

**STANDING RULES  
OF  
ALPHA ALPHA STATE  
OF  
THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

**I. State Convention**

**A. Officers**

The expenses of all state officers, including the immediate past state president, to the state convention shall be paid by the state organization. Allowable expenses shall be mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, lodging, not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the double room rate, meals during convention, registration fees, and gratuities at 15% (percent).

**B. Past Alpha Alpha State Presidents**

1. Convention expenses of each past Alpha Alpha State President, excluding the immediate past Alpha Alpha State President, shall be paid by the Alpha Alpha State convention fund. Reimbursement shall be lodging, not to exceed one-half (1/2) of a double room rate for two nights, reimbursement of registration fee, and reimbursement of all official convention meal functions.
2. A Delta Kappa Gamma remembrance shall be sent to past state presidents who are not in attendance at the state convention.

**C. Committee Chairmen**

1. Standing committee chairmen shall receive only one stipend of \$75.00 when they attend a state convention. These chairmen are World Fellowship, Scholarship, Communications, Nominations, Leadership Development, Finance, Rules, and Historical Records.
2. Chairmen of other state committees, representatives, and appointees who have been assigned duties to perform at the state convention by the president will receive a \$75.00 stipend.

**D. Convention Personnel**

The coordinator, treasurer, protocol, and photographer shall be reimbursed for lodging, not to exceed one-half (1/2) of a double room rate (two or three nights), meals, registration, mileage, gratuities at 15% (percent), photographs, and clerical supplies.

**E. Signature Cards and Reports**

1. Signature cards for the Alpha Alpha State Convention Fund must bear the names of the state treasurer and the convention treasurer.
2. The financial report of the state convention treasurer must be submitted to the state president, the state treasurer, and the state finance committee by July 15 or within sixty (60) days after the state convention, whichever comes first.

**F. Site**

The site of the state convention may be set at least two years in advance by the officers of Alpha Alpha State.

**G. Time**

The state convention shall be held annually with the date being set by the State Executive Board ~~Board~~ **Committee**.

## **II. Regional and International Convention**

### **A. State Officers**

1. Limited expenses, as set by the Finance Committee, for state officers sent to Regional and International Conventions shall be paid by Alpha Alpha State. These officers are the president, first vice-president, and second vice-president.
2. Should either the first or second vice-president be unable to attend the meeting, the president will choose a member from the state officers or from the state chairmen to attend.

## **III. State Officers**

### **A. Finances**

1. Expenses for state officers and state committee chairmen and/or members shall be paid when the state president specifically requires attendance. Allowable expenses shall be mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, lodging, meals and gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check.
2. All accounts (Available, Permanent, Scholarship, Serendipity, and Visionary) must bear the signatures of the state treasurer and the state president.

### **B. Orientation**

It will be the responsibility of the outgoing and incoming state presidents to arrange an orientation session for incoming state officers and committee chairs prior to the beginning of their duties.

1. This conference will be held in conjunction with and just prior to the first annual meeting of state officers as called by the new Alpha Alpha State President.
2. Alpha Alpha State will pay all expenses for those attending.

### **C. List of Duties and Inventory**

Each state officer shall prepare a list of duties and responsibilities of her office and an inventory of materials and equipment for her use. One copy shall be mailed to the state president upon request.

## **IV. State Committees**

### **A. Membership/Expansion Committee**

1. Expansion in the state is the responsibility of the State Executive Board.
2. The state president, state membership/expansion chairman, and the state treasurer should be in attendance when a new chapter is installed.
3. Expenses for the following attending the installation of a new chapter shall be paid by the state:
  - a. State President
  - b. Membership/Expansion Committee Chairman
  - c. State Treasurer
5. Applications of candidates for membership to a new chapter shall be screened and voted upon by the sponsor/sponsoring chapter.
6. Alpha Alpha State shall provide to each newly formed chapter the Official Initiate Register, Certificate of Membership, and the Delta Kappa Gamma scarf as gifts.

7. The State Executive Committee shall determine the name of a chapter to be organized within the state.
- B. Special Committees
    1. The state president shall appoint a committee of three members to ~~approve~~ **read** the minutes of the executive Board/Convention business sessions within thirty (30) days of the meeting.
    2. The state president shall appoint an ad hoc Personnel Committee when a new treasurer, state editor or state Webmaster is to be selected.
  - C. Meetings
 

Committee chairmen shall involve all committee members. A minimum of one meeting per biennium is recommended.
  - D. List of Duties and Inventory
 

Each state committee chairman shall maintain a list of duties and responsibilities of her office and an inventory of materials and equipment in her use. One copy shall be passed to the chairman succeeding her, and one copy shall be mailed to the state president upon request.

## V. Alpha Alpha State Information

- A. Records and Reports
 

State records and reports shall be retained for two bienniums.
- B. Treasurer's File
 

Materials in the treasurer's file shall be retained for ten (10) years.
- C. Historical Records
 

Historical records shall be submitted as a permanent state record.

## VI. State Directory

The state corresponding secretary, in consultation with the state president and state treasurer (on costs), shall be responsible for the state directory. In the first year of the state biennium a directory to include the names of state officers, state committee chairmen and state committee members shall be submitted to the fall *Keystonian*. In the second year of the biennium, a directory of all new chapter officers and committee chairmen shall be printed or reproduced electronically in limited quantities and disseminated.

## VII. ~~Area Conferences~~

- ~~A. Area Conferences
 

Fall Area Conferences are held during the first year of the chapter presidents' biennium prior to November 1.~~
- ~~B. Publicity
 
  1. ~~Notice of Area Conferences shall be sent to all members by a notice included in *The Keystonian*.~~
  2. ~~Deadline of one week before the conference shall be allowed for receipt of the registration form.~~~~
- ~~C. Finances for Area Conferences
 
  1. ~~Expenses including mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, meals (including meals en route), lodging at one half (1/2) the rate of a double room if applicable, gratuities at 15% (percent) for individuals and the current rate for a group check, and registration fees of~~~~

~~state officers shall be paid by the state organization.~~

- ~~2. The expenses of state chairmen whose presence is required by the state president to participate in Area Conferences shall be paid by the state organization. Allowable expenses are mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, lodging at one-half (1/2) the rate of a double room if applicable, meals (including meals en route), gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check, and registration fees.~~
- ~~3. Since Area Conferences are working meetings and should be run as conservatively as possible, a deficit incurred by the sponsoring chapter will be reimbursed to the extent of \$50.00.~~
- ~~4. The maximum registration fee of an Area Conference shall be five dollars (\$5.00).~~
- ~~5. The conference treasurer must submit a financial report to the state president and the state treasurer for the conference within thirty (30) days after the conference. The state treasurer will supply report forms~~

The following proposed amendment replaces the previous article VII.

## VII. Professional Development Leadership Conference/Seminar

### A. Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar

1. A Professional Development and Leadership Conference will be held in the spring of even numbered years and before the new chapter Presidents' biennium.
2. Host chapter(s) will be named to help with conference administration i.e., registrations, decorations, programs, and favors.

### B. Publicity

1. Notice of the Conference/Seminar shall be publicized to all members through the Keystonean and State Website.
2. Deadlines for registration shall be set by the Leadership Development Committee and the State Executive Committee.

### C. Finances for Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar

1. Expenses including mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, meals, lodging at one-half (1/2) the rate of a double room if applicable, gratuities at 15% (percent) for individuals and the current rate for a group check, and registration fees of state officers and Leadership Development Team shall be paid by the state organization.
2. The expenses of additional state committee chairmen who have been requested to participate in the conference as presenter shall be paid by the state organization. Allowable expenses are mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, lodging at one-half (1/2) the rate of a double room if applicable, meals, gratuities at 15% (percent) and registration fee.
3. Limited finances will be available to the host chapter(s) for registration, programs, decorations, and favors.
4. The minimum/maximum registration fee for the conference will be set by the State Finance Committee.
5. The conference treasurer must submit a financial report to the State President and the state treasurer for the conference within thirty (30) days after the conference. The state treasurer will supply report forms.

Rationale: This language outlines the by law change and financial implications of providing leadership experiences to all members.

Fiscal Impact: No additional cost; the monies earmarked for 2 fall area conferences will now be part of the new Leadership/Professional Development Conference.

- D. Program  
The program shall be prepared under the direction of the State Executive Committee and the State Leadership Development Committee.

### VIII. Purposeful Seminar

- A. In order to more fully fulfill the purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a State Seminar may be held once a biennium.
- B. The theme and program will be planned and coordinated under the direction of the ~~Program~~ Educational Excellence Committee Chairman.
- C. The Seminar will receive monies as budgeted by the Finance Committee, state president, state treasurer, and state finance committee within sixty (60) days of the event.

### IX. Personnel Policies

- A. *The Keystonian*
  - 1. *The Keystonian* editor shall be selected by the Alpha Alpha State Executive Board upon a recommendation from the Alpha Alpha State Personnel Committee.
  - 2. The editor is a member of the Communications Committee.
  - 3. The editor shall edit all four (4) issues of *The Keystonian*.
  - 4. ~~The editor, under the direction of the State Leadership Development Chairman, is responsible for publicizing information regarding Area Conferences and State Seminars/Workshops.~~
  - 5. *The Keystonian* shall be ~~mailed~~ made available to all Alpha Alpha State members, the International Editor, the International Executive Director, the Northeast Regional Director, all state presidents, and all state editors.
  - 6. An Alpha Alpha State Editor wishing to terminate her services shall notify the Alpha Alpha State President by July 1 of the year before services are to be terminated.
  - 7. The stipend of the editor shall be determined by the State Executive Board upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.
- B. State Treasurer
  - 1. The State Treasurer shall be selected by the Alpha Alpha State Executive Board upon recommendation from Alpha Alpha State Personnel Committee
  - 2. The stipend of the state treasurer shall be determined by the State Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee.
  - 2. A state treasurer desiring to terminate her services shall notify the Alpha Alpha State President by July 1 of the year before services are to be terminated.

- C. **State Webmaster**
1. The State Webmaster shall be selected by the Alpha Alpha State Executive Board upon recommendation from Alpha Alpha State Personnel Committee.
  2. The State Webmaster is a member of the Communications Committee.
  3. The State Webmaster in conjunction with the State President shall update the website periodically
  4. All information to go on the website shall be approved by the State President.
  5. The Alpha Alpha State Webmaster wishing to terminate her services shall notify the Alpha Alpha State President by July 1 of the year before services are to be terminated.
  6. The stipend of the Webmaster shall be determined by the State Executive Board upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.

## **XI. Chapter Information**

- A. **Chapter Initiated Visit**
1. Individual or collective chapters may invite the State President or her designee for a chapter initiated visit.
  2. The state organization shall pay travel expenses and meals en route. The hostess chapter(s) is/are responsible for meals and lodging for only one state visitor during a chapter initiated visit.
  3. Chapter presidents and chapter officers are encouraged to meet prior to the stated meeting with the state president to discuss specific needs.
  4. The first official visit made to a newly installed chapter will be underwritten by the state.
  5. Additional visits, at state expense, may be scheduled to new chapters during their first two (2) biennium.
- B. **Chapter Records and Reports**
1. The names of newly elected chapter officers shall be reported to the state president by March 1 of the even-numbered years in which they are elected.
  2. Changes in chapter membership shall be reported immediately to the state treasurer by the chapter treasurer.
  3. Chapter records and reports shall be retained for two (2) biennium.
  4. Materials in the treasurer's file shall be retained for ten (10) years.
  5. Historical records (biennium summaries) should be retained as a permanent chapter record.

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