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CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

Alpha Eta Rho operates in accordance with established Western Michigan University rules and regulations. This organization and its constitution will comply with all SA&LP and University policies, procedures, and practices and all local, state, and federal laws.

ARTICLE I: NAME
Section 1: Fraternity name
The name of this fraternity shall be Alpha Eta Rho (AHP)

Section 2: Chapter name
The name of this chapter shall be Theta chapter

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP
Section 1: General
Part 1: General
Membership of Alpha Eta Rho shall consist of five (5) classes namely: Active, Inactive, Initiate, Alumni, and Associate.

The fraternal bonds of this fraternity shall consist of men and women, of good moral character, and in good academic standing with Western Michigan University, who comply with the laws of the fraternity, who have an interest in aviation, and who are not members of any professional aviation fraternity in direct conflict with Alpha Eta Rho (AHP).

Part 2: Duties
It is the duty of all members to represent AHP with professionalism, honesty, and integrity; to inform the Executive Board of any matters that directly affect this chapter; and inform the Executive Board of any changes to change membership status.

Section 2: Active Membership
Part 1: General
Active members must be enrolled in any curriculum at Western Michigan University, have a genuine interest in aviation, be in good academic standing, and have completed an appropriate initiation period.
Those individuals attending Western Michigan University who were initiated by another chapter and in good standing are automatically eligible for active status in the chapter.

Part 2: Duties
It is the duty of all active members to submit to the Executive Board any change in their membership status, to participate in functional activities such as fundraising, fraternity promotional
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All active members must attend all meetings deemed mandatory by the Executive Board.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
Active members may vote on any issue concerning the fraternity, run for and hold any office on the executive board, be elected chairperson of any standing committee, serve as a member of any standing committee, and represent this chapter in any official manner, as approved by the Executive Board.

Section 3: Inactive Membership

Part 1: General
Inactive members must be enrolled in any curriculum at Western Michigan University, and must have maintained active status for at least one semester before being eligible for inactive status. Inactive members cannot be elected or hold any office on the Executive Board or Committee, inactive members cannot vote on any issues affecting the fraternity.

Part 2: Duties
It is the duty of all inactive members to submit to the Executive Board any change in their membership status for approval.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
Inactive members may represent the fraternity in any professional manner as approved by the Executive Board.

Inactive members are not required to attend any official meetings.

Section 4: Initiate Membership

Part 1: General
Initiate members must be enrolled in any curriculum and in good standing at Western Michigan University. They must also have one semester of classes remaining beyond their initiation period prior to graduation.

No persons shall be initiated in the fraternity unless they have met the requirements set forth by the Pledge Master at the beginning of the semester and approved by the Executive Board and Committee. Upon meeting these requirements the initiate will then be eligible for a vote by the active members present at a regularly called meeting of this chapter where a quorum has been established.

Initiate members cannot run for any elected office on the
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Executive Board or be appointed chairperson of any standing committee.

The initiation can occur up to the last scheduled meeting of one semester during the regular academic year, consisting of activities and requirements established by the Pledge Master, and approved by the Executive Board. In the event that voting cannot be completed at the designated time, a special meeting will be called before the set initiation date. In the event that quorum cannot be established at this meeting, a quorum of the executive board can then approve the induction of an initiate member.

No Initiate member will be denied membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, height, weight, age, handicap, national origin, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Part 2: Duties
Initiate members must fulfill any requirements established by the Pledge Master and approved by the Executive Board.

It is the duty of all initiate members to report to the Pledge Master any situations of suspected abuse or hazing and to pay their membership fee.

Initiate members must serve on at least one standing committee or as a member of the Pledge Executive Board.

Initiate members must serve the semester after their initiate semester as an active member.

Section A: Pledge Executive Board
There shall be an Executive Board established within the membership of the pledge class. There shall be a President, Vice-President, Sergeant-At-Arms, Secretary, and Treasurer in the Pledge Executive Board.

Members shall gain office in a manner established by the Pledge Master.

Duties of the Pledge Executive Board are to be established by the Pledge Master.

Serving on the Pledge Executive Board shall be equivalent to serving on a standing committee for one semester.
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Part 3: Rights and Privileges
Initiate members have the right to vote on those matters affecting the fraternity with the exception of those directly concerning the initiate members themselves.

Section 5: Alumni Membership
Part 1: General
Active members who graduate Western Michigan University or cease to pursue college studies shall become alumni members.

Active members who pursue graduate studies have the option to choose between active, inactive, and alumni membership.

Alumni members cannot run for any elected office on the Executive Board or be elected chairperson of any standing committee.

Part 2: Rights and Privileges
Alumni members may attend GBM’s and other fraternity functions, vote on those issues concerning the fraternity, and may serve as advisors to any of the standing committees.

Section 6: Associate Membership
Part 1: General
Associate members are those individuals engaged in the profession or study of aviation, not attending Western Michigan University, and selected by the Executive Board for membership on an individual basis. If the associate member chooses to enroll at Western Michigan University, they must rush the fraternity and become and initiate member before becoming eligible for active status.

Associate members cannot run for any elected office on the Executive Board, be appointed chairperson of any standing committee, or vote on any issues affecting the fraternity.

Part 2: Rights and Privileges
Associate members may attend GBM’s and other fraternity functions and serve as advisors to any of the standing committees.

Section 7: Dues
Part 1: General
Dues will be set by the Executive Board on a per semester bases. An itemized accounts sheet for costs will be made and announced
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Dues shall be collected twice per year, once during the fall, and once during the spring semester.

Dues shall be paid in full by the second GBM. Members who have not paid their dues by the third GBM will be fined $5 over and above dues. Members who have not paid by the fourth GBM will be fined $10 and are immediately exempt from all fraternity benefits, actions, and functions until all dues and fines are paid. The member will again be allowed full privileges upon payment for that semester.

If the member fails to pay dues and fines for one whole semester, he/she must rush the fraternity to again become a member.

Article III: Executive Board and Executive Committee
Section I: General
Part 1: General
The Executive Board and Committee shall consist of those members duly elected by the membership to serve as a governing body for the purpose of smooth and orderly operation of the chapter.

All Executive Board and Committee members must be in compliance with current officer eligibility requirements set by the University.

All Executive Board and Committee members take office at the end of the last day of the spring semester and hold office for one year.

All actions of the Executive Board and Committee members are subject to review by the membership.

Part 2: Duties
It is the duty of the Executive Board and Committee to approve initiation activities and requirements set by the Pledge Master, to meet weekly to discuss fraternity business, to approve any proposed fundraising activities, to post and hold regularly scheduled hours in the fraternity office, and to maintain communication with the university and other student organizations.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
The Executive Board and Committee has the right to call special meetings as necessary, to represent the chapter at university
functions, to make policies as necessary, and to unanimously override a decision or action of the President.

A member may serve in the Executive Board or Committee for up to 3 years, a limitation of 2 years for any single position.

Part 4: Eligibility
To run for an Executive Board or Committee chairperson a nominee must:
• Be a current Active Member with all outstanding debts to the fraternity paid.
• Have served on standing committees for at least one year.
• Have already served on the Executive Board or Committee for one year to run for president.

Part 5: Election Process
The process for electing the Executive board, and Executive Committee Chairpersons shall be as follows:

Nominations for the positions of the next Executive Board and Committee will be taken at a GBM in the Spring Semester set by the Executive Board, but before the last GBM.

Nominations must be accepted or denied by the nominee at the time of nomination, so the nominee must be present at the time of nomination.

A candidate may run for one Executive Board position and one Committee Chair position.

Voting for the positions of the next Executive Board will occur at the following GBM.

Nominees may have the time to speak, limit determined by the Sergeant-At-Arms at the second to last GBM prior to the vote. This time may be waived by the nominee

The vote will be by secret ballot.
The votes will be tallied by the Sergeant-At-Arms with the aid of the Secretary

The candidates with the simple majority of the votes will be awarded their respective positions.

In the event a candidate wins both positions, the candidate
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will be awarded the Executive Board position, and the Committee Chair position will be awarded to the runner-up.

The results of the election shall be released at the end of the final GBM of the spring semester, prior to adjournment.

Vote tallies shall be filed in the fraternity office.

If a recount is requested, it must be done at the final GBM of the spring semester. It shall be made by the Sergeant-At-Arms and the Secretary and released to the fraternity immediately.

Part 6: Provisions for Filling Unexpired Terms
If the President must leave office any time prior to the end of the term, the Vice President will assume the title and duties of the President. If the Vice President must succeed the president, or if he/she or any other Executive Board or Committee Chairs are unable to complete his/her term of office, The Executive Board and Committee Chairs shall vote to fill the vacant office.

Article IV: Executive Board Members
Section 1: General
Part 1: General
The members of the Executive Board are elected into office. The Positions on the Executive Board are as follows: President, Vice-President, Sergeant-At-Arms, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: President
Part 1: General
The President oversees the Executive Board and is responsible for the orderly functioning of the fraternity, any fraternity property, and any fraternity privileges.

Part 2: Duties
The President must notify the Executive Board of any decisions or commitments made on behalf of the chapter. He/she must notify the Executive Board of any intentions to remove a member of the executive committee from their office.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
The President may call a special meeting at any time to allow for the orderly operation of the fraternity, may appoint and be head of a special committee to handle any judicial matter as approved by the Executive Board, and may solely make any reasonable commitments on behalf of the fraternity.

Section 3: Vice President
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Part 1: General
The vice president shall assume the duties of the office of the president if at any time the President must be absent or is unable to complete a term of office.

Part 2: Duties
The Vice President shall assist the President in any way necessary so as to allow for the smooth operation of the fraternity.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
The Vice President may make any reasonable commitments on behalf of the fraternity with the approval of the President.

Section 4: Sergeant-At-Arms

Part 1: General
The Sergeant at Arms is the official voice concerning any constitutional issues or matters of definition or policy.

Part 2: Duties
The Sergeant at Arms shall call to order and run Executive meetings and GBM’s of the fraternity, issue any necessary fines and maintain order during GBM’s.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
The Sergeant at Arms may make any reasonable commitments on behalf of the fraternity with the approval of the President.

Section 5: Secretary

Part 1: General
The secretary records the minutes of Executive meetings and GBM’s and notifies the faculty advisor of upcoming fraternity activities and meetings.

Part 2: Duties
The secretary shall oversee the Administrative Committee and control the contents of any fraternity files.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
The secretary may make any reasonable commitments on behalf of the fraternity with the approval of the President.

Section 6: Treasurer

Part 1: General
The treasurer is the keeper of the chapter accounts, funds, and financial records.

Part 2: Duties
The treasurer shall maintain all chapter financial records, keep the
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Executive Board updated on the financial status of the chapter, collect all assessments, and pay any chapter debts.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
The treasurer may make any reasonable commitments on behalf of the fraternity with the approval of the President.

Part 4: Protection of Non-University Funds
In the event that Alpha Eta Rho – Theta Chapter becomes inactive, it shall be the treasurer’s responsibility to ensure the long term preservation and knowledge of remaining funds and assets in the chapter’s possession in the event that the chapter becomes active again.

Section 7: Impeachment of an Executive Board Member

Part 1: General
In the event an active member, the general population, or the Executive Board or Committee finds that a member of the Executive Board has become derelict in their duties, has not fully performed their duties, inappropriately represented the fraternity, or grossly violated the constitution of this fraternity, they shall be subject to impeachment and removal.

A member of the Executive Board can only be impeached and removed by a vote of the general population at a regularly scheduled GBM where a quorum has been established.

The simple majority shall carry the vote.

Part 2: Impeachment and Removal Procedures
A motion to impeach a member of the Executive Board must be brought up at a regularly scheduled GBM where a quorum has been established. The motion must be seconded.

The member making the motion must support the motion, if seconded, with arguments supporting the impeachment of the Executive Board member at that GBM.

At the following GBM, pending an established quorum, the member facing impeachment has the right to make arguments defending him/herself before a vote is made.

Article V: Executive Committee Chairpersons

Section 1: General

Part 1: General
Executive Committee members are elected into office. The
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positions on the Executive Committee include: Pledge Master Planning Committee Chairperson, Administrative Committee Chairperson, Fundraising Committee Chairperson, Academic Committee Chairperson, Historical Chairperson, Public Relations Committee Chairperson, and Social Committee Chairperson.

Part 2: Duties
Executive Committee heads must meet weekly with the Executive Board to discuss fraternity business, give a report to the general population at GBM’s, and establish a regular interval to meet with their respective committee to conduct fraternity business.

Executive Committee members may make reasonable commitments on behalf of the fraternity with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Pledge Master
Part 1: General
The pledge master will be the official liaison between the initiate members and the general membership. He/She shall also control the Pledge Committee.

Part 2: Duties
The Pledge Master shall run the Pledge Committee, establish initiation activities and requirements to be approved by the Executive Board, meet with the executive board to discuss progress within the pledge committee, organize and conduct rush activities, inform the general membership of progress and status of initiate members, conduct an appropriate voting process to determine the future status of those initiate members, and approve all initiate member call signs.

Section 3: Planning Committee Chairperson
Part 1: General
The Planning Committee chairperson shall control the Planning Committee.

Part 2: Duties
The Planning Committee Chairperson shall run the planning committee, organize efforts to arrange any official trips, speakers, and other fraternity functions. He/she shall meet with the Executive Board to discuss progress within the Planning Committee, and inform the general population of events regarding the committee.

Section 4: Administrative Committee Chairperson
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Part 1: General
The Administrative Committee Chairperson shall run the Administrative committee under direct supervision of the Secretary

Part 2: Duties
The Administrative Committee Chair must do the following:
- Maintain the chapter website
- Post Executive Board meeting minutes
- Post GBM minutes
- Appoint an alumni secretary to maintain contact with alumni.
- Appoint a representative to the College of Aviation Student Council.

Section 5: Fundraising Committee Chairperson

Part 1: General
The Fundraising chair shall control the fundraising committee.

Part 2: Duties
The Fundraising Committee shall create and oversee fundraising activities, meet with the Executive Board to discuss progress of fundraising activities and progress within the fundraising committee, and inform the general membership of the results of fundraising efforts.

Section 6: Academic Committee Chairperson

Part 1: General
The Academic Committee Chair shall control the Academic Committee.

Part 2: Duties
The Academic Committee chairperson shall meet with the Executive Board to discuss progress within the Academic Committee, and inform the general membership of progress within the Academic Committee.

He/she shall arrange study groups for aviation curriculum classes based on the needs or requests of the general population, maintain an archive of texts and course materials provided by the general population, and help find a tutor within the general population should a member need it.

Section 7: Historian

Part 1: General
The Historian shall control the Historical Committee.

Part 2: Duties
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The Historian shall meet with the Executive Board to discuss progress within the historical committee, and inform the general population of activities within the committee.

The Historian shall attend all fraternity functions or appoint co-historians to attend functions they are not able to attend, and shall maintain a pictorial history of the fraternity.

Section 8: Social Committee Chairperson

Part 1: General
The social committee chairperson shall control the social committee.

Part 2: Duties
The Social Committee Chairperson shall run the Social Committee, meet with the Executive Board to discuss activities within the Social Committee, and inform the general population of progress within the committee.

The Social Committee chairperson shall organize any social events for the fraternity not involving speakers, trips, or dances.

Section 9: Public Relations Committee Chairperson

Part 1: General
The Public Relations Chairperson shall oversee the Public Relations Committee.

Part 2: Duties
The Public Relations Committee Chairperson shall run the Public Relations Committee, meet with the Executive Board to discuss activities within the social committee, and inform the general population of progress within the committee.

The Public Relations Committee Chairperson shall arrange volunteer opportunities for the general population and maintain a log of volunteer hours served by each active and initiate member of the general population.

Section 10: Removal of Executive Committee Chairpersons

Part 1: General
If the President finds it necessary to remove an Executive Committee Chairperson for not fulfilling their duties, he shall have the right to do so pending approval of Executive Board members. Procedures for filling the position are outlined in Article III, Part 6.

Article V: Committees
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Section 1: General
Part 1: General
There shall be eight standing committees, these being the pledge committee, planning committee, administrative committee, fundraising committee, Public relations committee, Historical Committee, Academic Committee, and Social Committee.

The committees serve to plan, organize and run activities that will benefit the fraternity in many ways. Committee involvement is encouraged, but is up to the Executive Board as to whether membership participation shall be mandatory.

There shall be no more than six members on any standing committee excluding the chairperson.

Section 2: Pledge Committee
Part 1: General
It is the duty of the pledge committee to assist the pledge master in any way necessary so as to allow smooth operation of pledge activities.

Part 2: Responsibilities
The pledge committee must assist in the organization of rush week activities and the determination of the initiation activities and requirements to be approved by the executive board.

Section 3: Planning Committee
Part 1: General
It is the duty of the planning committee members to assist the planning committee chairperson in any way necessary so as to allow coordinated planning of all fraternity activities.

Part 2: Responsibilities
The planning committee must arrange speaker presentations, special trips, dances, events with other chapters of AHP, and any other special activities.

Section 4: Administrative Committee
Part 1: General
It is the duty of the Administrative Committee to assist the Administrative Committee Chairperson in any way necessary so as to allow for proper fraternity organization and presentation.

Part 2: Responsibilities
The Administrative Committee must assist the Secretary when necessary, assist in any web-site matters, advertising, or
Section 5: Fundraising Committee
Part 1: General
It is the duty of the Fundraising Committee to assist the Fundraising chairperson in any way necessary so as to allow for the efficient operation of fundraising activities for the chapter.

Part 2: Responsibilities
The fundraising committee must assist in the planning and operation of any short and long-term fundraising activities, and be in charge of selling chapter items.

Section 6: Academic Committee
Part 1: General
It is the duty of the academic committee to assist the committee head in any way possible so as to allow members access to help for classes should they need it.

Part 2: Responsibilities
The academic committee shall assist in setting up study groups or tutor sessions, and help maintain materials used for study.

Section 7: Historical Committee
Part 1: General
It is the duty of the historical committee to assist the committee head in any way necessary so as to keep a good historical record of the chapter.

Part 2: Responsibilities
The historical committee members shall attend all fraternity functions, and aid in making and maintaining a pictorial history of the fraternity.

Section 8: Social Committee
Part 1: General
It is the duty of the social committee to assist the committee head in any way necessary so as to allow for quality planning of social events for the fraternity.

Part 2: Responsibilities
The social committee shall help plan social and sporting events for the fraternity.

Section 9: Public Relations Committee
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Part 1: General
It is the duty of the committee members to assist the committee head in any way so as to provide many different volunteering opportunities for the fraternity.

Part 2: Responsibilities
The academic committee shall help plan, organize, and set up volunteering opportunities for the fraternity. They shall maintain a log of hours served by the fraternity members.

Article VI: Advisors
Section 1: General
Part 1: General
Advisors shall be those Western Michigan University faculty and staff chosen by the fraternity who are actively engaged in the promotion of air transportation. They shall be selected on the basis of their interest, promotion, and activity in aviation. There shall be no limit to the number of advisors for this chapter.

Part 2: Duties
Advisors shall represent the fraternity and its members to the faculty and administration of Western Michigan University. Advisors are encouraged to participate in fraternity activities and meetings so as to be able to offer sound advice as it becomes necessary.

Part 3: Rights and Privileges
Advisors are invited to all fraternity functions and meetings, they have the right to speak during any official meeting, and they may inspect and fraternity files or property at any time.

Article VII: Meetings
Section 1: General Business Meetings
Part 1: General
General Business Meetings are to be held at least twice monthly for the purpose of conducting general fraternity business, informing members of current activities, announcing future activities, and presenting guest speakers.

Part 2: Fines Policy
Fines are those fees assessed to members for violating part of the chapter constitution or any standing policies established by the Executive Board.

The actual cost of fines is to be determined by the Executive Board by the first GBM of each semester.
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Fines shall be dealt with in the following manner:
a. A verbal warning shall be issued by the Sergeant-At-Arms after the first offense
b. A fine shall be issued by the Sergeant-At-Arms after the second offense.
c. After a third offense, the member shall automatically be ejected from the General Business Meeting

Fines shall be automatically issued under the following conditions:
a. A member abuses the dress code at a General Business meeting

Any member who is repeatedly fined or ejected from meetings shall have their membership status reviewed by the Executive Board.

Fines shall be issued, due, and collected in the following manner:
a. Fines shall be issued by the Sergeant-At-Arms
b. Fines shall be due at the next General Business Meeting
c. All fines shall be collected by the treasurer with the assistance of the Sergeant-At-Arms

Unpaid Fines
Any member with 3 or more unpaid fines shall have their membership status reviewed by the Executive Board.

Part 3: Attendance Policy
1. Attendance is required of all active and initiate members at all General Business Meetings
2. Members not in attendance at a General Business Meeting will be given an absence at that meeting
3. After receiving four absences during a semester, the member will have their membership status reviewed by the Executive Board.

Part 4: Dress Code
1. During attendance at General Business Meetings, members shall wear a Formal Dress (Men: collared shirt and tie with slacks, jacket encouraged. Women: Dress slacks or professional skirt with conservative blouse, sweater, or dress shirt)
2. Denim jeans, cargo pants, shorts, cut-offs, sweats, tennis shoes, sandals, baseball caps, and t-shirts are prohibited at General Business Meetings.
3. The Sergeant-At-Arms reserves the right to expel a member based on attire shall he/she see fit, even if attire in question is not mentioned in the above part 2.
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4. Members arriving at a meeting not dressed in proper attire will be fined $5 and asked to leave the meeting, and receive an absence for the meeting.
5. If the member is arriving from military duty and did not have adequate time to change, then military dress will be considered proper attire. Military dress codes shall then be maintained.
6. Flight instructor/professional pilot uniforms shall also be considered proper attire should the member be unable to change before hand.
7. The Executive Board may rescind and or all of these rules on a per-meeting basis for special occasions.

Section 2: Executive Meetings
Part 1: General
Executive meetings are held weekly for the purpose of conducting fraternity business, planning future activities, coordinating activities with other organizations, establishing policies and interpreting constitutional issues.

Section 3: Committee Meetings
Part 1: General
The eight standing committees shall meet at regular intervals as established by the respective committee chairpersons, for the purpose of conducting specific fraternity business relating to each committee.

Section 4: Pledge Meetings
Part 1: General
The pledge master shall hold weekly meetings with the pledge class, active and alumni members, and fraternity representatives to discuss business with the pledge class, promote activity within the pledge class, and to help active members get to better know the initiate members.

The Pledge Master shall oversee pledge meetings and can expel any member, active or initiate, for inappropriate behavior, at any time. No further administrative action shall be taken upon a member for being expelled from a pledge meeting.

No fines shall be issued at pledge meetings

No Dress code shall be enforced at pledge meetings, however, the pledge master has the authority to decide what type of apparel is appropriate.

Section 5: Fraternity Representatives
Part 1: General
The College of Aviation Student Council representative is required
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to meet as necessary for the purpose of representing the fraternity and it’s views.

Article VIII: Quorum
Section 1: General

Part 1: General
Quorum is the total number of members in good standing that must be in attendance at a meeting to order and conduct official fraternity business.

Part 2: General Business Meetings
Quorum for GBM’s shall be two thirds standing of the total of active and initiate members.

Part 3: Executive Meetings
Quorum for Executive Meetings shall be two thirds of the total of the Executive Board and Executive Committee members.

Part 4: Committee Meetings
Quorum at the various meeting of the standing committees is to be established by the respective committee chairpersons.

Part 5: Pledge Meetings
Quorum at pledge meetings shall be established by the pledge master and be established by attendance of initiate members only.

Article IX: Voting
Section 1: General

Part 1: General
A Quorum must be established by the secretary at a GBM or Executive meeting for any vote to be considered official.

For voting on any issue or amendment, there must be a simple majority approval of all collected votes

For any election proceedings, there must be a simple majority approval of the voting members for each/any position to be voted upon.

For new member initiation, there must be a simple majority approval of the voting members for each/any initiate members.

Part 2: Vote Recounts
Recounts shall be performed by the Sergeant-At-Arms with the aid of the Secretary and the results shall be immediately released to the fraternity.
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Article X: Parliamentary Authority
Section 1: General
Part 1: Robert’s Rules of Order
Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the accepted practice of GBM’s, subject to the provisions of the constitution, the fraternity, and the discretion of the Executive Board.

Part 2: Enforcement
Order shall be enforced by the Sergeant-At-Arms at all GBM’s. The Sergeant-At-Arms may issue fines for violations of order at any fraternity meeting as stated in the fines policy.

Article XI: Amendments
Section 1: General
Part 1: General
The fraternity may choose to amend this constitution at any time should they find that it is in violation of the national by-laws, existing laws, or any university regulations.

Part 2: Procedures for Amendments
The procedure for amending the constitution shall be as follows:

• Any member may present an issue to the Executive Board for consideration to amend the constitution.
• The Executive Board may originate an issue for consideration to amend the constitution.
• If the Executive Board decides that the issue should be brought to a vote to amend the constitution, they must propose the amendment to the fraternity at a GBM.
• The amendment must be presented to the fraternity at least one GBM prior to voting.

Article XII: Judicial Matters
Section 1: General
Part 1: General
Judicial matters are defined as any matters affecting the smooth operation of fraternity functions including, but not limited to: GBM’s, Pledge Meetings Social events, official functions, etc...

Part 2: Judiciary Proceedings
Judiciary proceedings may commence upon violation of the following infractions.
• Constitutional violations
• National By-Law violations
• Provisional violations
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- Lack of Participation
- Discreditable conduct

A Board, appointed by the President and approved by the Executive board and Committee, consisting of E-board and committee members, shall convene to decide the fate of the member brought before the board. Any active member may report an infringement to the Executive board or Committee. That Executive Board or Committee member shall then inform the President to determine if any further judicial action shall be taken.

Section 2: Definitions

Constitutional violation
An infringement of procedures or policies mandated in the constitution.

National By-Law Violation
An infringement of procedures or policies mandated in the National By-Laws of Alpha Eta Rho.

Provisional Violation
An infringement of provisional items to the constitution, i.e. letters policy.

Lack of Participation
An active member who has not declared inactive status, and is not fulfilling the duties of an active member.

Discreditable Conduct
Any act seen by the membership as shameful, disreputable, dishonorable, or disgraceful while representing Alpha Eta Rho in any official capacity, this includes all official events, and while any member is wearing the AHP letters.

Section 3: Powers of appointed Board

Part 1. General
The board, appointed by the president and approved by the Executive Board and Committee, shall have the power to do the following disciplinary actions.
• Suspend a member in question’s membership for a time determined by that board. This suspends the member from all official activities including dances.
• Recommend a motion for expulsion to the entire Executive Board and Committee for approval.

Section 4: Expulsion Procedures

Part 1: General
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Expulsion of a member can only be made by a vote of the General Population at a GBM where a quorum has been established.

Part 2: Procedures
A motion for expulsion must be presented to the Executive Board and Committee for approval. If approved, the motion shall be presented at the subsequent GBM by the member proposing the expulsion. The motion must be seconded.

Only an active member can submit a proposal for expulsion to the Executive Board and Committee.

Arguments supporting expulsion must be made at that GBM by the person making the motion.

At the GBM following the motion, The member under risk of expulsion has the right to make arguments defending him/herself prior to a vote of the general population.

The vote shall be made by the General Population and tallied by the Sergeant-At-Arms.

A simple majority is required for the expulsion to pass. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Sergeant-At-Arms shall be the deciding vote.

Article IX: Dispute Resolution, mediation, and arbitration.
Section 1: General
Part 1: General
Dispute resolution shall be an option made available to all members seeking resolution of a dispute between any other member. This is provided for the fact that arguments between members can be detrimental to the smooth operation of the fraternity, and impede members enjoyment and satisfaction of membership.

Part 2: Eligibility
Members in conflict, residing together at the time of conflict, shall be ineligible to receive this service.

Part 3: Procedures
Only a member in conflict may approach the Executive Board and Committee to request these services. The members in conflict shall agree on a mediator chosen from the entire general population to help find a resolution. If no duly acceptable resolution can come from mediation, the dispute
shall come before a standing arbitration board consisting of the President, Secretary, and Sergeant-At-Arms. This board shall hear arguments from both sides of the dispute and formulate a resolution that is final. This board does not have the power to fine, suspend, or expel a member from the fraternity. There shall be a review period established by the board. If progress has not been made following the board's resolution, the board shall reconvene and decide whether or not to submit a proposal to the full Executive Board and Committee to see if any further judicial action shall be taken. In the event that a standing member of the board is seen as biased to the situation by the parties involved in the conflict, it is the obligation of that member to remove themselves from the board and submit a proposal for a replacement to be approved by the rest of the standing arbitration board.