secretary, which shall include serving as Secretary of the National Convention and Corresponding Secretary of the Sorority, preparing and maintaining custody of meeting minutes of the National Council and National Convention, and authenticating records of the Corporation. She shall be empowered to sign all legal documents of the corporation; she shall supervise the preparation and filing of an annual report with the State Corporation Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and shall see that the names and addresses of officers of the National Council are sent to the registered Agent of the Sorority. Upon approval of the National Council she may delegate any of the above duties.

**Section C. Meetings.** The National Council shall meet at times deemed necessary by a majority of the National Council members. Business may also be conducted via teleconference or electronic mail (e-mail).

**Section D. Quorum.** Four members of the National Council shall constitute a quorum.

**Section E. Voting procedures.** A mail, telephone, facsimile (FAX), or electronic mail (e-mail) vote may be taken in the interim between council meetings.

**Section F. Indemnification.** No member of the National Council nor any National Leadership Team member shall be liable to Kappa Delta Sorority for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty to the fullest extent permitted by law. Any member of the National Council and any National Leadership Team member and any other member of Kappa Delta serving at the request of the National Council (and the heirs, executors or administrators of such person) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to, or is involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a National Council member or National Leadership Team member of Kappa Delta Sorority or is or was serving at the request of the National Council, shall be indemnified and held harmless by Kappa Delta Sorority to the fullest extent permitted by law. The right to indemnification in this article shall also include the right to be paid by Kappa Delta Sorority the expenses incurred in connection with any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent authorized by law. The right to indemnification conferred in this article shall be a contract right.

## ARTICLE IX. -- NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Section A. Function and appointment.** The Sorority shall have a National Leadership Team as the National Council deems advisable. Its members must be alumnae members in good standing [see Art. XI, Sec. C.] and shall be appointed by the National President with the approval of the National Council.

**Section B. Duties.** The duties of National Leadership Team shall be specified in the National Leadership Team Manual and these Bylaws. Additional duties may be delegated by the National Council.

**Section C. Term of office.** The National Council shall determine the term of office unless it is specified in these Bylaws.

**Section D. National Panhellenic Conference Delegate.** The National Panhellenic Conference Delegate shall be appointed by the National Council. Only a member who has previously served on the National Council or is a current alternate delegate is eligible for appointment. The Delegate shall attend National Council meetings as directed by the Council but shall have no vote. She shall fulfill the duties required of the official representative of the Sorority to the National Panhellenic Conference. She shall monitor and keep the Sorority informed of trends and developments affecting NPC, the fraternal world, and Panhellenic conditions at Kappa Delta host institutions. She shall supervise National Leadership Team members as assigned by the National Council. She or her designees shall provide guidance to the Sorority's collegiate chapters with regard to local Panhellenic matters.

**Section E. National Panhellenic Conference Delegate Alternates.** If at all possible, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate Alternates shall be former or current National Council members.

## ARTICLE X. -- COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

### Section A. Establishment.

1. Kappa Delta Sorority shall abide by the National Panhellenic Conference's Unanimous Agreements and recommended practices regarding extension and establishment of new colonies and collegiate chapters.
2. The National Council may establish collegiate chapters at universities and colleges authorized to confer a Bachelor's Degree and accredited by recognized regional associations of colleges and secondary schools and at other institutions as allowed by the Unanimous Agreements of the National Panhellenic Conference. The unanimous vote of the National Council shall be required to colonize a new chapter and grant a charter.
3. The National Council shall have exclusive supervision of the Sorority's extension program, including presentation, colonization, and installation activities. The National Council or its designee(s) shall direct and have sole authority in the work deemed necessary to investigate a local sorority or interest group and the qualifications of its personnel. In establishing a colony by invitation of a college Panhellenic or administration, the National Council or its designee(s) shall be responsible for selecting the charter members.
4. Requests for consideration of a petition from a local sorority or interest group shall be made in writing to the National Council in care of the National Headquarters.
5. The major expenses of installing a new chapter shall be determined by the National Council and paid by the National Treasury.
6. The name of each collegiate chapter shall be a Greek letter or letters assigned by the National Council.
7. Charters shall be signed by the National President, National Vice President-Membership, and National Vice President-Finance and attested by the Official Seal of the Sorority.

**Section B. Government.** Each collegiate chapter shall be governed by these Bylaws, the Chapter Officers' Handbook, and the Ritual. It shall also adopt bylaws for its own government, setting forth such provisions as dues for support of the chapter, assessment of fines, and appointment of a place and time of meeting. Chapter bylaws shall be inconsistent neither with the governing documents above nor with the **Articles of Incorporation** of Kappa Delta. A three-fourths (3/4) vote is required to amend chapter bylaws. Chapter bylaws and subsequent amendments must be approved by a designated National Leadership Team member before they may take effect.

**Section C. Meetings.** During the school year, each chapter shall hold regular weekly meetings conducted in the manner prescribed by the National Council. Procedure of the meetings shall be governed by the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

**Section D. Good standing of chapters.** A chapter is in good standing when it has met all national financial obligations and when its work is acceptable to all National Leadership Team members.

**Section E. Good standing of members.** A member is in good standing when she has met national requirements with regard to attendance, payment of dues and assessments, performance of chapter duties, scholastic standing, and participation in college activities. Only a member in good standing may hold chapter office, have voice and vote in chapter meeting and membership selection, and represent Kappa Delta nationally or on campus. In addition, no member in arrears for dues or assessments shall be entitled to social privileges.

**Section F. Officers and elections.**

1. The elected officers of each collegiate chapter, known as the chapter council, shall be as prescribed by the National Council and listed in the Chapter Officers' Handbook. Each officer shall be elected from among the members in good standing [see Art. X, Sec. E.] during the time stated in the Chapter Officers' Handbook. She shall hold office for one year, provided she fulfills the duties of her office.
2. The chapter council shall appoint other officers as listed in the Chapter Officers' Handbook, as well as any others it deems necessary.
3. The duties of elected and appointed officers are detailed in the Chapter Officers' Handbook.

**Section G. Official possessions.** Each chapter shall keep under lock and key the National Bylaws, Ritual, chapter treasurer's books, complete file of Ta Takta, pledge book, chapter membership directory provided by the National Headquarters, all official report forms, and First and Second Degree pins. All ritualistic materials as prescribed in the Ritual shall also be kept under lock and key.

**Section H. Chapter education.** Each chapter shall follow a course of study on Kappa Delta, Panhellenic, the Greek world, and its university. It shall maintain a library of Kappa Delta and fraternal publications, reference books, and such books and periodicals as shall promote high cultural and educational standards in the chapter.

**Section I. Official visits.** Each chapter shall have an official visit conducted at least once during the biennium by a designee of the National Council.

**Section J. Convention representation.**

1. The chapter president shall be the chapter's convention delegate unless permission for an exception is granted by the National Leadership Team member designated in the Chapter Officers' Handbook. If the chapter president cannot serve as convention delegate and an

exception is granted, the chapter shall elect a convention delegate by majority vote at the time designated by the National Council. To be eligible for election as delegate, a member shall be in good standing. [See Art. X, Sec. E.]

2. The chapter shall elect, at the time designated by the National Council and by majority vote, first and second alternates to the National Convention. To be eligible for election as an alternate, a member shall be in good standing. [See Art. X, Sec. E.] If the convention delegate is unable to serve, the first or second alternate, respectively, shall serve as delegate.
3. After convention and within one month after the fall term begins, the delegate shall make a full oral report to her chapter in regular session.
4. The delegate shall be chosen with the following regulations in mind:
  - a. Upon failure of a delegate to return to her chapter for the entire grading period immediately following convention, excluding summer school, the chapter shall be responsible for refunding to the National Treasury such sums as were paid to cover the convention expenses of the delegate. This amount shall be paid according to a pre-convention contract between the chapter and its delegate, which shall fix the responsibility for payment upon the chapter, upon the delegate, or in a specified ratio upon both chapter and delegate. The national organization shall use the reimbursement to defray the expense of a special representative who shall be sent to the chapter to convey the inspiration of convention.
  - b. Upon a delegate's failure to fulfill her pre-convention contract with her chapter, she shall face disciplinary action that may include National Probation [see Art. XVI, Sec. D.] and the forfeiture of her badge until such time as she makes proper settlement.
  - c. Should a chapter fail to uphold its part of a pre-convention contract, the National Council shall take disciplinary action against it.

**Section K. National leadership development.** There shall be biennial leadership development provided for collegiate chapters. The time, location and chapter representation shall be determined by the National Council.

**Section L. Chapter Advisory Board.** Each chapter shall have a board of local alumnae who serve it in an advisory capacity. The board shall be approved and supervised by the National Council. (See Chapter Advisory Board Manual and Chapter Officers' Handbook.)

**Section M. Structure.** Collegiate chapters shall be grouped and supervised as determined by the National Council.

**Section N. Dormant and inactive.** A chapter that the National Council has declared dormant or inactive may no longer pledge or initiate members. [See Art. XVI, Sec. B.]

## ARTICLE XI. -- ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

**Section A. Establishment.** The National Council may establish an alumnae chapter when application is made by at least ten alumnae members living in the same locality. Application shall be made to the National Vice President-Alumnae on the official Alumnae Chapter Chartering Petition. A unanimous vote of the National Council shall be required to grant a charter. Each chapter shall be known by the name of the city or locale and state in which it is located. The members must be Kappa Delta alumnae in good standing. [See Art. XI, Sec. C.]

**Section B. Object.** The object of an alumnae chapter shall be to promote the interests of National Kappa Delta Sorority in general, to provide an opportunity for local affiliation to all Kappa Delta alumnae in the area, and to give whatever assistance seems necessary and desirable to the collegiate membership of the Sorority.

**Section C. Membership and good standing of members.** Any alumna member in good standing shall be eligible for membership in any Kappa Delta alumnae chapter. An alumna is in good standing unless she is on National Probation or owes a financial debt to her collegiate chapter.

**Section D. Officers.** Each alumnae chapter shall have at least two officers: president and secretary-treasurer.

**Section E. Bylaws.** An alumnae chapter may adopt bylaws for its government. They shall not be inconsistent with the **Articles of Incorporation** of Kappa Delta and these **Bylaws**. The bylaws and any subsequent amendments shall be subject to the approval of the National Vice President-Alumnae.

**Section F. Convention representation.**

1. Each accredited alumnae chapter shall be entitled to one voting delegate at the biennial National Convention. An alumnae chapter is in good standing and entitled to accreditation when its current service charge has been paid. [See Art. VI, Sec. C.]
2. The chapter shall elect as delegate an alumna in good standing who is an active member. She shall be one who plans to be a member of the chapter the following year. She shall report all proceedings at the chapter's first meeting after Convention.
3. The chapter may also elect first and second alternates to the National Convention. Their criteria for eligibility shall be the same as the delegate's (see Art. XI, Sec. F.2.). If the Convention delegate is unable to serve, the first or second alternate, respectively, may serve as delegate.

**Section G. Structure.** Alumnae chapters shall be grouped and supervised as determined by the National Council.

**Section H. Inactive.** An alumnae chapter becomes inactive when the National Council recalls its charter or the chapter relinquishes the charter.

## ARTICLE XII. -- FINANCES AND FEES

**Section A. National funds.** The financial assets of Kappa Delta Sorority, Inc., shall be held in permanent funds as described by these **Bylaws** and in other funds as may be established by the National Council.

1. The National Council shall provide directions for their investment and, except as restricted by the **Bylaws**, the use of the income derived from such funds. With the objective of preserving principal and producing moderate growth while minimizing risk, the funds shall be invested in a portfolio of investment-grade equities and fixed assets. The National Council may engage the services of a professional investment firm or fund manager.
2. The National Council shall appoint an Investment Advisory Committee to advise it on matters pertaining to the investment of the Sorority reserves. [See Art. XII, Sec. B. 2.] The Investment

Advisory Committee shall be composed of the National President, National Vice President-Finance and three alumnae members appointed by the National Council. The alumnae members may serve four consecutive 2-year terms at the discretion of the National Council. The Executive Director and Director of Finance shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee without a vote. The Committee chairman shall be appointed by the National Council. The Committee may recommend changes in investment policy to the National Council as well as direct and approve actions of the sorority's asset manager consistent with the sorority's policy.

3. All the Sorority's funds shall be audited annually by a public accounting firm approved by the National Council.
4. The National President and/or National Vice President-Finance shall be authorized to sell, assign, and endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds, and other securities registered in the name of the Corporation.

**Section B. National Treasury.** There shall be a National Treasury, which shall be the general operating fund of the Sorority.

1. The National Treasury shall derive income from the levy of assessments and annual dues upon the collegiate and alumnae members. [See Art. XII, Sec. C.]
2. The Sorority's monetary reserves shall be held in the National Treasury but accounted for separately. A portion of the reserves shall be allocated exclusively to ensure the continued publication of **The Angelos**. The National Council shall also set aside certain reserves to secure the future operations of the Sorority and to ensure that needs related to chapter housing are met.

**Section C. Dues and fees.** All annual collegiate and alumnae dues and fee assessments and their payment deadlines shall be set by the National Council. The National Council may increase dues and fees and levy other special assessments, as need dictates, after careful review of the Sorority's financial condition. The National Council shall provide to the membership a full accounting of the necessity of such changes before they take effect.

**Section D. Chapter House Fund.** The Kappa Delta Chapter House Fund shall exist to provide loans for collegiate chapters' housing needs, including the purchase, building, and remodeling of houses, and the furnishing and refurbishment of chapter rooms. The primary source of the monies in this fund shall be net investment income set aside for student-housing loans and other educational purposes, and principal repayments of loans previously made. Interest on the loans made shall accrue to the benefit of the National Treasury.

1. A Chapter Housing Committee shall administer the Chapter House Fund and oversee the making of loans and the acquisition and maintenance of chapter housing. The committee shall consist of the National President, National Vice President-Finance and the National Vice President – Collegians. The Executive Director, Director of Chapter Housing and the Director of Finance will serve as ex-officio members of the committee without a vote. The National President shall serve as the Chairman and the National Vice President-Finance shall serve as the Treasurer of the committee.
2. A collegiate chapter or its house corporation [see Art. XII, Sec. D. 6.] shall apply to the Director of Chapter Housing for a loan from the Chapter House Fund according to the procedures set by the committee. The committee shall review the submitted application. A majority vote of the committee is required to approve a loan. The committee shall have the power to determine the amount and terms of the loan, which in each case shall bear interest at a rate competitive with current market conditions, and shall be properly documented. The

Director shall be responsible for the negotiation and documentation of all loans, with final documentation filed in the National Headquarters.

3. The Treasurer of the committee shall oversee authorized disbursements from the Chapter House Fund. She shall submit an annual report to the Director of Chapter Housing and National Council and any interim reports as requested.
4. Each collegiate chapter shall be required to have a house or room account, as appropriate, to provide for the purchase, remodeling, decorating, or general maintenance of its housing. Any other use of these monies must be approved by the Chapter Housing Committee. [See Art. XII, Sec. D. 1.] The house or room fund is to be kept in an account separate from the chapter treasury.
  - a. Each new member must sign a note payable to the account in an amount determined by the chapter and the chapter advisory board and house corporation, if any [see Art. XII, Sec. D. 6], with the approval of the Chapter Housing Committee. This amount shall be stated in the chapter's bylaws. [See Art. X, Sec B.] Payment to the account shall commence upon the date of pledging according to a schedule determined by the chapter. If a new member is not initiated, any installment due on her note at the time the pledge is terminated shall be payable immediately, and the balance shall be cancelled. If an initiated member leaves school before her note is paid in full, the note shall be accelerated and the balance be payable immediately.
  - b. Each chapter may deposit its house or room monies with the Chapter House Fund. The Fund shall pay the chapter interest on its deposits, and the Treasurer of the Chapter Housing Committee shall furnish to the chapter an annual report of the status of its account. The committee shall establish procedures for a chapter's withdrawal of its house-note funds.
5. No chapter shall move into, acquire, lease or otherwise operate a chapter house or rooms (or enter into any agreement or contract to do so) without the approval of the Chapter Housing Committee.
6. Any Kappa Delta chapter desiring to acquire real property shall have a house corporation or otherwise comply with current Kappa Delta policies in that regard. House corporations shall be subject to all housing-related policies, rules, and regulations of Kappa Delta Sorority (and any amendments or changes to such policies, rules, and regulations). A house corporation shall be organized by Kappa Delta alumnae and its membership limited to members of the Sorority. A house corporation must be legally incorporated in the state where the chapter is located. (See the **Chapter Housing and House Corporation Manual.**) Members of a house corporation's board of directors must be in good standing with Kappa Delta Sorority and be approved by the Chapter Housing Committee.
7. If a collegiate chapter is declared dormant or inactive [see Art. XVI, Sec. B.], certain provisions shall apply.
  - a. All real estate, house furnishings, and other assets of the chapter and its house corporation shall revert to the national organization and shall be placed in the Chapter House Fund. The funds available after all just debts are paid and net income from rentals, if any, shall be treated as a deposit in the Chapter House Fund. If at any time the chapter is reactivated, deposited funds and accrued interest shall be returned to the chapter or its house corporation, whichever is entitled to the funds.
  - b. If the chapter or its house corporation has any outstanding loan(s) from the Chapter House Fund at the time of closing, then payments of principal and interest shall be suspended, and interest shall not accrue, from the date the chapter is declared dormant or inactive until it is reactivated. At the time of reactivation, the chapter and/or its house corporation shall resume payments of principal and interest, and interest shall accrue, all in accordance with the original loan documentation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a chapter or house corporation receives income from the premises while the chapter is closed then payments of principal and interest and accrual of interest shall continue, as well as payments against any other just debt(s).

**Section E. Nancy B. Hall Magazine Agency.** The Nancy B. Hall Magazine Agency shall administer the magazine-subscription sales activities conducted by members of the Sorority. It shall receive the net commissions, fees, and payments received from such activities, and shall pay the proceeds to the National Treasury, to be used in furtherance of the member activities and programs of the Sorority, including assistance related to chapter housing [See Art. XII, Sec. D.] The National Headquarters shall administer the Agency under the direction of the National Council.

**Section F. Alumnae Crisis Fund.** The Alumnae Crisis Fund shall exist as a fund within the Kappa Delta Foundation [see article XVII] to help selected alumnae in desperate financial need or personal crisis. It shall consist of such monies designated specifically for the Alumnae Crisis Fund as are appropriated, donated, devised, or bequeathed to the Kappa Delta Foundation by the Sorority, its members, and others. A committee appointed by the Kappa Delta Foundation Board and including the National Vice President - Alumnae and Foundation Treasurer shall administer the Fund.

**Section G. Bonding.** The National President, National Vice President-Finance, Executive Director, Director of Chapter Housing, Investment Advisory Committee, and any and all others who handle funds of the Sorority or any of the funds herein established shall be bonded in the amount commensurate with their financial responsibilities. The National Council shall determine the amount of the bond.

### ARTICLE XIII. -- INSIGNIA AND CUSTOMS

#### Section A. Badge.

1. The official badge of Kappa Delta Sorority shall be worn only by initiated members of the Order. The badges are registered as Collective Membership Marks in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Reg. No. 688,869 designating the plain badge, and Reg. No. 688,113 designating the jeweled badge. A full description of the badge and its meaning are found in the Ritual.
2. Each badge shall be engraved on the back with the chapter initials and chapter initiation number of the member. The chapter shall issue badge numbers and assign them to its new initiates in numerical order. A permanent list of the numbers issued shall be kept in the chapter files.
3. If a member leaves the Sorority for any reason, whether by proceedings instigated by the member or the Sorority, she shall forfeit the right to hold the badge in her possession and shall return it to the Sorority without remuneration. (See the Chapter Officers' Handbook for more information about use and disposition of badges.)

**Section B. First and Second Degree pledge pins.** There shall be pins for the two Degrees before initiation. These pins are the property of the collegiate chapter and are not to be kept in a member's possession after initiation.

1. The First Degree pledge pin shall be a Norman Shield. It is registered as a Collective Membership Mark in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Reg. No. 688,111. Its full description and meaning are found in the Ritual. A woman shall wear the pledge pin only while a First Degree new member.

2. The Second Degree pledge pin shall be an open equilateral triangle. It is registered as a Collective Membership Mark in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Reg. No. 688,112. Its full description and meaning are found in the **Ritual**. A woman shall wear this pin only from the Second Degree ceremony until the Third Degree ceremony.

**Section C. Recognition pin.** The recognition pin of the Order shall be a replica in gold of a dagger. Only an initiated member of the Order may wear it. It is registered as a Collective Membership Mark in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Reg. No. 688,110.

**Section D. Coat of arms.** The coat of arms of the Order is registered as a Collective Membership Mark in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Reg. No. 688,114; it can be used only under the supervision and control of the Sorority. Its full description and meaning are found in the **Ritual**.

**Section E. Official jewelry.** The badge, pledge pins, recognition pin, and all articles bearing the coat of arms shall constitute official Sorority jewelry. The National Council shall appoint an official jeweler for the Sorority. Chapter secretaries shall order badges and pledge pins exclusively through the National Headquarters.

**Section F. Colors, flower, jewels.** The colors of the Order shall be pearl white and olive green. The flower shall be the white rose. The jewels shall be the diamond, pearl, and emerald.

**Section G. Flag.** There shall be a flag, the description and meaning of which are found in the **Ritual**.

**Section H. Seal.** The seal of the Order shall be an open equilateral triangle. Its full description is found in the **Ritual**.

**Section I. National Council insignia.** The official insignia of the National Council shall be a gold ring with the coat of arms of the Order cut in onyx or sardonyx as a seal, placed on a dull-gold base engraved in Greek, "Ta Kala Diokomen." Each shank shall bear a full-blown rose. The name of the office and date of election shall be engraved on the inside. This ring shall be presented to the National Council officer upon installation. Only those who have served on the National Council may wear it.

**Section J. Patents and trademarks.** Registered as Collective Membership Marks in the United States Patent and Trademark Office are KΔ, Reg. No. 238,465; and Kappa Delta Sorority, Reg. No. 2,002,806. These marks, including letters and associated designs, and similar marks on the pins and badges described in Sections A. through D., may be used only under the supervision and control of Kappa Delta Sorority. In addition, the Kappa Delta Foundation, Inc., a related corporation and licensee of Kappa Delta Sorority, owns service mark Reg. No. 1,999,599, and such mark may also be used only under the supervision and control of Kappa Delta Sorority. The use of all such marks shall strictly conform to the rules and regulations and these **Bylaws** of Kappa Delta Sorority, and all rights, title, and interest that may be established from such use accrues to the sole benefit of Kappa Delta Sorority. The actions of all members, officers, chapters, and alumnae chapters using such marks shall conform to the same high standards under which Kappa Delta Sorority previously adopted, used, and is maintaining the marks. Kappa Delta Sorority maintains the right to review and inspect all uses of the marks at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice.

**Section K. Registration marks.** On any registered mark identified in this article, where space permits, notice of registration shall be displayed with the mark, through use of the letter "R" enclosed within a circle (thus: ®), or the words "Registered in U.S. Patent and Trademark Office," or "Reg. U.S. Pat. & TM. Off." In printed materials where the mark is repeated, notice is sufficient when it accompanies the first and/or most prominent appearance. Both the letter and word marks shall be completely in capital letters or, in the case of the word marks, may be spelled with the first letter of each word capitalized.

**Section L. Insignia protection.**

1. Official versions of the Sorority insignia and name shall be protected by trademark registration. The design or representation of the badge, coat of arms, pledge pin, jewelry, flag, Greek letters Kappa Delta, and the words "Kappa Delta" shall not be manufactured, created, used, or offered for sale by any person, company, or firm except as specifically authorized in writing by an official representative of the national organization, under the direction of the Executive Director.
2. Members of the Sorority shall obtain items of official Kappa Delta Sorority insignia and any items or products bearing a designation or representation of the badge, coat of arms, Greek letters, name, or other trademark of Kappa Delta Sorority only from those persons or companies authorized by the National Council or its designee. The Executive Director shall maintain a list of authorized sources. The Headquarters staff member assigned to monitor the quality of Kappa Delta merchandise shall reject any text or design that casts the Sorority in an unfavorable light, including, but not limited to, any materials deemed to associate the Sorority with alcohol or illegal-substance use, or to be sexist or demeaning to minorities or other persons.

**Section M. Founders' Day.** The twenty-third day of October of each year shall be known as Founders' Day and shall be observed by the collegiate chapters and alumnae chapters in an appropriate manner.

**Section N. Convention awards.** At each biennial convention the National Council shall present suitable awards to deserving individuals, collegiate chapters, chapter advisory boards, house corporations and alumnae chapters. Award descriptions and criteria are distributed in writing to chapters and alumnae chapters at the beginning of each biennium.

**Section O. Memorial observances.** Upon the death of a collegiate member of Kappa Delta, members of her chapter shall observe the loss in a meaningful and appropriate manner. In case of the death of a member of the National Council, all collegiate members shall also make formal acknowledgement in an appropriate manner. Notice of the death of a member should be sent immediately to the National Headquarters.

#### ARTICLE XIV. -- PUBLICATIONS

**Section A. The Ritual of Kappa Delta Sorority.** The written **Ritual** shall be a secret publication that prescribes the manner in which the Degree services leading to full membership are to be conducted. Each collegiate chapter shall be issued a copy, which is to be kept under lock and key when not in use.

**Section B. The Angelos.** The official publication of Kappa Delta Sorority shall be **The Angelos**, a quarterly magazine released through the National Headquarters. It shall be edited by the Editor of **The Angelos**, who shall be employed by the Sorority and supervised by the National President. A life subscription shall be payable upon initiation. [See Art. XII, Sec. C. 2.] Single copies may be purchased from the National Headquarters.

**Section C. Ta Takta.** The secret publication of Kappa Delta Sorority shall be **Ta Takta**, issued at the discretion of the National Council and overseen by the National President. It shall be published and distributed by the National Headquarters.

**Section D. Official history.** The official history of Kappa Delta Sorority shall be compiled and published from time to time, under the supervision of the National Council by its designee(s).

**Section E. National Council Manual.** The National Council shall adopt and maintain a manual on rules, policies, and traditions by which its decisions are guided. It shall be maintained under the supervision of the National President, who shall be responsible for its revision.

- Section F. Chapter Officers' Handbook.** There shall be a manual for collegiate chapters outlining operational rules, policies, and procedures. It shall be published and maintained under the supervision of the National Council, who shall be responsible for its revision.
- Section G. National Leadership Team Manual.** There shall be a manual for National Leadership Team members outlining operational rules, policies, and procedures. It shall be published and maintained under the supervision of the National Council, who shall be responsible for its revision.
- Section H. Other publications.** The National Council shall authorize such other publications as necessary for the Sorority, collegiate chapters, and alumnae chapters.

#### **ARTICLE XV. -- NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

- Section A. Establishment.** There shall be a National Headquarters of Kappa Delta Sorority, in a location approved by the National Council, where the principal business of the Sorority shall be transacted and all official records and archives of the Sorority kept.
- Section B. Function.** The National Headquarters and staff, as authorized by the National Council, shall be under the direction of an Executive Director. She shall be employed by the Sorority, supervised by the National President, and guided by the procedures set forth in the Kappa Delta Sorority Employee Handbook and approved by the National Council. The expense of National Headquarters shall be borne by the National Treasury.
- Section C. Executive Director.** The Executive Director shall assist the National Council in carrying out the objectives and programs of the Sorority, shall attend meetings of the National Council, and shall be a member of such committees as the National Council designates. She shall be responsible for hiring a professional and administrative staff to execute the programs and corporate responsibilities delegated to the National Headquarters by the National Council. She shall represent Kappa Delta in the business community and among national fraternal executives. She shall participate in planning and directing the educational conferences and National Convention of the Sorority. She shall submit to the National Council an annual report on the work of the Headquarters.

#### **ARTICLE XVI. -- DISCIPLINE**

**Section A. National Probation--chapter.**

1. If a collegiate chapter is found to have flagrantly violated the rules or principles of Kappa Delta, the National Council shall, by unanimous affirmative vote, place the chapter on National Probation for a period to be determined by the Council. (See the Chapter Officers' Handbook.)
2. A collegiate chapter on National Probation loses the privilege of voice and vote at National Convention. At the National Council's discretion, sanctions may also include special educational programming, placement under the supervision of a Special Advisor, suspension of chapter social privileges, and/or compensatory activities as appropriate.
3. If the chapter fails to remedy conditions in a timely manner, the National Council may extend the term of probation or, if it deems the continuing violation(s) too extreme, may declare the chapter dormant. [See Art. XVI, Sec. B.]

### **Section B. Closing of a chapter.**

1. If local conditions make it impossible for a chapter to maintain the standards set for Kappa Delta chapters, the National Council, by unanimous affirmative vote, may declare the chapter dormant or inactive until it is able to meet such standards.
2. If the rulings of a host college or university shall force a chapter to withdraw from the campus, the National Council may, by unanimous affirmative vote, declare the chapter inactive.
3. In the event that a chapter is closed, its ritualistic materials, files, supplies, and remaining funds after payment of local obligations shall be returned to the Sorority and held in trust by the National Council until such time as the chapter may become active again.

### **Section C. Termination of a pledge.**

1. A collegiate chapter may lift a pledge for misconduct, failure to cooperate, or disparaging remarks about Kappa Delta. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the chapter shall be required to do so. Procedures for lifting a pledge are found in the **Chapter Officers' Handbook**.
2. National Council may lift a pledge for misconduct, failure to cooperate, disparaging remarks about Kappa Delta, or another similar offense. Procedures for National Council lifting a pledge shall be established by the National Council.
3. A woman who has broken her pledge to Kappa Delta shall be ineligible for membership in the Sorority, unless the broken pledge was due to special circumstances beyond her control, in which case she may petition the national organization for consideration of repledging.
4. A woman whose pledge has been lifted shall be ineligible for membership in Kappa Delta.

### **Section D. National Probation -- member.**

1. National Probation is disciplinary action in which an initiated member, by unanimous vote of the National Council, is deprived of privileges of Kappa Delta membership for a specified period of time. Procedures for a chapter making a recommendation that a collegiate member be placed on National Probation are found in the **Chapter Officers' Handbook**.
2. Procedures for National Council placing a collegiate or alumna member on National Probation shall be established by the National Council from time to time. While an individual is on National Probation, she shall be ineligible to represent Kappa Delta or to serve in any leadership capacity with respect to a Kappa Delta-related entity or committee (e.g., as an officer or director). Reasons for placing a member on National Probation include:
  - a. Disparaging remarks about the Sisterhood.
  - b. Refusal to cooperate with the Sorority.
  - c. Violation of the principles of the Order that make her uncongenial to the other members of the Sisterhood.
  - d. Failure of the convention delegate to fulfill pre-convention contract and to make subsequent recompense. [See Art. X, Sec. J. 4. a. and b.]

**Section E. Expulsion.** The extreme penalty for an initiated member who does not meet the standards of the Sorority shall be expulsion, which shall be ordered only for conduct so flagrantly violative of the principles of the Order that the member thereby becomes uncongenial to the membership. Expulsion shall be by unanimous vote of the National Council, after substantial compliance

with the procedures detailed in the **Chapter Officers' Handbook**. Effective immediately upon expulsion, an expelled member shall be ineligible to represent Kappa Delta or to serve in any leadership capacity with respect to a Kappa Delta-related entity or committee (e.g, as an officer or director). Specific grounds for expulsion include:

1. Disloyalty to Kappa Delta Sorority.
2. Violation of the Membership Oath, Articles of Incorporation, or National Bylaws of the Sorority.
3. Failure to uphold the principles of Kappa Delta Sorority by not complying with all national and/or chapter policies and procedures.
4. Willful and continued refusal to pay dues, assessments, or any other proper and legal obligation to the Sorority or any chapter.
5. Final conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude in any State or Federal Court of the United States.
6. Misrepresentation or withholding of information prior to pledging or initiation.

#### **ARTICLE XVII. -- KAPPA DELTA FOUNDATIONS**

Kappa Delta Sorority has authorized the establishment of the "Kappa Delta Foundation, Incorporated" and the "Kappa Delta Private Foundation, Incorporated" as non-profit corporations under the laws of the States of Colorado and Indiana, respectively, for scientific, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 of the United States, which will reflect and implement the charitable objectives, interests, and ideals of the members of Kappa Delta Sorority.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII. -- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of **Robert's Rules of Order** shall govern the Sorority in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these **Bylaws** and any special rules of order the Sorority may adopt.

#### **ARTICLE XIX. -- AMENDMENT**

Except when a National Convention is cancelled due to war or national emergency [see Art. VI, Sec. G.], these **National Bylaws** may be amended only at convention by either of the following procedures:

**Section A. Amendment with notice before convention.** By a three-fourths (3/4) vote, provided that the amendment:

1. Has been submitted by February 1 of a convention year to the National Bylaws Committee appointed by the National President with the approval of the National Council; and
2. Has been distributed by May 1 by the National President to each National Council member, National Leadership Team member, and designated convention delegate.

**Section B. Amendment with notice at convention.** By a three-fourths (3/4) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at an earlier business meeting of the same convention and received approval for consideration by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

