



**THE CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
**LAMBDA ALPHA PHI FRATERNITY**

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**PREAMBLE**

"A Sleeping Dragon has awakened from the hills of Fulung."  
- Ssuma Chien

Recognizing the need for Greek opportunities for men interested in multi-culture issues, a Fraternity established by Lin Lu, David Wei, Welly Setiono, Shang Lee, Nick Ghandi, and Heng-Chang Li of honored memory at Indiana University of Bloomington on September 1, 1999, which strives to foster the high ideals of brotherhood, solidarity, scholarship, and philanthropy, Lambda Alpha Phi Fraternity is hereby established and has adopted the following Constitution.

**ARTICLE I. NAME, MISSION, AND OBJECTIVES**

- Section 1.                      Name:    The name of this Fraternity is Lambda Alpha Phi.
- Section 2.                      Mission:    The mission of this Fraternity is to create a guiding force, which strives to foster the high ideals of brotherhood and cooperation and to develop the best qualities of character among the Fraternity members. In addition, to provide a Greek opportunity for men interested in multi-culture awareness.

Section 3.

Objectives:

- 1) To pursue high scholarship;
- 2) To seek deeper awareness and understanding of self and others;
- 3) To recognize the qualities that make self and others unique and needed;
- 4) To demonstrate responsible leadership;
- 5) To exemplify integrity, patriotism, and respect for the opinions, beliefs, actions, cultures, and principles of others;
- 6) To serve others;
- 7) To invite without prejudice men for membership;
- 8) To possess self confidence;
- 9) To exercise autonomy, and
- 10) To demonstrate behavior which exemplifies the Fraternity Code of Conduct.

**ARTICLE II. COMPLIANCE**

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1.

Membership: Membership shall be acquired only by male persons

- 1) Who are not members of (1) any viable, general Greek letter fraternity of college grade and national scope, or (2) any other group antagonistic to fraternities;
- 2) Who is in good standing with the University;
- 3) Who must demonstrate a genuine interest in promoting about and learning multi-culture awareness;
- 4) Who are likely to be intellectually, morally and socially of benefit to the Fraternity;
- 5) Who shall have been duly elected by secret vote of a Chapter in good standing;
- 6) Who have been duly initiated in accordance with the

Rituals of the Fraternity;

- 7) Who fully understands that the mission of Lambda Alpha Phi is to create and foster the high ideals of brotherhood, solidarity, scholarship, and philanthropy.
- 8) Participation in the proposed organization must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 2.

Procedure: The general procedure for membership shall entail

- 1) Application;
- 2) Selection by secret vote of active members in the executive committee;
- 3) Pledgeship as set forth in chapter by-laws;
- 4) Initiation;
- 5) Active Membership.

Section 3.

Duties:

All active members of Lambda Alpha Phi are expected to promote and represent high ideals of the fraternity, attend all chapter meetings unless excused by a member of the executive board, meet financial obligations as specified in the chapter by-laws. The duties of active members should be carried out by all members of the fraternity as set forth in chapter by-laws.

Section 4.

Size:

The fraternity shall be limited to a number of members to be determined by the Executive Board and approved by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 1. Executive Board:

The Executive Board shall assume all executive functions of Lambda Alpha Phi Fraternity. The board shall consist of at least FOUR and no more than SEVEN executive officers:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Pledge Chair
- 6) Philanthropy Chair
- 7) Academic Chair

The duties and powers of the executive officers should be followed in accordance and in compliance with chapter by-laws.

Section 2. Attendance:

Executive Members:

All officers shall be required to attend all Executive Board, chapter, and emergency meetings. If an officer is not able to attend any of the above-mentioned meetings – 48 hours notice must be given to the President/Secretary. If the officer does not comply, he shall be subject to a review process as outlined in the chapter by-laws.

Active Member:

All active members are expected to attend weekly chapter meeting and all fraternity functions. If for any reason the individual is not able to attend any of the above-mentioned meetings – 48 hours notice must be given to the President/Secretary. If the member does not comply, he shall be subject to a review process as outlined in the chapter by-laws.

Section 3. General Voting Procedure:

Each member of the Executive Board shall have one vote. Quorum for a vote of the Executive Board shall be three fourths of the Executive Board. Voting procedures shall be carried out in accordance with those set forth in the chapter by-laws.

## **ARTICLE V. VOTING AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1. Elections:

All active members of Lambda Alpha Phi Fraternity shall have one vote as set forth in the chapter by-laws.

Section 2. Elections:

Elections for Executive Board positions shall be held annually during the first week of the last full month of classes for the academic year. Those elected shall serve a one-year term in office. In the event that a vacancy occurs, the President shall appoint an interim replacement until the next chapter meeting where election proceedings can take place in accordance with those set forth in the chapter by-laws.

## **ARTICLE VI. NON-HAZING**

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

## **ARTICLE VII. PERSONAL GAIN CLAUSE**

Personal Gain Clause: This organization shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive

compensation from for-profit ventures or partnerships if acting as a representative of a student organization.

## **ARTICLE VIII. CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1. This Constitution shall be the supreme law of Lambda Alpha Phi Fraternity. Any questions arising as to the construction or interpretation of this Constitution or of the National by-laws shall be referred through the Board of Directors. The Board of Director's decision will be final and binding.
- Section 2. Any member of the chapter may propose amendments to this constitution in accordance to the guidelines set forth in the chapter by-laws. Changes to the constitution may be proposed at anytime throughout the academic year. The Board of Directors shall review the proposal(s) for new amendments at the start of each academic year.