

DRAFT OF: S47/50/51-09-P1

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**Alpha Phi Omega
Section 47, 50, 51 Joint Section Conference Agreement**

Section 1: Structure of the Conference

- 1.1.0 The member chapters of Sections 47, 50, and 51 shall jointly conduct a Section Conference annually in the spring. The member chapters of the previously listed sections will continue in this arrangement until one or more of the sections choose to opt-out of the arrangement.
- 1.2.0 This agreement shall dissolve when a Section provides notice, in writing, to the Section Chairs of the other two sections involved in the arrangement. This must be submitted by December 31 prior to the last conference in which all three sections participate to allow sufficient time for all sections to solicit bids to host the next Section Conference.

Section 2: Location

- 2.1.0 At each Section Conference, the member chapters of the section(s) may put in bids to host the next Section Conference. The Host Chapter and site of the Section Conference shall be selected by a majority of a joint vote of the voting delegates from the member chapters of all three sections. The section of which the Host Chapter is a member shall become the Host Section.
- 2.2.0 The Section Conference will rotate between, in the following order, Section 47, Section 51, Section 50. Section 47 shall be the first to host the Section Conference according to this rotation in 2009. When one section replaces another in the rotation as provided for in policy 2.3.0., the member chapters of the sections which are not the Host Section shall have the first opportunity to host the conference the following year. When the new Host Section is selected, the rotation will continue the following year as described above.
- 2.3.0 By February 15 a chapter in the appropriate section, as determined in policy 2.2.0. of this document, shall notify the Section Chair of the next Host Section of its intent to put in a bid to host the Section Conference. If no chapter in the appropriate section notifies the Section Chair, he or she shall notify the Section Chairs of the other two sections who shall invite any interested chapter from within their respective sections to join the chapters from the original section to submit a bid.
- 2.4.0 In the event that no chapter submits a bid to host the Section Conference, the Section Chairs shall appoint a meeting place and time for the Section Conference.
- 2.5.0 The location of the Section Conference is subject to approval of the Regional Director

Section 3: Time

- 3.1.0 The date of the Section Conference shall be selected by the Host Chapter and the Section Chairs and should be appropriate within the context of the sections' calendars of events.
- 3.2.0 The time of the Section Conference is subject to the approval of the Region Director.

Section 4: Joint Assembly

- 4.1.0 In addition to the business which may properly come before each of the individual sections, a joint meeting will be held between all of the member chapters in Sections 47, 50, and 51.
- 4.1.1 The Section Chair of the Host Section, or his or her designee, shall preside over the joint meeting. The Section Chairs of the three sections shall collaborate to prepare an agenda for the meeting.
- 4.2.0 The presence of a quorum is required to consider any business. Quorum at the joint meeting shall be two-thirds of the voting delegates properly registered and present at the conference. A delegate who is registered to have both votes from his chapter shall count as two delegates in the determination of a quorum.
- 4.3.0 All business brought forth at the joint business meeting shall be governed by the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in all matters where those procedures are applicable and where they are not inconsistent with the governing documents of the Fraternity or this document.

Section 5: Awards

- 5.1.0 The following awards shall be presented at the Section Conference:
 - Man-Mile Award
 - Percent Attendance Award
 - Roll Call Award
- 5.2.0 The criteria for the Section Conference awards shall be made available to chapters at least thirty (30) days prior to the Section Conference. The criteria, selection process and presentation shall be determined by the Host Chapter.

Section 6: Administration

- 6.1.0 The Section Chair of the section of which the host chapter is a member shall appoint one or more individuals to serve as conference advisors to the host chapter.
- 6.1.1 The Section Conference Advisor shall serve as a resource for the host chapter. The Advisor shall provide information to the chapter as either requested or as necessary, and shall relay information from the chapter to the Section Chair of the section of which the host chapter is a member or other entities as are necessary.
- 5.2.0 The Section Chair of the section of which the host chapter is a member shall provide reports on the status of conference planning activities at minimum on a monthly basis to the other Section Chairs.

Section 7: Amendments

- 7.1.0 The power to propose amends these policies is vested in the joint meeting. All amendments must be ratified by the individual sections in the method approved by each section.
- 7.2.0 Amendments to these policies may be proposed by a member chapter of Section 47, Section 50, or Section 51. All amendments to this agreement shall be submitted in writing to the Section Chair of the Host Section at least thirty (30) days prior to the Section Conference. Proposed

amendments shall be reviewed by the Section Chairs of Sections 47, 50, and 51 or their designees prior to being submitted to the chapters.

- 7.3.0 Each Section Chair should distribute proposed amendments to the member chapters of their respective sections at least thirty (30) days prior to the Section Conference.
- 7.4.0 Such amendments will be sent to the individual previously listed sections for ratification upon approval by at least a majority vote of the joint meeting. Each section shall consider the ratification of the amendment within 30 days of the Section Conference. Amendments, upon ratification by each of the individual previously listed sections, shall become effective immediately, unless otherwise specified in the motion. Each Section Chair shall notify the other Section Chairs of the result within 24 hours of consideration for ratification of the amendment.
- 7.5.0 It shall take a majority of those voting delegates present and voting to amend these policies.

Section 8: Ratification

- 8.1.0 This agreement shall be ratified upon the majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting at a joint meeting and ratification by each of the individual sections, provided that this document has been submitted to all chapters within the three sections at least sixty (60) days prior to the joint meeting at which it will be considered.
- 8.2.0 Section 7 is only applicable to the initial adoption of this agreement. After this agreement has been adopted, this section shall no longer be in effect.

DOCUMENT HISTORY: