Bylaw Amendment – # 1

Location
ARTICLE I, SECTION 2, LETTER H

Current Language
Corporate Board(s) - The Corporate Board or sometimes referred to as Housing Corporation of individual chapters of The Fraternity.

Proposed Language
Housing Corporation – The independent corporation or other legal entity approved by the Executive Director that owns real property of an individual chapter of The Fraternity.

Rationale for Amendment
This updates the Bylaws to align with the Constitution if Constitution Amendment #1 regarding chapter affairs passes. Approval of the Executive Director controls assignment of responsibility so local chapters do not have groups attempting to create competing entities.
Bylaw Amendment – # 2

Location
ARTICLE II, SECTION 5, LETTER I

Current Language
To create and maintain a corporation for the purpose of cooperating with and assisting the chapter in managing its property and maintaining financial stability while planning for future needs;

Proposed Language
To cooperate with any existing Housing Corporation managing its property and maintaining financial stability while planning for future needs;

Rationale for Amendment
This updates the Bylaws to align with the Constitution if Constitution Amendment #1 regarding chapter affairs passes.
Bylaw Amendment – # 3

Location
ARTICLE II, SECTION 6

Current Language
Chapter Housing Corporations

Proposed Language
Housing Corporations

Rationale for Amendment
Updates title related to other Constitution and Bylaw changes if Constitution Amendment #1 regarding chapter affairs passes.
Bylaw Amendment – # 4

Location
ARTICLE II, SECTION 6, LETTER A

Current Language
INCORPORATION AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Each Chapter Corporation shall be legally formed, incorporated and maintained in good standing in accordance with the laws of the state in which the Chapter is located. The Corporation’s Board of Directors shall be constituted and elected as set forth in the Corporation’s bylaws, but all corporate bylaws will provide at a minimum that all members of the Corporation will have the right to vote for the membership of the Board of Directors.

Proposed Language
INCORPORATION: Each Housing Corporation shall be legally formed, incorporated and maintained in good standing in accordance with the laws of the state in which the Chapter is located.

Rationale for Amendment
This updates the Bylaws to align with the Constitution if Constitution Amendment #1 regarding chapter affairs passes. The Board of Directors requirement are removed here and can be set forth in Statements of Policy to provide more flexibility needed based on state law variations from state to state. They are also addressed in Section 6. C.
Bylaw Amendment – # 5

Location
ARTICLE II, SECTION 6, LETTER B

Current Language
PURPOSE: A Corporation shall constitute the legal entity for the conduct of business affairs and be holder of title to any property of the chapter. A primary function of a Corporation shall be to see to the health, safety and welfare of the collegiate membership of the chapter, and to see to the enforcement of all Policies, Bylaws and Constitutional provisions of The Fraternity and to ensure that the chapter has adequate casualty and liability insurance coverage. Corporate Boards which hold their suspended chapter charters and property in trust as an agent of the National Headquarters remain legally incorporated in their state. They shall conduct business affairs as any Corporate Board, stay current with fraternal activities, rules and policies, and be prepared to assist the National Headquarters in reorganizing or reestablishing a chapter and provide support and direction.

Proposed Language
PURPOSE: A Corporation shall constitute the legal entity holding title to any real property a designated chapter. The Housing Corporation shall not be involved in the operation or management of the chapter in any way.

Rationale for Amendment
If Constitution Amendment #1 regarding chapter affairs passes this provides legal separation of chapter activities and housing activities. Members of a Housing Corporation could still participate in a separate advisory group that provides guidance to chapter activities.
Bylaw Amendment – # 6

Location
ARTICLE II, SECTION 6, LETTER C

Current Language
GOVERNANCE: The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors and by bylaws which it shall adopt, a current set of which shall be on file in the Executive Offices at all times. Any amendment to the corporation bylaws shall be forwarded to the Executive Offices within five (5) days of its adoption. The Executive Director shall review all Corporation bylaws to see that they conform to all requirements of The Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, goals and Ideals of The Fraternity, and do not violate any law, regulation or ordinance, or the rules and regulations of the host educational institution. If the Executive Director shall disallow any provision or amendment of the Corporation bylaws, appeal may be made in writing to the Judicial Council. Pending a decision of the Judicial Council, the disallowed provision shall remain in abeyance.

Proposed Language
GOVERNANCE: The Housing Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors and by bylaws which it shall adopt, a current set of which shall be on file in the Executive Offices at all times. Any amendment to the corporation bylaws shall be forwarded to the Executive Offices within five (5) days of its adoption. The Executive Director shall review all Corporation bylaws to see that they conform to all requirements of The Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies of the Fraternity.

Rationale for Amendment
Policies of the Fraternity should cover any expectations of law, regulations and ordinances. The Housing Corporation already has the right to appeal to the Judicial Council for any interpretation or appeal.
Bylaw Amendment – #7

Location
ARTICLE II, SECTION 9, LETTER B.

Current Language
VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL: A chapter or alumni chapter may request in writing that its charter be withdrawn upon two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of both the Corporate Board, if any then exists, and the collegiate membership of the chapter or a majority of the membership of record of an alumni chapter. Such request shall state the reasons and be submitted to the Executive Director at the Executive Offices. He shall submit the request to the National Executive Council which may only approve the request by a unanimous vote. All chapters and alumni chapters shall be notified by the Executive Director within ten (10) days of such final approval by the NEC.

Proposed Language
VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL: A chapter or alumni chapter may request in writing that its charter be withdrawn upon two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the collegiate membership of the chapter or a majority of the membership of record of an alumni chapter. Such request shall state the reasons and be submitted to the Executive Director at the Executive Offices. He shall submit the request to the National Executive Council which may only approve the request by a unanimous vote. All chapters and alumni chapters shall be notified by the Executive Director within ten (10) days of such final approval by the NEC.

Rationale for Amendment
If Constitution Amendment #1 regarding chapter affairs passes this continues legal separation of chapter activities and housing activities.
Bylaw Amendment – #8

Location
ARTICLE II, SECTION 9, LETTER D

Current Language
TRANSFER OF PROPERTY: Immediately upon withdrawal of the charter of a chapter, all property, including the charter, associated with the rights granted under that charter shall revert to the Executive Offices. The chapter and its corporation shall promptly wind up its affairs. All real and personal property remaining after the chapter and its corporation have settled their respective liabilities and indebtedness shall be transferred to The Fraternity, to be held in trust for a period of five (5) years, during which time The Fraternity will use those funds solely for the purpose of promoting the re-establishment of a chapter at that host institution. If those efforts are not successful, at the end of the five (5) year period, The Fraternity may use the remaining funds for expansion efforts at other institutions.

Proposed Language
TRANSFER OF PROPERTY: Immediately upon withdrawal of the charter of a chapter, all property, including the charter, associated with the rights granted under that charter shall revert to the Executive Offices. The chapter shall promptly wind up its affairs. Unless otherwise approved by the National Executive Council, all real and personal property remaining after the chapter and associated Housing Corporation have settled their respective liabilities and indebtedness shall be transferred to The Fraternity, to be held in trust during which time The Fraternity will use those funds and assets primarily for the purpose of promoting the re-establishment of a chapter at that host institution. If those efforts are not successful, The Fraternity may use the remaining funds and assets for expansion efforts at other institutions.

Rationale for Amendment
If Constitution Amendment #1 regarding chapter affairs passes this provides appropriate dissolution of local operations. This also supports the Fraternity's practice of securing a “closed” chapter's assets to be used for returning the chapter at a later date. The NEC's ability to approve an alternate course provides the ability for a local Housing Corporation to gain approval to continue to hold and manage real property such as leasing a chapter house to another groups while its associated AKL chapter is unable to use the property due to the charter being withdrawn.
Bylaw Amendment – #9

Location
ARTICLE III, SECTION 7, LETTER A, SUBSECTION 1

Current Language
COLLEGIATE MEMBERS: A collegiate member may be expelled for good and sufficient cause found by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the collegiate membership of his chapter. The report of a vote to expel shall be sent to the Corporate Board which shall promptly forward the same with its recommendations to the Executive Offices. The Executive Director shall approve or deny the expulsion based on whether such expulsion was made for good and sufficient cause and due process was afforded. The Executive Director shall notify the chapter and the expelled member of the Executive Director’s approval or denial of the expulsion and the reasons for any denial. Expulsion proceedings that have not been completed within 60 days from chapter vote shall be deemed terminated. (This period does not include the 30 day period of appeal as described in paragraph B. of this Section.)

Proposed Language
COLLEGIATE MEMBERS: A collegiate member may be expelled for good and sufficient cause found by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the collegiate membership of his chapter. The report of a vote to expel shall be promptly forwarded to the Executive Offices. The Executive Director shall approve or deny the expulsion based on whether such expulsion was made for good and sufficient cause and due process was afforded. The Executive Director shall notify the chapter and the expelled member of the Executive Director’s approval or denial of the expulsion and the reasons for any denial. Expulsion proceedings that have not been completed within 60 days from chapter vote shall be deemed terminated. (This period does not include the 30 day period of appeal as described in paragraph B. of this Section.)

Rationale for Amendment
If Constitution Amendment #1 regarding chapter affairs passes this continues legal separation of chapter activities and housing activities.
Bylaw Amendment – #10

Location
ARTICLE III, SECTION 7, LETTER A, SUBSECTION 2

Current Language
OTHER MEMBERS: Members of any other class of membership may be expelled upon the finding of good and sufficient cause by the NEC. A recommendation of expulsion may be made by a collegiate chapter or a chapter corporation. Such a request for expulsion shall be sent to the Executive Offices for investigation. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of said request, the Executive Director will communicate to the Member proposed for expulsion a notice of investigation including the details of the investigation request from the local chapter or board, and give said member fifteen (15) days to respond to the Executive Offices. Within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the request to expel the member, the Executive Director shall submit a report of his findings, including any statements or additional information submitted by the member in question, to the NEC. Said report may, but need not, include a recommendation to expel the Member. Upon receipt of the report, a motion by the NEC to expel the Member will be in order, and must pass unanimously to take effect.

Proposed Language
OTHER MEMBERS: Members of any other class of membership may be expelled upon the finding of good and sufficient cause by the NEC. A recommendation of expulsion may be made to the Executive Offices for investigation. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of said request, the Executive Director will communicate to the Member proposed for expulsion a notice of investigation including the details of the investigation request from the local chapter or board, and give said member fifteen (15) days to respond to the Executive Offices. Within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the request to expel the member, the Executive Director shall submit a report of his findings, including any statements or additional information submitted by the member in question, to the NEC. Said report may, but need not, include a recommendation to expel the Member. Upon receipt of the report, a motion by the NEC to expel the Member will be in order, and must pass unanimously to take effect.

Rationale for Amendment
It provides anyone involved with Alpha Kappa Lambda to recommend a member for expulsion (aside from a current collegiate member). It still requires an investigation and NEC action.
Bylaw Amendment – #11

Location
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1, LETTER 1, SUBSECTION 2

Current Language
CORPORATE BOARD DELEGATE: One vote shall be cast by an official delegate of the Corporate Board of Directors of the chapter on any matter presented for action at The Conclave with the exception of the election of undergraduate members of the National Executive Council. The corporate board delegate shall be someone other than an official collegiate delegate or a member of the NEC and shall be elected or appointed for such responsibility by the respective corporate board. To qualify for vote in any mail ballot or at Conclave, a corporate board must have met the meeting and reporting requirements as listed in Article II, Section 6,E herein.

Proposed Language
HOUSE CORPORATION DELEGATE: One vote shall be cast by an official delegate of a House Corporation associated with a current active chapter on any matter presented for action at The Conclave with the exception of the election of undergraduate members of the National Executive Council. The House Corporation delegate shall be someone other than an official collegiate delegate or a member of the NEC and shall be elected or appointed for such responsibility by the respective House Corporation Board. To qualify for vote in any mail ballot or at Conclave, a House Corporation must have met the meeting and reporting requirements as listed in Article II, Section 6,E herein.

Rationale for Amendment
Assuming Constitution Amendment #1 passes this provides House Corporations representation at Conclave with or without the chapter they are associated with being present. It does not allow Housing Corporations that are still functioning without an associated chapter to vote.
Bylaw Amendment – #12

Location
ARTICLE I, SECTION 2, LETTERS; A, D, I

Current Language
A. The Fraternity - The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Missouri.

D. Executive Office(s) - The National Offices of The Fraternity, presently located in Indianapolis, Indiana.


Proposed Language
A. The Fraternity - The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda, a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of its incorporation chosen by the National Executive Council.

D. Executive Office(s) - The National Office and Address of The Fraternity.


Rationale for Amendment
This updates the Bylaws to align with the Constitution assuming Constitution Amendment #3 passes.
Bylaw Amendment – #13

Location
ARTICLE II, SECTION 5, LETTER E

Current Language
To be above the all fraternity chapter membership average or a minimum of twenty-five collegiate members whichever is greater and to have initiated at least ten men during each academic year;

Proposed Language
To be above the all fraternity chapter membership average or a minimum of twenty-five collegiate members whichever is greater and to have initiated at least ten men during each academic year, unless otherwise approved by the National Executive Council;

Rationale for Amendment
On some campuses variables such as chapter housing greatly affect chapter size. This allows the National Executive Council to approve a variance to this duty on an individual basis.