

Alpha Rho Delta of Chi Psi Fraternity By-Laws

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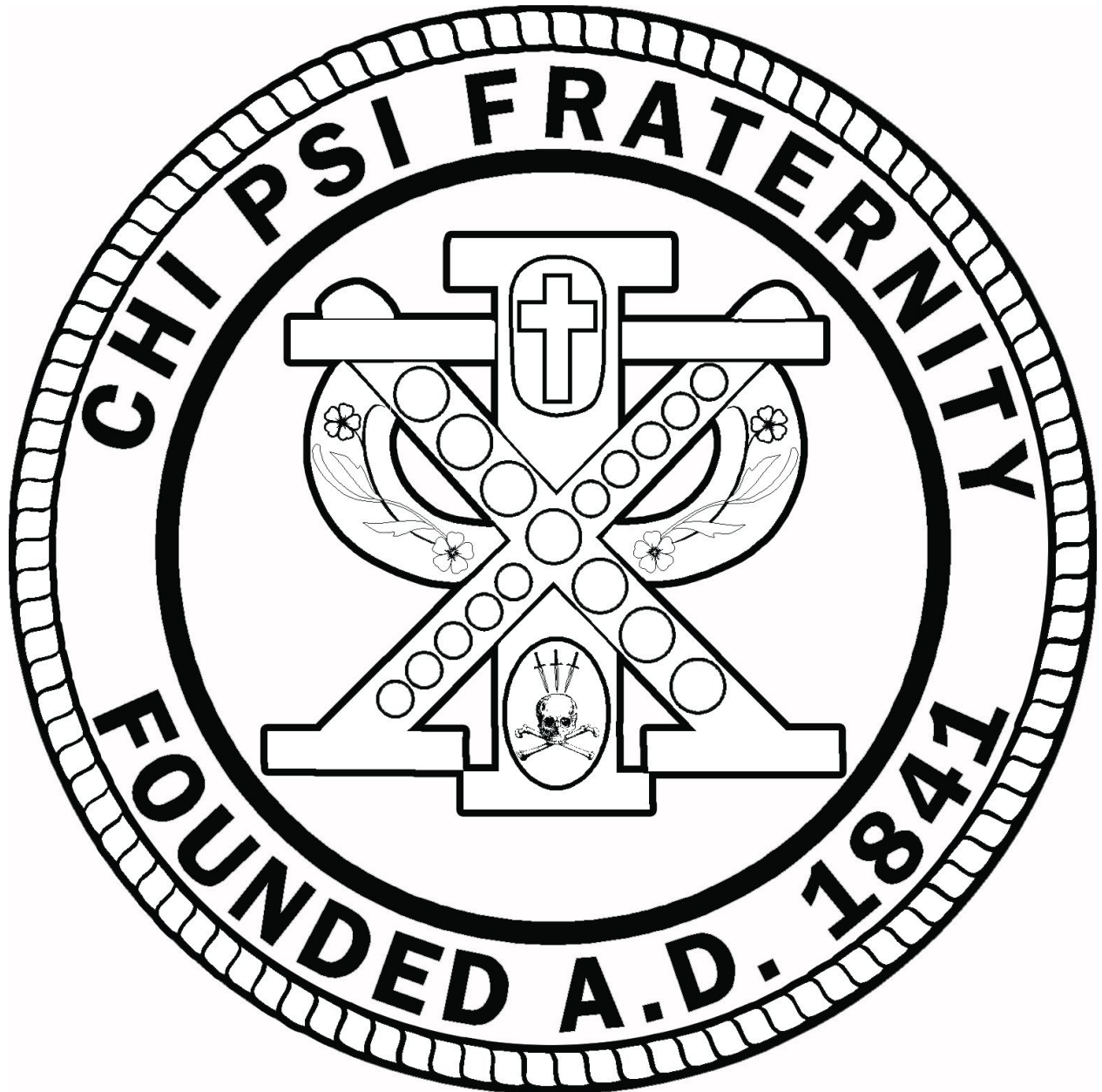


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Mission Statement and Values

This Alpha, established at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 2005, shall be known as Alpha Rho Delta of Chi Psi Fraternity.

Mission Statement: Chi Psi is a national Fraternity, organized and maintained by gentlemen of true honor and character; an association of diverse individuals, committed to serving the personal and collective needs of its members, who are all devoted to a lifelong commitment of growing in the image and principles of the Chi Psi Brotherhood.

Unified by the cultivation of true friendship, Alpha Rho Delta seeks to share our unique bond with fellow Miami University students. Alpha Rho Delta embodies the vision of passionate men; Brothers who exemplify timeless values, pursue admirable goals, and honor noble tradition. Through the encouragement of leadership and social activity, Brothers of Alpha Rho Delta will foster the growth of our Fraternity and the surrounding community. Alpha Rho Delta is, and forever shall be, a union of luminary gentlemen whose bonds are timeless.

- A. Chi Psi is a unique Brotherhood, which forges among individuals a lasting bond, which transcends self-interest and the limitations of time or place.
- B. Chi Psi is committed to the growth of the individual in a social environment, which nurtures integrity, dignity, and maturity while enjoying shared experiences and collegiate sociability.
- C. Chi Psi, recognizing that academic achievement is fundamental to the development of the individual, stands for the intellectual growth and the attainment of human potential.
- D. Chi Psi believes that the role of the Fraternity is to guide each Alpha in the responsible self-government of its affairs within a common framework established by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity.
- E. Chi Psi acknowledges its responsibility to the larger community of which it is a part by encouraging personal and collective involvement in serving the needs of the university, the community, and society.
- F. Chi Psi, while recognizing that change is inevitable and desirable, believes that tradition provides stability in a rapidly changing world and develops a sense of personal identity in an impersonal society.
- G. Chi Psi is committed to the elimination of any activity which demeans or threatens the individual, or which compromises the Fraternity's traditional standards of gentlemanly behavior.
- H. Chi Psi believes that its Lodge is a tool for the cultivation of elevated and refined friendships and that our bonds are not characterized by our real estate, but rather by the friendships we have forged.
- I. Chi Psi believes that its Lodge stands as physical manifestation of our Brotherhood to many constituencies, and as such should be treated with respect and dignity.

Article 1: Rules of Membership

- A. Members of this Alpha are subject to the national rules and expectations set forth by Chi Psi National Fraternity.
- B. All members must be in good standing with Miami University and the InterFraternity Council, as well as be full-time students of the Miami University-Oxford campus.
- C. Each member must pay dues in accordance with Article 9.
- D. Hazing is strictly prohibited by any member and towards any member.
 1. Definition of hazing is determined by the InterFraternity Council.
 2. General Definition – Actions or situations that recklessly or intentionally endanger the health, safety, or welfare of an individual for Initiation, admission into, or affiliation with any university organization.
 3. The following test should be applied when deciding whether or not an activity is to be considered hazing:
 - Does the activity reflect our values; does it serve a higher purpose than ‘bonding’?
 - Would the activity appear as hazing to the public eye, regardless of its presence?
 - Would all members of this Fraternity be comfortable engaging in the activity from both the side of a Pledge and a Brother?
 - Does the way in which the activity is proposed make a clear distinction between whether the person being addressed is a Brother or a Pledge?
 - Finally, would a Pledge feel comfortable and free from judgment if they refused?
 4. Brothers are responsible for the actions of his guests as it relates to actions considered to be hazing; punishments resulting from those activities will be placed upon the Brother
- E. As hazing has no place within Alpha Rho Delta, the punishment for a member that is found participating in such behavior shall be expulsion from the Alpha following the process outlined in the National By-Laws.
- F. Intoxication, based on the awareness of the members, will not be tolerated at non-alcoholic events. Arriving intoxicated at a non-alcoholic function of the Alpha will be punishable by expulsion from that particular event. That member shall also undergo the judicial process as outlined in Article 10.
- G. Upon graduation from Miami University, any Brother of Chi Psi may petition to keep his name on the local Alpha listserv. It is up to that Brother to transfer all relevant information to the Technology Chair. It is the responsibility of the Technology Chair to make sure the alumnus is kept on the listserv.

Article 2: Definition of Alpha Officer Roles

- A. Each officer of the Alpha shall have such powers and perform such duties as prescribed by Chi Psi in accordance with Miami University’s policies and those described in these By-Laws.

- B. To be eligible to hold an Alpha Officer position, a member must be in good standing and a Brother (See Article 13.A, 13.F and 13.H).
- C. An officer who is hospitalized or otherwise unintentionally incapable of performing his duties will be succeeded by a chair underneath that particular position. The chair to replace the officer will be selected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and will serve as an active officer for no more than two weeks.
 - 1. If there is not a chair for that position, any chair can replace that position subject to a majority vote by the Executive Committee.
 - 2. After this two-week period, if the incapacitated officer is still unable to fulfill his responsibilities, the officer will be deemed as incapable of fulfilling his duties and elections for a new officer will take place at the RCM following the 14th day after the succession process, outlined in Article 6.
- D. It is the duty of each officer to educate his successor.
 - 1. The former #1 and #4 are required to attend the first three Executive Committee meetings of the semester. The purpose is to further assist the new Executive Committee with the traditions and values that need to be projected by the #1 and #4.
 - 2. Each officer shall maintain a transition manual during his term to be given to his successor. These transition manuals shall be available to the Alpha a week before nominations for the new Executive Committee.
 - 3. Each officer is responsible for ensuring that the chairs underneath them maintain a transition manual.
- E. #1 - President
 - 1. He shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Alpha and presides over the other officers.
 - 2. He is responsible for the overall success and operation of the Alpha.
 - i) The #1 shall be informed of every activity that is taking place that is affiliated in any way with the Alpha and its members.
 - ii) The #1 is responsible for overseeing that each Alpha Officer maintains a transition manual.
 - iii) The #1 is responsible for maintaining the calendar of events.
 - 3. He shall be the representative of the Alpha to the Interfraternity Council at Miami University, Chi Psi National Fraternity, Chi Psi at the Annual Convention, and Miami University.
 - 4. He shall attend all national events held in our area.
- F. #2 – Vice President of Internal Affairs
 - 1. He shall assume the duties of the #1 upon the absence of the #1.
 - 2. He shall represent the Alpha at the Annual Convention if the #1 is unable to attend.
 - 3. It is under his jurisdiction to organize internal chair meetings.
 - 4. He shall oversee and be responsible for the actions and duties of the following chairs:
 - i) #37 – Scholarship Chair
 - ii) Brotherhood Chair
 - iii) Seventh Man – Alpha Liaison

- iv) #34 – Pledge Educator
- v) #32 – Choragus
- vi) #25 – Historian
- vii) Philanthropy Chair

G. #3 – Vice President of External Affairs

1. He shall promote positive relationships with the entire Greek community as well as the student body and the City of Oxford.
 - i) He is responsible for the actions that build the Alpha's reputation on campus.
2. It is under his jurisdiction to organize external chair meetings.
3. He shall oversee and be responsible for the actions and duties of the following chairs:
 - i) #43 – Social Chair
 - ii) #35 – Alumni Relations Chair
 - iii) #36 – Alpha Editor
 - iv) #41 – Athletic Chair
 - v) Technology Chair
 - vi) Parent Relations Chair
 - vii) #40 – Community Service Chair

H. #4 – Treasurer

1. He shall be responsible for the allocation and documentation of monetary funds obtained or dispersed by the Alpha.
2. He shall report the financial status of the Alpha bi-weekly at RCMs.
3. He shall create and manage the Alpha budget and monitor the spending of the Alpha.
4. Implementation and maintenance of the payment plans shall be the province of the #4.
5. He is responsible for paying all bills in their entirety by the required due dates and recording appropriate transactions.
6. He shall follow and monitor all monetary policy that is established in Article 9.
7. He shall be audited by the 4.5.
8. He shall oversee and be responsible for the actions and duties of the following chair:
 - i) Investment Chair
 - ii) #4.5 – Assistant Treasurer

I. #5 – Sergeant-at-Arms / Secretary

1. He shall have the authority to expel any member not following the meeting code of conduct in Article 8 at a RCM.
2. He shall run the RCMs in a civil and efficient manner and he shall base his rule upon recommendations used from the text of Robert's Rules of Order.
3. No voice shall be heard at an RCM without the approval of the #5 as specified in Article 8, unless there is an open debate occurring.
4. He shall notify the Alpha of the time and location of the RCM at least a week in advance, barring unforeseen conflicts of schedule.
5. He shall be responsible for collecting notifications of absence prior to mandatory events and recording attendance at all mandatory events and RCMs.

6. As the judicial head of the Alpha, he must understand all rules that pertain to the Fraternity.
 7. He shall ensure that all offenses and their subsequent punishments are fair and reasonable.
 8. He has full discretion in determining whether an excuse from a mandatory event is valid or not.
 9. He shall be responsible for maintaining an “Asset Inventory Sheet” which includes all items in the possession of the fraternity and their locations.
 10. He shall serve as the #51 – Risk Management Chair for Alpha Rho Delta of Chi Psi and enforce all local, national and University mandated risk management policies and procedures
 11. His responsibilities as Secretary include:
 - i) He shall make sure that all members of the fraternity are aware of all events that took place during the RCM. He shall take notes of all proceedings during RCMs and distribute them in a timely fashion to the Alpha over the listserv.
 - ii) He shall make sure that all members of the fraternity are aware of all events that took place during Executive Committee Meetings. He shall take notes of all proceedings during EC Meetings and distribute them in a timely fashion to the Alpha over the listserv.
 - iii) He shall count the votes of all closed ballot elections to serve as the auditor of whichever Brother is proctoring the election.
 - iv) He shall relay any information that is pertinent to the Alpha through the fastest means of communication possible.
 12. He shall oversee and be responsible for the actions and duties of the following chairs:
 - i) By-Laws Chair
 - ii) #51 - Risk Management Chair
- J. #33 – Recruitment Chair
1. He shall be an elected position that is a voting member of the Executive Committee.
 2. The Recruitment Chair shall be in charge of all methods of bringing in, informing, and retaining prospective new members.
 3. He will create and/or utilize presentations to be used at RCMs and formal recruitment.
 4. He shall appoint, oversee, and be responsible for the actions and duties of the Recruitment Group Leaders.
 5. He shall appoint, oversee, and be responsible for the positions and actions of a Rush Committee
 6. He shall appoint, oversee, and be responsible for the chair position of Rush Director
- K. #38 – Lodge Manager
1. He shall be an elected position that is a voting member of the Executive Committee.

2. He shall be a Brother in good standing (in accordance with the definition in Article 13.B of these bylaws) living in the Lodge for the entirety of the academic year for which his term will be in effect.
3. He shall be responsible for reasonably maintaining the physical Lodge property, enforcing Lodge rules and policies (see Article 15), acting as the point of contact between the Alpha and its constituents and partners (Oxford Holdings, Lambda Chi Alpha Central Office, maintenance workers, civil inspectors, etc.) on all relevant Lodge matters and will ensure that the Lodge and all its tenants represent themselves in a manner congruent with the Alpha's philosophies and these Bylaws. A disambiguation of these duties follows:
 - i) Maintenance and Physical Facility: The #38 shall report all material maintenance issues to Oxford Holdings immediately, shall organize and announce "Lodge Work Days", shall maintain and enforce an equitable Chores List (see Article 15), shall oversee the purchase of disposables (trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, hand soap, etc.) by maintaining a Lodge budget, shall be the keeper of the keys for the Lodge, shall make sure all members (both live-in and live-out) keep their cars parked in a logical and responsible manner, shall ensure that members in the Lodge conserve resources while not in use by turning off lights, etc., shall ensure the Lodge is up to civic and Chi Psi National risk management and safety code and make sure all tenants are briefed on aforementioned codes and evacuation procedures by overseeing the Lodge Fire Marshal
 - ii) Enforce Lodge Rules and Policies: See Article 15
 - iii) Serve as the Point of Contact and Lodge Figurehead: The #38 shall be on hand for all inspectors and maintenance visits, shall enforce all Miami University Interfraternity Council House Manager Policies and Procedures including serving as the Fraternity Community Assistant (as mandated by the Cliff Alexander Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and IFC) and shall serve as the first contact between the Alpha and any visiting constituents to the Lodge.
 - iv) Enforce Lodge Security: The #38 shall make sure windows and doors are locked after 10:00 PM, shall be the last to leave after closing up the Lodge before extended breaks (in the event the #38 must leave early for a break, he may delegate this duty to another responsible member), shall file police reports in the event of vandalism and shall change the door codes at least once a month or as necessary.
 - v) Prepare for Meetings at the Lodge: The #38 shall ensure the Lodge and the meeting rooms are clean and properly furnished prior to meetings and shall ensure that adequate parking is available for members coming to the Lodge for meetings.
4. The #38 shall report any violations of Lodge Rules or material issues with the above provisions to the Executive Committee (and/or Oxford Holdings if need be) in an expedient manner.
5. He shall oversee and be responsible for the duties and actions of following chairs:
 - i) # 42 – Steward
 - ii) Lodge Fire Marshall

- iii) Assistant Lodge Manager
- iv) Lodge Improvement Chair - He has the option to appoint a Lodge Improvement chair, in addition to an Assistant Lodge Manager, who oversees and manages Lodge improvements

Article 3: The Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #33 and #38.
- B. The Executive Committee shall meet sometime in the week prior to each RCM, or upon the #1's request.
- C. The #1 must provide notification of an Executive Committee meeting at least twenty-four hours in advance except in the case of extraordinary and unforeseen events.
- D. The #1 shall oversee the Executive Committee.
- E. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to establish the overall policy and goals of the Alpha while maintaining the ideals of the Chi Psi Gentleman.
- F. The Executive Committee has authority to make decisions regarding minor issues and actions.
- G. An Executive Committee member that believes an issue has greater value than perceived may make a motion for the issue to be decided by the Alpha.
 - 1. An affirmative majority vote of the Executive Committee on the motion sends the issue to the Alpha.
- H. The Executive Committee has the right to make an event mandatory by a majority vote of its officers.
 - 1. Notice of a mandatory event must be given a minimum of a week before the event is to take place.
 - 2. Notice of absence from a mandatory event must be given by a member to the #5 a minimum of twenty-four hours in advance of the event barring any unforeseen issues.
 - 3. The #5 must contact a member if their excuse to miss a mandatory event is not valid.
- I. The Executive Committee shall regulate the disclosure of any information to the Alpha.
- J. The Executive Committee has the duty to communicate with Miami University and Chi Psi Central Office when appropriate.
- K. The Executive Committee shall uphold and enforce any obligations of Miami University, the Interfraternity Council, and Chi Psi.

Article 4: Description of Chairs

- A. Brothers are the only members who are allowed to hold chair positions.
- B. Brothers who hold chair positions are expected to assist the Executive Council officer to whom they are allocated in executing their responsibilities.

- C. The chairs must maintain a transition manual for future chair holders. The Executive Committee officer overseeing the chair is responsible for passing these transition manuals on to the future chair.
- D. The following are the chairs that have been allocated to the position of #2.
1. #37 – Scholarship Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for the Alpha's academic well-being.
 - ii) He shall assist the Brotherhood in aligning itself for academic excellence.
 2. Brotherhood Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for planning Brotherhood events for the Alpha.
 - ii) The chair should incorporate the interests of the Brothers to promote unity throughout the Alpha.
 3. #34 – Pledge Educator
 - i) This chair is responsible for educating and informing pledges of Chi Psi National and local traditions and histories.
 - ii) The chair shall conduct the pledge education process according to Chi Psi National specifications.
 - iii) He shall lead the Alpha through the Pledge Review.
 4. #32 – Choregus
 - i) This chair is responsible for the songs of Chi Psi.
 - ii) The chair is to know the songs, teach the songs, and perform the songs for the Alpha.
 - iii) He shall organize and lead the pledges in practicing serenades.
 1. The pledges have the final say on song selection for serenades, provided the songs are in good taste.
 5. #25 – Historian
 - i) The chair is responsible for compiling the history of Alpha Rho Delta.
 - ii) The chair should use appropriate media to track the history and be able to present relevant past experiences of the Alpha when requested.
 - iii) This chair's term shall begin at the start of the academic year and end when the academic year is finished.
 6. #40 – Philanthropy Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for coordinating the internal philanthropies of Chi Psi.
 - ii) The chair is responsible for coordinating one philanthropy per semester, at a minimum. These philanthropies consist of "Stuff the Bus" which takes place during the fall semester and "Basket Brawl" which takes places during the spring semester.
 7. Apparel Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for the organization, coordination, and selection of apparel for the Alpha for Mother's and Father's Weekends, Recruitment, Formal, and other events for which the Alpha would like to have apparel. This chair will make sure all money is collected in coordination with the #4, as well as handle the distribution in an organized and efficient manner.

- E. The following are the chairs that have been allocated to the position of #3:
1. #43 – Social Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for setting up socials for the Alpha.
 2. #35 – Alumni Relations Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for maintaining the relationship between Chi Psi and its alumni base.
 - ii) The chair is responsible for setting up formal alumni events.
 - iii) This chair should work in coordination with the Alpha Editor to inform the alumni of the Alpha's activities by sending out a monthly newsletter to alumni formally known as the "Alumni Update".
 3. #36 – Alpha Editor
 - i) This chair is responsible for writing the Rho Delta Dispatch and other documents as needed. The Dispatch should be prepared and distributed bi-annually and communicate all important developments of Rho Delta's past semester.
 4. #41 – Athletic Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for coordinating the athletic participation and teams of the Alpha.
 - ii) This chair shall coordinate and be responsible for the Alpha's participation and teams in Greek Week.
 - iii) If the need arises, this chair has the responsibility of assigning a Greek Week Chair to assist him in organizing the Alpha for Greek Week.
 - iv) He shall be responsible for registering the Alpha for athletic leagues as requested by interested Brothers.
 - v) He shall be responsible for notifying Brothers of upcoming athletic events.
 - vi) This chair may also designate team captains. These captains will have the ability to control substitution for sports where Brotherhood interest exceeds available positions. This process is to be done fairly and without bias as athletics should serve as a forum for the Alpha to enhance its Brotherhood.
 5. Technology Chair
 - i) He shall be responsible for maintaining the Chi Psi website and listserv.
 6. Parent Relations Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for maintaining the relationship and communication of the Alpha with the parents of its members.
 - ii) He shall be responsible for the planning of any Mom's/Dad's Weekend events. This includes, but is not limited to, advance communication about the event and event planning and coordination.
 7. Community Service Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for coordinating Brotherhood participation in philanthropic/service events not set up by the Alpha. This includes, but is not limited to, service events set up by other Greek organizations, student groups, Miami University, or the City of Oxford.

- F. The following chair is allocated to the position of #4.
1. Investment Chair
 - i) This chair is responsible for the future financial well-being of the Alpha.
 - ii) He shall monitor market news sources and keep the Alpha informed of all investment opportunities.
 - iii) He shall abide by the investment policies as set forth in Article 10.
 2. 4.5 – Alpha Auditor
 - i) This position is responsible for monitoring the records, transactions, and other financial measures undertaken by the #4.
 - ii) He shall conduct a bi-weekly audit of the #4.
 - iii) This position shall be an autonomous position that is separate from the #4.
 - iv) He shall prepare monthly reports that will be delivered in-person to the Executive Committee on the activities of the #4.

- G. The following chairs are allocated to the position of #5
1. By-Laws Chair
 - i) This chair shall be responsible for the ensuring that the By-Laws reflect the current practices of the Alpha.
 - ii) He is responsible for the Alpha abiding by the Alpha By-Laws, the National By-Laws, and the National Constitution.
 2. # 51 – Risk Management Chair
 - i) He shall keep the Alpha briefed and in compliance with all local, Chi Psi National and Miami University rules, regulations, polices and procedures related to risk management.
 - ii) The # 5 shall serve as the # 51 unless the # 5 decides to delegate his duties as risk manager to another.
 - iii) He shall brief the Alpha every semester on Risk Management and ensure that the Chi Psi Risk Management Policies for Undergraduate Alphas and Alumni Boards is posted in the Lodge.

- H. The following chairs are allocated to the position of #33
1. Rush Director
 - i) Assiting in the duties of the #33
 - ii) Helping coordinate events between potential new members, the Alpha, recruitment group leaders, and the rush commitee

- I. The following chairs are allocated to the position of #38
1. # 42 - Steward
 - i) The steward shall manage the maintenance, cleanliness and safety of kitchen facilities in the Lodge.
 2. Lodge Fire Marshall
 - i) He shall ensure that the Lodge is up to Oxford City fire code and Chi Psi National risk management polices and procedures related to fire safety.
 - ii) He shall develop and make sure all Brothers are briefed on fire, tornado and terrorist attack emergency response plans.

3. Assistant Lodge Manager
 - i) He shall serve as the “right-hand man” to the #38, and shall serve as his assistant as well as assist in Lodge improvements.
4. Lodge Improvement Chair
 - i) He shall oversee and manage Lodge improvements, coordinating with the #38 and the Assistant Lodge Manager.

Article 5: Election of Alpha Officers

A. Alpha Nominations

1. Nominations for the Alpha Officers shall take place at the end of the RCM that falls on the last Sunday in September.
 - i) The #5 shall proctor the nomination process.
 - a) The #5 shall go through each Alpha Officer position and accept nominations for that position.
 - b) After going through each Alpha Officer position, the #5 shall allow for Brothers to nominate any Brother for any Alpha Officer position.
 - c) In order to be nominated, one must be nominated by one of their fellow Brothers or themselves and must be in good standing within the Alpha.
 - d) To accept the nomination, the nominated party must be present and verbally accept this nomination.
 - e) A Brother can only run for up to two Alpha Officer positions. In the case that a Brother is nominated to more than two positions, the aforementioned Brother has the choice of which positions to run for. However, once nominations are closed, that Brother can not switch which position he is running for.
 - f) In the event that greater than three people are running for one position, a runoff election shall take place after nominations have been closed by the #5.
 - a. The goal of the runoff election is to get the number of candidates for that particular position down to three.
 - b. A thirty-second maximum speech will be given by each nominated candidate before the runoff vote is going to take place. The #5 will monitor the lengths of these proceedings. At the end of all the speeches, a secret ballot vote will be administered and monitored by the #5 and the #5 will announce the top three candidates who will continue on to Alpha Elections.
 - c. The #5 shall keep a record of the results of each runoff election until the Alpha elections have been completed.
 - g) At any time before the Alpha elections take place, a candidate may choose to drop out of the elections for an Alpha Officer. If that particular position had a runoff election, the next highest vote gathering Brother as determined in the runoff elections shall be allowed to run for that position.

B. Alpha Elections

1. The Alpha elections shall take place during the first RCM in October.

2. Selection of rooms for new EC members and current Brothers will take place the week after Alpha elections.
3. Remaining rooms will be open for upcoming pledge class to fill. Room selections for them will take place after their final pledge exam, the date is to the discretion of the #38.
4. Attire for Alpha elections is to be business casual. Any Brother not dressed appropriately loses their voting privilege for the elections.
5. During this particular RCM, a proctor, who is the current #1, unless he is running for a position again, will run the new elections. In the case that the #1 is running for another position, the highest rankus Brother shall have the option to be the proctor. If he refuses to be the proctor, the next Brother by rankus has the option to be the proctor and so on until a proctor has been determined.
 - i) The proctor has the authority to stop any repetitive statements from being made in the interest of time.
 - ii) The proctor shall only announce the winner of the election to the Alpha and shall keep total votes for any candidate a secret.
6. The #1 election will go first, followed by a random ordering of the other Alpha Officer positions as determined by the proctor.
7. All candidates running for the position under consideration must vacate the room unless they are giving their speech or fielding questions from the Alpha.
8. Each candidate shall keep their speech to less than four minutes. At thirty seconds, the candidate will receive a warning from the proctor to begin wrapping up their speech. After the speech, the candidate is given a chance to field questions from the Alpha. There is no time limit to the question/answer session. However, the proctor will have total discretion over this session.
9. After all the candidates for a position have spoken, an open debate will take place for five minutes. This will be done in a formal manner where a Brother raises his hand and is called upon by the proctor. The currently elected officer for the position under consideration has the option to speak first in the debate. Upon the end of five minutes, the proctor will automatically motion for a vote. If discussion has concluded, the proctor's motion must be seconded in order to close discussions on the position. However, if a majority of the Brothers would like to continue discussions, they can vote to keep the fraternity from voting on that position at that point in time.
10. After the first threshold for a vote has been passed, it is the responsibility of the Brothers to motion for a vote when the debate has reached an end.
11. The vote is a closed ballot majority vote.
 - i) Brothers may only vote for one candidate, or "no". A "no" vote represents a rejection of all candidates.
 - ii) In the case of a tie, there will be an open debate within the Alpha about the candidates and another vote will follow. Voting will again be by majority. This process continues until a majority is reached and one candidate has been elected.
 - iii) In the case where no one is elected to a position, nominations for that position shall take place after Alpha Elections have been completed. This election

shall take place in the RCM following Thanksgiving break and follow the same process as detailed above. There must be an officer chosen for that particular position at this election.

12. The judicial committee shall be determined at the end of the RCM following the Alpha elections.
 - i) The judicial committee is composed of five Brothers who are not on the Executive Committee.
 - ii) The #5 shall ask for nominations for the judicial committee and shall record all accepted nominations. A Brother must be present and verbally accept their nomination.
 - iii) After nominations have closed, the Brothers shall vote by secret ballot their top three Brothers for judicial committee.
 - iv) The top five vote gathering Brothers shall be the judicial committee for the following year.
- C. Alpha Officers, excluding the #33, will hold their position starting January 1 of the following year.
 1. The #33 term shall start after formal spring rush of the following year.
- D. The newly elected Alpha Officer's duties are to learn their official roles up until semester break.
- E. In the event an Alpha Officer is not applied for:
 1. The #38 shall perform the duties of the officer position.
 2. If it is the #38 that is not applied for, then the Brotherhood Chair shall assume the duties of the #38.
- F. Election of the #38
 1. The #38 shall be elected on an academic year basis.
 2. Nominations shall be held at the first RCM of the semester and elections shall take place at the following RCM.
 - i) The #38 must be a Lodge resident.
 3. Noting these exceptions, all other election procedures shall apply.

Article 6: Impeachment, Resignation, Succession, and Removal of Alpha Officers and Chairs

- A. If any good standing member of Chi Psi is of the opinion that any officer or chair is failing to serve his term with effectiveness and dedication in regard to duties, responsibilities, and/or implicit obligations, that member may initiate a vote of no confidence.
 1. A vote of no confidence shall not be used as a method of filibuster.
 - i) An officer or chair may not be charged with more than one vote of no confidence per Alpha meeting.
 - ii) In order to ensure that a filibuster is not taking place, the Alpha shall deliberate on sight to determine whether or not a vote of no confidence is reasonable, fair, and beneficial to vote on.

2. If a vote of no confidence is at hand, the member in question shall leave the room so that the members at the meeting may discuss the issues. The member in question is then presented with a list of grievances and is able to present his viewpoint for his refutations.
 3. Upon Initiation of a vote of no confidence, each member shall vote by secret ballot.
 4. If the vote of no confidence receives a majority affirmative vote, the said officer or chair shall go through an Impeachment Trial at the following RCM.
 - i) If the vote of no confidence fails, action towards impeachment is stopped.
 5. There is to be no double jeopardy in the impeachment of an individual.
 - i) An individual can only be impeached on separate charges unless new evidence against that individual comes to light regarding previous charges.
- B. Proceedings of the Impeachment Trial.
1. The Impeachment Trial shall take place at the end of the RCM.
 2. There must be quorum for the Impeachment Trial to take place.
 3. The member who called the vote of no confidence presents his case first by presenting all relevant information and evidence.
 - i) This particular member may call upon any present and willing member for testimony.
 4. The member charged with no confidence then defends his own position.
 - i) This particular member may call upon any present and willing Alpha member for testimony.
 5. After each member has presented their position, the officer or chair charged with no confidence shall leave the room and the Alpha shall discuss each position.
 6. Upon completion of the impeachment trial, each member shall vote by secret ballot as to whether or not to remove the charged officer or chair.
 7. If the impeachment vote receives a three-fourths affirmative vote, the guilty member shall be relieved of all his duties, privileges, and responsibilities as a governing member of Alpha Rho Delta.
 - i) The guilty individual may not serve as an elected official for the remainder of the semester.
 8. If the vote for removal fails, no forced change is initiated.
 9. Following the removal of an officer, replacement of that officer will follow the succession process outlined in this Article 6 within one week of the officer's removal.
- C. Resignation from the Fraternity
1. Any member that does not believe they can fulfill the commitment that it takes to be a Chi Psi may de-pledge or resign. The process for de-pledging or resigning shall follow guidelines set forth within the National Fraternity's Constitution.
 2. This particular member must present to the Alpha a statement of intent outlining the reasons for their resignation and turn in their badge following the issuing of this statement.

- D. Resignation from an Alpha Officer or Chair Position
 - 1. Any Brother that is resigning from an officer or chair position must present a formal statement to the Alpha to communicate their reasons for resignation.
 - 2. Resignation must be given with a two week's notice.
 - 3. If an Alpha Officer resigns then the succession process outlined in this Article 6 shall be followed within one week of this resignation notice.
- E. Succession Process for Alpha Officers
 - 1. The Alpha must nominate one or more Brothers of the Fraternity that are not on the Executive Committee to become the new Alpha Officer.
 - i) If it is the #1 position that needs to be replaced, then the Executive Committee may have the option of nominating Brothers on the Executive Committee to the #1 position.
 - 2. A vote by the Alpha must take place at either the next RCM or a special Alpha meeting called forth by the #1 and should follow the Alpha election process detailed in Article 5.
 - i) If an Executive Committee officer is elected to the #1 position then that now vacant Alpha Officer position shall undergo the nomination process outlined in Article 5 at the same Alpha meeting.
 - ii) The new #1 must call a special Alpha meeting within three days of his election to go through the Alpha Election process detailed in Article 5 for the vacant Alpha Officer position.
 - 3. The individual who has been voted in shall have all the duties and responsibilities which that position entails immediately after the vote has taken place.
- F. If any good standing Brother of Chi Psi is of the opinion that any Brother is failing to dignify the Fraternity, then the Brother in good standing can raise a vote of no confidence.
 - 1. If the vote of no confidence passes a majority vote, the Brother will be put on a trial following the expulsion procedure set forth in the National By-laws.
 - 2. If the vote of no confidence fails, the Brother retains his status and no further action is taken.

Article 7: Bid Voting Process and the Pledge Review

- A. Bid Voting Process
 - 1. The bid voting process must follow the guidelines set by Miami University and Chi Psi Fraternity.
 - 2. The bid voting process will take place in a meeting called to order by either the #1 or the #33 at any time or at a RCM. The process must take place when it is reasonable to vote on giving a prospective new member a bid.
 - 3. Pledge class size must be reasonable as agreed upon by the Alpha. The discussion on pledge class size will be led by the #33 before bid voting starts on the first night of formal rush.
 - 4. Bid voting may not take place unless there is quorum of active members at the bid voting meeting or RCM.

5. The #33 begins the process by announcing each prospective new member and asking for any comments.
 - i) The #33 must present each prospective new member along with a picture and brief description.
 6. Voting can be done any night during or after formal rush; however, all voting for the new member class will be finalized on or by the last RCM or FAM before the Pledging Ceremony takes place that semester.
 - i) A prospective new member accepted on an earlier night may be re-voted upon on the final night should a motion to revoke the prospective bid arise. A majority of the Brotherhood would have to vote in favor of the motion to potentially revoke the bid.
 7. In order to begin voting on a prospective new member, either a motion to vote from the floor must pass or the #33 makes an executive decision to vote and move on.
 8. Consequently, a ninety percent open vote of the Brothers present will commence in determining whether the individual will receive a bid or not.
 - i) Brothers may only vote "yes" or "no". This will be an open vote.
 - ii) The #33 is responsible for recording all votes for each prospective number and maintaining that information. This information is to be exclusively maintained by the #33, kept secret unless a challenge of the vote count is called. Upon the Initiation of the pledge class for which the voting took place, this information is to be permanently deleted.
 9. If a potential new member is a personal legacy of an active Rho Delta member (i.e. a younger brother) he shall start conversation and then leave the room as to not interfere with the deliberation over the potential new member. This brother will also be prohibited from reentering the room until after voting has been completed.
- B. Pledge Review
1. The Pledge Review shall take place every two weeks from the date of the Pledge Ceremony for a total of four Pledge Reviews.
 - i) The Pledge Review vote is meant to gauge the Brothers' willingness to initiate a pledge; therefore, the vote will be either "yes" or "no" to initiate the pledge at the time the Pledge Review takes place.
 - ii) The Pledge Educator shall prepare a slide show that includes, but is not limited to; quiz scores, interactions with Brothers, progress in pledge education, and any notable actions.
 - iii) The fourth and final Pledge Review is the vote to initiate the pledge. It must take place after the pledge exam and a one-third affirmative vote of Brothers is required to initiate a pledge. There must be quorum at the final Pledge Review. If a pledge does not pass the final pledge review then they are to be de-pledged effective immediately.
 - iv) Pledges are to vacate the room when any Pledge Review takes place.
 2. If at any time, the Pledge Review reveals that a large number of Brothers feel uncomfortable with initiating a pledge, the pledge educator is permitted to initiate a vote to expel the pledge.

- i) This vote must take place at an Alpha meeting where there is quorum.
- ii) A two-thirds affirmative vote is required to expel the pledge.
- 3. The Pledge Review is meant to update pledges on their progress through the pledge education process and give them feedback from the Alpha.
- 4. After the pledge review, the pledge's big and/or family is to share the results of the Pledge Review with the respective pledge by the next Alpha meeting.
- 5. If a pledge is a personal legacy of an active Rho Delta member (i.e. a younger brother) that member shall start conversation and then leave the room as to not interfere with the deliberation over the pledge. This brother will also be prohibited from reentering the room until after voting has been completed.
- 6. A three strike rule during the pledging period is afforded as a warning system to pledges. Strikes are given at the discretion of the #34's. This serves as an aid in Pledge Review as well as upholding standards and expectations of pledges. This does not negate the Alpha's ability to drop a pledge at any time

Article 8: Meeting Procedures

A. RCM

- 1. Weekly RCMs will be called to order by the #5.
- 2. The order of business for the RCM is as follows:
 - i) A role call administered by the #5 along with the listing of excused and unexcused absences.
 - ii) Reading of previous RCM minutes by the #5.
 - iii) Officers' reports.
 - a) Chairs should give their reports following their respective officer.
 - iv) Announcements from the floor.
 - v) Adjournment.
- 3. Respect shall be practiced to each and every individual and to Chi Psi.
 - i) Confrontational Rule: No member shall make any direct personal attack (verbal or otherwise) toward another member within general meetings. Failure to abide by this rule will result in suspension of voting privileges at the next meeting at which a vote is called. The #5 shall determine any member's inability to follow this rule.
- 4. The #5 has the ability to veto any motion made at a RCM. This veto can be overturned if a majority of the Brothers want the motion to proceed.
- 5. No voice shall be heard unless acknowledged by the #5.
- 6. The inability to wait until recognition to speak will cause that individual to be warned, a second warning results in the loss of voting privileges at that meeting, and a third warning results in expulsion from the meeting.

B. FAM

- 1. Procedures and conduct at FAM shall follow the guidelines set forth in the most recent Ritual and Tradition's manual.

C. Alpha Meetings in General

1. A notification of absence must be delivered to the #5 twenty-four hours in advance in the case of a possible absence.
 2. All Alpha meetings are mandatory events.
 3. During discussion, the #5 shall halt any repetitive statements.
 4. The #5 is responsible to remove any distractions from the meetings, including disruptive members.
- D. Chi Psi Pinning
1. Any friend or significant other of the Fraternity may be voted on at any time to be pinned as an honorary member of Alpha Rho Delta
 2. This friend or significant other will be a representative of Alpha Rho Delta, and should exhibit the values of a Chi Psi
 3. Voting shall be done 3 weeks before the Pinning date at an RCM or FAM
 - i) The voting shall follow the same guidelines set out in Article 7, Section A
 4. If this person is a Brother's significant other, the Alpha should feel confident that the relationship will be long-term

Article 9: Monetary Policy

A. Appropriations

1. At the first Executive Committee meeting of the semester, the Executive Committee shall vote on the budget as prepared by the #4.
 - i) A majority affirmative vote is required to pass the budget.
2. The budget is to be presented to the Alpha at the RCM following the Executive Committee's approval.
 - i) Quorum is necessary at this meeting.
 - ii) The budget requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Alpha to pass. If the budget does not pass, the Alpha will revise the budget at that meeting until a two-thirds affirmative vote is reached.

B. Dues

1. The cost of dues shall be based upon the consensus of the Alpha.
 - i) To alter the dues amount from the previous year, the #4 must present the reasons for the changed dues to the entire Alpha.
 - ii) A two-thirds affirmative vote of the Alpha at an Alpha meeting where there is quorum is required to change the amount of dues.
2. The cost of dues is constant for the entire school year.
3. The #4 shall determine the forms of payment before collecting dues and announce this to the Alpha.
4. Dues shall be paid in their entirety within the following 2 weeks after the budget has been approved.
 - i) The #4 possesses the ability to approve need-based payment plans.
5. Documentation concerning exemption or delay of payment shall be presented by the #4 for review by the Alpha Executive Committee.
 - i) The Alpha Executive Committee may approve the request by a five-sevenths affirmative vote.

- ii) Notification of results shall be given to the requestor in private within twenty-four hours by the #4.
- 6. Dues shall be paid to the #4. There shall be no intermediaries of any kind.
- 7. There will be a \$5 penalty every twenty-four hours that a dues payment is late unless the member has spoken to the #4 and received approval for a late payment from the Executive Committee.
 - i) The late payment penalty shall not apply to a member waiting for a late payment approval from the Executive Committee.
- 8. Late dues will result in suspension from all Alpha events until payment is received by the #4..
- C. Fundraising
 - 1. Appropriate and ethical fundraising must be followed.
 - 2. Any revenues generated by or at any Chi Psi event shall be given to the #4 as soon as possible.
- D. Investment
 - 1. All investments by the Alpha shall be undertaken with great care and not put the Alpha in any sort of financial peril.
 - 2. The #4 or the investment chair are to present to the Alpha an investment plan that details how the Alpha funds are to be used for investment.
 - i) The investment plan must be passed at an Alpha meeting where there is quorum.
 - ii) A two-thirds affirmative vote passes the investment plan and allows the #4 or the investment chair to implement the investment plan.
- E. Chi Psi shall uphold all standards set forth by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for not-for-profit organizations.
- F. Full, documented financial disclosure will be made available to Alpha, Alumni, Miami University, and the national Chi Psi Central Office on an annual basis as part of the Annual Report.

Article 10: Judicial Process

- A. The judicial process can be initiated by any member(s) by appearing before the Executive Committee during an Executive Committee meeting and presenting why another member(s) should be punished.
 - 1. Executive Committee officers are allowed to bring cases forward if necessary.
- B. The Executive Committee will then determine which tier the accused member's actions belong to.
 - 1. If it is an Executive Committee officer that is accused then the member bringing the accusations against that Executive Committee officer shall take their place in determining which tier the accused belongs to.
 - i) The accused member must vacate the room during the time the tier is being determined.
 - 2. A majority vote on a tier by the Executive Committee sends that member before that respective judicial process.

- i) The #5 must notify the accused Brother of this decision immediately following the Executive Committee meeting.
 - 3. If the Executive Committee believes that more information is needed in determining which tier to send the member before, than the Executive may postpone judgment until the following Executive Committee meeting. All relevant information needed for the issue to be decided upon must be gathered by this meeting.
- C. Tier 0
 - 1. An assignment to this tier indicates that the Executive Committee believes that no punishment is necessary and no further action is taken other than alerting the Alpha of the decision.
- D. Tier 1
 - 1. An assignment to this tier indicates that the Executive Committee believes that the issue is a minor infraction.
 - 2. This tier includes any types of punishments for minor infractions by a member.
 - i) Minor infractions include, but are not limited to, unexcused absences at mandatory events, being removed from a meeting, and various inappropriate actions at a Chi Psi sanctioned event.
 - 3. Tier 1 Judicial Process.
 - i) The #5 shall talk to the accused member and decide on a punishment after this talk.
 - a) If it is the number #5 who is being punished, then the #1 shall talk to the #5 and decide on a punishment after this talk.
 - ii) This process shall take place within three days of the Executive Committee decision.
- E. Tier 2
 - 1. An assignment to this tier indicates that the Executive Committee believes that the issue is a major infraction.
 - 2. This tier includes any types of punishments for major infractions by a member.
 - i) Major infractions include, but are not limited to, intoxication at a non-alcoholic Chi Psi sanctioned event, various inappropriate actions of a member towards another member, and failure of a member to dignify the Fraternity.
 - 3. Tier 2 Judicial Process.
 - i) The #1, #2, and #5 shall jointly talk to the accused member and decide on a punishment after this talk.
 - a) If the #1, #2, or #5 is the member being punished then the #38 shall take their place in this process.
 - ii) This process shall take place within three days of the Executive Committee decision.
- F. Tier 3
 - 1. An assignment to this tier indicates that the Executive Committee believes that the issue is a grievous infraction.
 - 2. This tier includes any types of punishments for grievous infractions by a member.

- i) Grievous infractions include, but are not limited to, conduct unbecoming of a Chi Psi Gentleman, fights, failure of a chair or Alpha Officer to fulfill a duty or responsibility, and failure to complete a previous punishment.
- 3. Tier 3 Judicial Process.
 - i) This judicial process will take place after the RCM or FAM following the Executive Committee decision and is closed to all members who are not on the judicial board or presenting information to the judicial board.
 - ii) The judicial board shall be composed of the five judicial committee Brothers along with the #1 and #5.
 - a) If it is the #1 or the #5 being punished than the #2 shall take their place.
 - iii) The #5 (or #1 if the #5 is the member being punished) shall ask during the RCM or FAM for all members with relevant knowledge of this issue to present this information before the judicial board.
 - a) At minimum, the member who brought this issue before the Executive Committee and the accused member shall present their case before the judicial board.
 - iv) After hearing all relevant information of the issue, the judicial board shall debate amongst themselves as to the most appropriate course of action to be taken.
 - v) A five-sevenths affirmative vote of the judicial board is required to pass a punishment on the accused member.
- G. Any punishment that is given to a member shall be communicated to the Alpha by the #5 at the next Alpha meeting following the punishment.
 - 1. The #5 must inform the Alpha of what member(s) are being punished, which tier their punishment fell under, what the punishment was, and why that punishment was given.
 - 2. If the Alpha feels that the punishment was too harsh or went to the wrong tier, the Alpha may choose to determine the tier by motioning to change tier.
 - i) If this happens, the accused is ask to present their case to the Alpha at that time and then vacate the room after answering questions.
 - ii) An open debate will take place for no more than ten minutes and then the Alpha will then determine a tier by a secret ballot vote.
 - iii) A majority vote for a tier sends the accused before that tier and the judicial process for that tier is initiated. If no tier is selected then the lowest vote gathering tier is eliminated and there commences another secret ballot vote. This continues until a tier has been selected.
 - iv) If the same tier is selected by the Alpha then the punishment remains the same and no further action is to be taken.

Article 11: Amending, Suspending, and Creating By-Laws

- A. Amendments to these By-Laws must be in a written petition form, which are to be presented during a FAM.
 - 1. Any member can petition with just cause to amend or create By-Laws.

- B. A vote cannot be taken on the same night that the amendment is proposed.
- C. Amendments, in order to be approved, need a two-thirds affirmative vote to pass.
- D. An open vote amongst the group shall be the choice of the voting process.
 - 1. All amendments, both current and future, shall be moved to their proper spot within the By-Laws.
- E. The By-Laws can only be suspended at an Alpha meeting where there is quorum.
 - 1. To suspend the By-Laws, there must be a motion to suspend the By-Laws.
 - 2. A ninety percent (rounded up) affirmative vote is required to suspend the By-Laws.
- F. Temporary By-Laws may be used when changes need to be made quickly and when quorum is unlikely or not possible.
 - 1. Temporary By-Laws can be proposed and discussed at RCM. Following discussion, an eighty percent affirmative vote will enact the temporary By-Law.
 - 2. Once enacted, temporary By-Laws will serve as acting By-Laws until passed at FAM.
 - 3. Temporary By-Laws that have been enacted can be voted upon immediately at FAM.

Article 12: Reservations

- A. Any privilege, duty, or punishment not afforded in these bylaws shall be held within the power of a majority vote of the Alpha where there is quorum.

Article 13: Terms and Definitions

- A. “Good standing” is defined as fulfilling all duties and expectations outlined in Article 1.
 - 1. Any member that is failing in any of duties or expectations as outlined in Article 1 shall not be in good standing.
- B. Quorum is achieved when eighty percent of active Brothers are present at a meeting, excluding Brothers that have been excused.
- C. RCM stands for Really Cool Meeting and is the weekly meeting of the Alpha.
- D. FAM stands for Formal Alpha Meeting is the formal monthly gathering of the Alpha.
- E. Alpha meeting refers to both RCMs and FAMs or any special meeting called by the #1.
- F. A “member” is defined as any student at Miami University who has met the academic requirements to be in a fraternity and who has pledged Chi Psi and shown regular dedication and motivation to be in the Alpha
- G. A pledge is a member who has not yet undergone Initiation.
- H. A Brother is a member who has undergone Initiation.
- I. Whenever voting takes place, Brothers are the only members allowed to vote.
 - 1. An open vote is a vote where a Brother's decision is seen by all members of the Alpha.
 - 2. A secret ballot is a vote where a Brother's decision is seen by no members of the Alpha.

Article 14: Indemnification

- A. See Chi Psi National Bylaws Section 16.

Article 15: Lodge Occupancy, Rules, and Procedures

- A. The Alpha will guarantee that a minimum of 10 Juniors and Seniors, including the Executive Committee, are required to live in the Lodge to provide long-term sustainability and pass on the traditions of Alpha Rho Delta to younger Brothers. It is favorable to have more than 10 upperclassmen living in the Lodge. Full capacity in the Lodge is 32 Brothers, the set standard and expectation of living in shall be defined as a minimum of 29 Brothers living in. Living in shall be defined as paying full room and board to the satisfaction of the #4 for both semesters.
- B. Newly initiated Brothers that meet the 2nd year exemption requirements are eligible to be considered to live in the Lodge. Preference will be given to those sophomore Brothers with the highest cumulative GPA as outlined in section 5. All sophomores who qualify are expected to commit to living in the Lodge both semesters up to the maximum housing capacity of the Lodge (29).
- C. All newly initiated Brothers shall complete reflections and attend programs to meet the requirements for second year exemption as directed by the Fraternity Community Assistant.
- D. The #1, #4, #5 and #33 of the Executive Committee are required to live in the Lodge. The #2 and #3, respectively, shall be exempted from this requirement if the Lodge would be over capacity (over 29) by their living in.
 - 1. Brothers are required to live in one full year, or be in the process of living in a full year, to be considered for running for an EC position
- E. The #38 shall have the responsibility of overseeing room assignments. Room assignments shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions in Section 5 below.
- F. Room assignments shall be as follows:
 - 1. Room selection shall be orchestrated by the #38 and will take place the RCM immediately following elections in October. Brothers who are not in attendance forfeit their right to choose their rooms unless they speak to the #2 beforehand.
 - 2. The #1, #4, #5, and #33, respectively, shall have first preference to room assignments of vacant rooms as they are required to live in. Officers shall be eligible for singles and discounted room rates as determined by the #4 and with the acceptance of Oxford Holdings, LLC prior to living in.
 - i) After those four Brothers are committed, six more upperclassmen Brothers will agree to live in the Lodge. The eldest Brothers (or those with the highest ranking in the points system) will receive the first

opportunity to live in the Lodge. Preference will continue in this fashion through the ranks. If all six spots are not filled by the time each Brother has been given a chance at occupancy, the remaining spots will be filled by the lowest ranking Brothers of the JR and SR classes.

- ii) The Lodge Manager is also required to live in the Lodge and is elected on an academic year basis. The Lodge Manager will represent an additional EC member living in the Lodge.
- 3. Following the #1, #4, #5, and #33, the #2 and #3 shall have preference to room assignments should they live in. Room assignments shall be determined by descending cumulative GPA within descending initiation class, such that the senior with the highest GPA shall have the first room preference following the #3
- 4. A Brother who is signed up with another Brother who is studying abroad and has a replacement counterpart picked out to live in the vacant semester will have priority over Brothers who do not.
- 5. With ten upperclassmen committed to living in, the remaining 16+ spots will be filled by the highest-ranking members of the newest initiated class.
- 6. If the Alpha initiates less than 16 men in a given year, then the upperclassmen will be required to account for the difference.
- 7. The Advisor's/Visitor's Suite is only available as a single each year by special pre-authorized request. If Oxford Holdings grants such approval, there will be no upperclassman discount available except that applies for occupancy of 28 or more live-ins.
- 8. In case of conflict, all matters will be brought before the Executive Committee by the conflicted party.
- G. Actives who are members of the Residential Life staff of Miami University shall be exempted from the live in requirement and members who do not meet the 2.5 GPA live-in requirement.
- H. Any Brothers with extenuating circumstances who believe they are not able to live in the Lodge will address their concerns to the #1, #4 and #38
- I. Should any voting member of the Executive Committee move out of the Lodge prior to expiration of his term of office, such action shall be considered a resignation, and the office shall be filled in accordance with Alpha procedures set forth herein.
- J. Brothers are required to live in for a full academic year.
 - 1. Excluding summer semesters
 - 2. Semesters do not have to be concurrent
 - 3. If a Brother's roommate chooses to study abroad or is leaving for an extended amount of time. The Brother who is staying in the Lodge must find another roommate or have to pay the #4 for the amount a person in a single would have to pay.

- K. There will be a Lottery System in place as a failsafe if the Lodge falls under capacity (29) including the four EC members required to live in.
 - 1. The Lottery System will also go into effect if less than 10 Juniors or Seniors are signed to live in the Lodge
 - 2. Where Junior and Senior eligible Brothers will draw at the beginning of the school year before they sign leases to decide whether or not they are required to live in the Lodge
 - 3. Brothers who have extenuating circumstances or who have lived in the Lodge for two semesters will not be required to participate in drawing
 - 4. Brothers who are chosen to live in the Lodge and do not comply will be given a mandatory vote of no confidence by the fraternity

Article 16: Alpha Academic Policy

- A. Every Brother and Pledge as determined in Article 13 must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
- B. The five Brothers with the highest GPA will be announced at either RCM or FAM following the release of grades from the Cliff Alexander Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- C. Pledges are expected to attend at least one study table a week under the supervision of either the Pledge Educator or a member of the Executive Council.
- D. Scholarship Chair - #37 (Disambiguation See Article 4.D.1)
 - a. Duties:
 - 1. This chair is responsible for the Alpha's academic well being.
 - 2. He shall assist the Brotherhood in aligning itself with the goal of academic excellence set out in the Preamble to the Constitution of Chi Psi Fraternity
 - 3. The #37 will maintain an electronic record of each Brother's major(s)
- E. Any Brother failing to meet the minimum GPA requirement will be excluded from all social and extracurricular activities outside of RCM and FAM.
 - a. Academic Program
 - 1. If a Brother fails to meet the minimum GPA requirement, they will sit down with the #1 and #37 to discuss potential problems and solutions.
 - 2. The #37 will look into tutoring programs and scholastic programs offered by the University.
 - 3. The #37 will look for Brothers in the mentoring program to help the Brother in question.
 - 4. The #37 will insure that the Brother attends these scholastic programs every week and inform the #1 of the status of the Brother in question.
 - 5. Failure of the Brother to attend the scholastic program will result in judicial consequences.

F. Mentoring Program

a. Every Brother with a GPA over 3.5 will automatically be enrolled in the Alpha mentoring program.

1. Duties:

- i. To serve as a mentor to younger Brothers in the Alpha
- ii. To answer any and all questions pertaining to their major that their mentee(s) may have.