

# THE CONSTITUTION OF PI LAMBDA PHI FRATERNITY

## *Preamble*

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*“We, students pursuing courses at American Colleges, appreciating the need of a fraternity, which shall eliminate all prejudice and sectarianism, and desirous of affiliating ourselves in spirit, in feeling, and in action, do hereby associate ourselves in this Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity.”*

## **Article I. Name**

The Name of this Fraternity is Pi Lambda Phi

## **Article II. Aims**

The aims of this Fraternity are:

- A. To foster and develop among its members the true spirit of fraternity and the ideals of democracy.
- B. To maintain in the chapter houses of the Fraternity an atmosphere in which good scholarship and good conduct may thrive.
- C. To instill in its members a sense of responsibility to the campus and community.
- D. To uphold the policies and programs of the institution at which chapters of the Fraternity are or may hereafter be established.
- E. To establish scholarships and to aid worthy charitable, philanthropic and eleemosynary establishments.
- F. To create funds and foundations for the support of activities in furtherance of the foregoing.

## **Article III. Constituents**

The Fraternity shall consist of a National Chapter, the Undergraduate Chapters and the Alumni Clubs, which collectively shall be designated hereunder as the constituent organizations.

**Section 1.** The National Chapter shall be composed of all the members of the Fraternity whose chapters have been declared inactive by the International Executive Council and in addition thereto, such members as may be directly initiated as provided herein.

**Section 2.** The undergraduate chapters shall be composed of students at approved colleges and universities in the United States and Canada who have been initiated by the duly chartered chapter as provided herein.

**Section 3.** Alumni Clubs shall be composed of those members of the Fraternity who have completed or terminated their respective undergraduate courses, and desire to associate themselves in a graduate group in pursuance of the purposes and objectives aforesaid, the basis of such grouping being their relationship to a particular undergraduate chapter or within a particular geographic locale, provided that such group has been duly chartered by the International Executive Council of the Fraternity.

#### **Article IV. Brotherhood**

Any male person who is not a member of another social collegiate fraternity may be elected to membership in this Fraternity.

**Section 1.** Election and initiation shall be in the form and manner prescribed by the Bylaws.

**Section 2.** Any person duly initiated shall be a member for life unless expelled as provided herein.

#### **Article V. Government**

The International Executive Council shall be the Supreme governing body of the Fraternity. It shall be composed of twelve Alumni members and one Undergraduate member. Alumni members shall serve for a term of two years and until their successor shall have been elected and taken office. No more than one-third of the total authorized membership shall be elected in any period of twelve months except to fill vacancies for unexpired terms. The delegates, who assemble at the annual convention, shall elect a representative who will serve as Chairman of the delegate meeting and as a member of the International Executive Council. The delegate representative shall serve as a member of the International Executive Council for a period of one year and until his successor shall have been elected and taken office.

**Section 1.** The International Executive Council shall elect at a meeting to be held within 14 days before or no later than 14 days after June 1<sup>st</sup> each year, from among its members, the following officers: a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer and a Secretary who shall serve for a term of two years and who will automatically serve as members of the International Executive Council for the succeeding two years. The term of the newly elected officers and members of the International Executive Council shall begin the annual convention as the last act of the traditional banquet held at the convention or no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. No Officer may serve more than three consecutive terms in any one office.

**Section 2.** Vacancies created by election of a member to an officer position shall be filled at the next meeting of the Electoral Board following his election. If the member's term would have been completed during this period, then his successor shall be elected to a full term. Otherwise a successor shall be elected to complete the term of his predecessor who was elected as an officer. The same procedure is to be followed when a vacancy occurs for any other reason.

**Section 3.** When a vacancy of an officer position occurs it shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the International Executive Council, of which written notice has been given setting forth the notice of the election.

**Section 4.** The International Executive Council shall elect an Advisory Board who shall act in an advisory capacity to the International Executive Council. The President and his immediate predecessor shall automatically be members of the Advisory Board. Six additional brothers (with a maximum of ten, with preference shown to past or present officers of the Fraternity or Educational Foundation Trustees) shall be nominated by the President and ratified by majority vote of the International Executive Council to serve on the Advisory Board.

**Section 5.** The International Executive Council or its duly constituted nominees shall have the power to perform the following acts:

- A. To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire and hold, own, sell, or dispose of, real and personal property of all kinds;
- B. To borrow money, to make, accept, endorse, execute, and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bonds, debentures and other obligations at any time and from time to time, for any purpose related to the business and activities of the Fraternity, and to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust or otherwise;
- C. To grant and issue charters authorizing the establishment and maintenance of undergraduate chapters and alumni clubs, and suspend or revoke any charter;
- D. To approve the election to membership and initiation to brotherhood of any person proposed therefore by the International Executive Council or any undergraduate chapter, and, as hereinafter provided, to suspend and to expel any member;
- E. To regulate, direct and supervise the activities of the constituent organizations;
- F. To fix by resolution or in Bylaws, the respective functions, powers, duties of the officers, the Advisory Board, Regional Governor, Professional Staff and such other committees as it may appoint or authorize;
- G. To do and perform such other and further acts as it may deem necessary or desirable in the conduct of the business of the Fraternity and in maintaining its name and welfare and generally to secure and exercise any and all rights and privileges permissible under and pursuant to the Membership Corporation Law of the States or Provinces where the Fraternity is incorporated;
- H. To provide in the Bylaws for representation as its meetings of the several undergraduate chapters and alumni clubs and of the International Executive Council, as well as any of the Funds and Foundations which may have been established; and to prescribe in such Bylaws the terms, conditions and limitations of such representation.

## **Article VI. Elections**

**Section 1.** Electoral Board: For the purpose of electing the twelve alumni members of the International Executive Council, there shall be an Electoral Board composed of one duly accredited delegate from each of the constituent organizations and the advisor of each of the duly chartered undergraduate chapters in good standing.

**Section 2.** Nominating Committee: There shall be a nominating committee consisting of five men who shall be alumni in good standing but not members of the International

Executive Council; four members shall be elected by the International Executive Council. The Chairman shall be appointed by the President of the International Executive Council.

**Section 3.** It shall be unlawful to make or propose nominations except as provided in the Bylaws.

## **Article VII. Voting**

**Section 1.** Whenever the vote of the constituent organization is required hereunder, the vote shall be deemed to have been cast in the affirmative if such vote is not received by the International Executive Council within the time lawfully prescribed, which in no event shall be less than ten days.

**Section 2.** In any balloting within the Fraternity, no member may cast more than one vote and voting by proxy is prohibited. A member may vote via audio or visual system if able to participate in the full discussion on that issue utilizing that system.

## **Article VIII. Charters**

The power to grant charters shall be vested in the International Executive Council.

**Section 1.** The affirmative vote of three-fourths of those present at a regular meeting of the International Executive Council shall be required to grant a charter.

**Section 2.** In the case of an application for charter of an undergraduate chapter, the affirmative vote of the International Executive Council granting the charter shall be subject to ratification by three-fourths of the undergraduate chapters.

## **Article IX. Dues, Assessments and Taxes**

**Section 1.** The International Executive Council shall levy dues, assessments and taxes or any of them on the several constituent organizations to provide funds for the operation and administration of the affairs of the Fraternity, and shall impose such sanctions as it may in its discretion deem appropriate for failure on the part of any such constituent organization to pay dues, assessments or taxes so levied by the International Executive Council, including, but not limited to the revocation of its charter.

**Section 2.** Each undergraduate chapter shall pay immediately and directly to the International Executive Council an initiation fee for each undergraduate initiated by the chapter. This fee will provide for his plain fraternity badge, membership shingle, per capita tax for the fiscal year in which he is initiated and a sum as a contribution to the Pi Lambda Phi Endowment Fund and/or Educational Foundation as determined by the International Executive Council.

**Section 3.** A per capita tax shall be levied on each undergraduate chapter by the International Executive Council for each fiscal year commencing July 1 and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> following, for each and every initiated undergraduate member of such chapter. Such per capita tax shall be payable by such undergraduate chapter on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> of each such fiscal year.

**Section 4.** Each constituent organization shall pay to the International Executive Council an initiation fee to be determined by the International Executive Council for each initiate, other than undergraduate, initiated by that constituent organization. An alumnus that is

initiated into an undergraduate chapter at the time of granting the charter shall pay the undergraduate initiation fee.

## **Article X. Bylaws and Rules of Order**

The International Executive Council may enact such Bylaws and rules of order, consistent with the provisions hereof, as it deems proper for the conduct of business of the Fraternity. Except as otherwise provided the prevailing edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern in all parliamentary proceedings.

## **Article XI. Sanctions**

**Section 1.** The International Executive Council shall by vote of three-fourths of those members present at a regular meeting have the power and authority to fine, suspend, or place on probation any constituent organization for conduct deemed by the International Executive Council detrimental to the welfare or repute of the Fraternity.

**Section 2.** The International Executive Council shall have the power and authority to suspend or expel any member of the Fraternity for conduct deemed to reflect discredit upon any member, any constituent organization of the Fraternity or the Fraternity as a whole and detrimental to the welfare of the Fraternity, but no member shall be suspended or expelled except after the presentation of charges said to require such suspension or expulsion and an opportunity for such member to be heard therein, in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

## **Article XII. Residual Powers**

All powers not otherwise specifically conferred by this Constitution and the interpretation of any article, provision or portion of the Constitution, are vested in and may be exercised by the International Executive Council.

## **Article XIII. Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution may be submitted in writing to the International Executive Council by any constituent organization of the Fraternity or by a petition signed by 25 alumni members in good standing, or by the Advisory Board of the International Executive Council. Such proposed amendment shall be considered by the International Executive Council at a meeting of which written notice has been given setting forth that a proposed amendment to the Constitution will be considered at such meeting. If at such meeting of the International Executive Council such proposed amendment is approved by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, such proposed amendment shall be submitted to all constituent organizations in good standing and each such organization shall be required to report its vote thereon within a time specified in such notice. If such amendment receives the affirmative two-thirds of such organization in good standing, it shall be deemed adopted and made part of the Constitution. A proposal to merge or combine with any other national social collegiate fraternity or to absorb any such fraternity shall for the purpose of this Constitution be deemed to be and shall be acted upon as an amendment to this Constitution.

# BYLAWS

## Section A. *Brotherhood*

Upon due approval of International Executive Council, the following persons may become eligible for Brotherhood in this Fraternity:

1. Any undergraduate male student shall be eligible to adoption to brotherhood by the chapter at the institution in which said student shall be regularly enrolled or registered.
2. Any male alumnus shall be eligible for adoption to brotherhood by the chapter at the institution at which alumnus shall have attended.
3. A male alumnus of any accredited institution of higher education may be elected to alumnus membership by any chapter with the consent of the International Executive Council first obtained, provided there is no undergraduate chapter of the Fraternity at the institution which he attended, or there being an undergraduate chapter at said institution with the consent of such undergraduate chapter in addition to the consent of the International Executive Council.
4. Any male faculty member who has had a long term relationship with the chapter or the Fraternity or who has performed signal service to the chapter or the Fraternity, shall be eligible for adoption to Alumni brotherhood by the chapter at the institution with which he is associated.
5. Any male recommended for alumni membership will be notified of his nomination by the President of the International Executive Council. The candidate will be sent a copy of the New Member Manual and the Creed of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity. The candidate will be asked to notify the International Executive Council, prior to the vote, as to the individual's support for the Creed and the aims of Pi Lambda Phi.
6. Any man who has achieved and merited distinction, or who has performed signal service for the Fraternity or any chapter thereof shall, with the consent of the International Executive Council, be eligible to adoption to brotherhood. Such consent shall be manifested only by certified copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the International Executive Council by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote and mailed to the chapter applying for the adoption of a brother.
7. The International Executive Council may elect to brotherhood in the International Chapter any male candidate whom they, in their judgment, deem worthy by the  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the members of the Council present at a regular meeting of the International Executive Council. The notice of such meeting shall include due notice of the intention to consider candidates for adoption to brotherhood in the International Chapter.
8. The International Executive Council upon recommendation by a constituent organization, chapter advisor or the professional staff may change a member's status from undergraduate member to an alumni member by majority vote. All rights and privileges of membership shall continue subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws.

9. A brother in good standing may propose for honorary membership in the International Chapter his father or male guardian who supports the Creed and the aims of Pi Lambda Phi. The candidate shall be elected upon a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the International Executive Council present. The fees for said membership shall be determined by the International Headquarters.

## **Section B. *Government***

1. The International Executive Council will meet at least four times per year unless specially convened, in which case due notice will be given by the Secretary at the direction of the President, or, in his absence or incapacity, by the Vice President.
2. Seven members of the International Executive Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business. The majority of those present, and in any event no less than four affirmative votes, shall be required to pass any motion.
3. The number of geographical regions to be created hereunder shall be determined by the International Executive Council in accordance with the needs of the Fraternity, but no regional boundary shall be changed within two years of the date of the preceding change.
4. The President upon assuming his office shall nominate a Regional Governor to represent each region as determined by the International Executive Council, The Regional Governor upon ratification vote of the International Executive Council shall serve for a term corresponding to the President and until his successor has assumed office. In the event the Regional Governor does not complete his full term, a new Regional Governor shall be appointed and serve until the term would have been completed and until his successor has assumed office.
5. The Regional Governor will be responsible for fraternity activities in his region as may be delegated by the International Executive Council. The International Executive Council will set guidelines and procedures by which the Regional Governor will carry out his responsibilities.
6. The President, upon assuming the office or at any other time during his term, may nominate members designated as Associate Member, International Executive Council. The Associate Member, upon ratification vote of the International Executive Council, shall serve for a term corresponding to the President and until his successor has assumed office. The duties of Associate Members shall be determined by the President with primary responsibility to serve as members of the various committees of the International Executive Council. Associate Members will not have voting privileges on any issue requiring a vote of the International Executive Council.

## **Section C. *Portfolios***

It is the responsibility of the President to appoint members of the Fraternity to serve on various committees, commissions, etc., whose responsibility and authority will be determined by the International Executive Council and whose term shall be determined by the President. The area of responsibility shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Chairman of the Scholarship Committee: The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee shall be in charge of the scholarship of the undergraduate Chapters and

Members of the Fraternity. He shall, once in each year, prepare and submit to the International Executive Council, a report of the scholastic standing and activities of each of the chapters of the Fraternity. He may communicate with the parents of each initiate, advising them of the scholarship policies of the Fraternity. He shall be in direct charge of the issuance of all scholarship prizes and awards.

2. Director of Alumni Activities: The Director of Alumni Activities under the supervision of the International Executive Council shall be responsible for all matters as may be delegated by the International Executive Council concerning alumni and alumni organizations. He shall report in writing on the activities of his office semiannually.
3. Chairman of Social Activities: The Chairman of Social Activities shall be in active charge as may be delegated by the International Executive Council of all social functions of the National Fraternity. He shall be ex officio Chairman of the Annual Convention Committee, and other such social committees as directed by the International Executive Council.
4. Director of Public Relations: The Director of Public Relations shall compile information and news items relating to the Fraternity. He shall be an official distributor of information and news items of the Fraternity, and shall release such information and items to newspapers and periodicals, and shall assist the chapters in preparing releases of such information and news items for the newspapers in cities where the colleges are located for the college publications, and also for the newspapers in the home cities of the members and new members of various chapters. He shall devise a system for contacting all sources of news and news releases.
5. Law Committee: Legal matters affecting the Fraternity will be referred to the Law Committee, which committee shall render a report to the International Executive Council as directed by the President.
6. Historian: The Historian shall keep the current history of the Fraternity up to date at all times and whenever, in his judgment, a complete revision of the history of the Fraternity is required, submit his recommendations therefore, to the International Executive Council at any of its regular meetings.
7. Chairman of Committee on Awards: The Chairman of Committee on Awards with the consent of the International Executive Council, may organize a Committee of not less than three members who shall compile the records of the undergraduates to determine the winners of the various prizes offered by the Fraternity and its members each year. They shall also compile the information received in behalf of the candidates for certificates of merit and the Council Key, and report their findings to the International Executive Council. The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee shall be a member of the committee.
8. Chairman of the Membership Committee: The Chairman of the Membership Committee shall organize and promote suitable membership activities and functions as may be deemed advisable by the International Executive Council. He shall be responsible for implementing and monitoring the policy of the International Executive Council with respect to all aspects of membership but not limited to rushing and pledging.

#### **Section D. *Professional/Administrative Staff***

1. The International Executive Council is authorized and empowered to employ an Executive Director who shall be Chief Administrative officer of the Fraternity and fix the terms of employment. The Executive Director shall be considered an officer of the Fraternity, must be a member in good standing but shall not be a member of the International Executive Council.
2. The Executive Director shall be responsible to the International Executive Council through the President whom he shall report to on an ongoing basis.
3. The Executive Director shall be responsible for coordinating and implementing the policy of the International Executive Council to the administrative staff, constituent organizations and members of the Fraternity.
4. The International Executive Council is authorized and empowered to employ any other members of the professional staff necessary to conduct the business of the Fraternity. Such other staff members are subject to the approval of the President and/or the International Executive Council as appropriate.

#### **Section E. *Duties of the Officers of the International Executive Council***

1. President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and special meetings; he shall be an ex officio member of all committees; he shall be the Chief International Executive Officer of the Fraternity and serve as Chairman of the Advisory Board. He shall perform such duties as usually appertain to the office of the President.
2. Vice-President: In the event of the death, resignation, or absence of the President, or in the event of his inability to discharge the duties of his office, the performance thereof shall devolve upon the Vice President.
3. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have direct control and supervision of the finances and the financial records of the National Fraternity. He shall within four weeks after the close of the fiscal period last past, present a financial report of such period and resultant financial status of the Fraternity at the close of said period. He shall present to the International Executive Council at the first regular meeting after August 31<sup>st</sup>, a financial budget of the estimated income and expenses of the Fraternity for the coming year, and thereafter submit monthly, a report of the cash position of the Fraternity.
4. Secretary: The Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Fraternity. He shall keep and certify all proper resolutions of the International Executive Council. He shall supervise the minutes of the undergraduate chapter of the Fraternity.

#### **Section F. *Charters***

1. No organization may use the name or symbols of this Fraternity, advertise itself as directly or indirectly affiliated with this Fraternity, deal with the funds of chapters of this Fraternity, deal with the funds given in the name of this Fraternity nor in any manner deal with, hold, receive, collect, disburse, hypothecate, loan or pledge funds intended for the use of this Fraternity or its chartered affiliates, unless it has been duly chartered by the International Executive Council of this Fraternity.

2. Charters shall be granted by the International Executive Council upon its own motion or upon written request from groups entitled to petition therefore under the Constitution of the Fraternity.
3. Charters may be granted upon a three-fourths vote of a duly constituted meeting of the International Executive Council.
4. Each chartered group shall be subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, polices and regulations of the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity.
5. All groups heretofore duly chartered by this Fraternity shall be governed by these Bylaws as are any groups hereafter chartered.
6. All funds and assets of any type whatsoever of any organization or group chartered by this Fraternity, shall be accountable to the International Executive Council of this Fraternity, in any appropriate action, lawsuit and/or accounting for waste, misuse or use outside of the chartered purpose of that organization. The International Executive Council shall take action as may be necessary in its judgment to protect the funds of all chartered affiliates of this Fraternity.
7. The National Fraternity shall not be responsible for any debts or obligations incurred by any constituent organization of the Fraternity without its specific consent given in writing and pursuant to a resolution of the International Executive Council duly passed. No constituent organization of the Fraternity may hold out to anyone without specific consent in writing by the International Executive Council that the National Fraternity is responsible for any of its debts or obligations.
8. Any chartered organization, affiliate group, or constituent group which has derived assets as a result of its affiliation with an undergraduate chapter shall upon the dissolution of that chapter turn over those assets to a trustee appointed by the International Executive Council. Assets will be held in trust for a period of no less than five years, to be used to reactivate that chapter or until such time as determined by the International Executive Council that reactivation is unlikely. At such time, those funds shall be used in such a way as to promote the aims of the Fraternity.

### **Section G. *Electoral Board***

1. The chief executive officer of each duly chartered undergraduate chapter in good standing, the Chapter Advisor of such undergraduate chapter, and the chief executive officer of each duly chartered alumni club/association in good standing, shall be a delegate to the Electoral Board, and at a meeting held severally and by each chapter and alumni club not later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, then in such year not later than thirty days prior to the date fixed for such National Convention, each such chapter and each such alumni club shall designate one member thereof as its delegate and three additional members thereof as its alternate delegates to serve in the absence of a designated delegate at such annual meeting of the Electoral Board. The names of each delegate and alternate delegate shall be certified to the International Executive Council by the recording officer of each undergraduate chapter, alumni club and the National Chapter not later than June 1<sup>st</sup> in each year or fifteen days prior to the date fixed for the National Convention, if earlier.

2. The Electoral Board shall meet at such time and place as may be set by the International Executive Council, due notice thereof shall be given to each delegate and alternate delegate in writing by the International Executive Council as soon as may be practicable after receipt by the International Executive Council of the certification aforementioned. At the meeting of the Electoral Board, it should receive the list of nominations of the Nominating Committee duly certified by the Chairman or Secretary of such Nominating Committee and such additional nominations as may have been duly filed with the International Executive Council, hereinafter provided, duly certified as such by the Secretary of the International Executive Council. The Electoral Board shall proceed to ballot upon and to elect from the nominees so certified as aforesaid, the members of the International Executive Council to be elected at such meeting. No nominations may be submitted during the annual meeting of the Electoral Board.

### **Section H. *Nominating Committee***

1. The Nominating Committee shall meet no more than ten days after the date of the election of officers to make nominations for vacancies in the International Executive Council and shall forthwith certify such nominations in writing to the International Executive Council.
2. Not later than thirty-five days prior to the next ensuing meeting of the Electoral Board, the Secretary of the International Executive Council shall send to each of the constituent organizations, a certified copy of the report of the Nominating Committee.
3. Not later than thirty days prior to the next meeting of the Electoral Board, any constituent organization may file additional nominations for vacancies on the International Executive Council. Such additional nominations previously made by the Nominating Committee.

### **Section I. *Chapter Supervision***

1. The International Executive Council shall appoint for each chapter of the Fraternity, an alumnus brother to be known as the Chapter Advisor whose term of office shall be for a period of one year, or until his successor has been designated, subject to termination at the pleasure of the International Executive Council.
  - A. In the appointment of Chapter Advisors, preference shall be given to an alumnus of the chapter and a resident in or near the location of such chapter. The chapter and the alumni group of the chapter may submit a list of candidates for Chapter Advisor to the International Executive Council with specific recommendations.
2. It shall be the duty of the Chapter Advisor to advise and guide the chapter under his jurisdiction in accordance with the policy of the chapter management promulgated by the International Executive Council. He shall advise and confer with the chapter officers regularly on matters pertaining to its welfare and management, and guide the officers of the chapter in the performance of their duties, reporting regularly to the International Executive Director on the condition of each chapter for which he is responsible. The Chapter Advisor shall have the power to recommend to the

International Executive Council such changes in management of the chapter, as in his judgment will be for its benefit. When in his considered opinion the urgency of any given situation demands it, he shall with the approval of the International Executive Council have the authority to remove summarily any or all of the officers of the chapter, and to appoint successors without a chapter election. He may also recommend a change in status of any undergraduate member subject to the approval of the International Executive Council. Chapter Advisors shall meet with the chapter officers and attend chapter meetings regularly. Reports of such meetings being submitted to the International Executive Director.

## **Section J. *Fines, Suspension, Expulsion and Recall***

1. An undergraduate brother may and shall be expelled from the fraternity in the following manner: The Rex or Archon and at least two other officers of any undergraduate Chapter may draft a petition for expulsion of any brother of their Chapter and shall submit that draft for approval as to form and content (indicating the existence of facts sufficient to warrant expulsion) to the International Executive Council ("IEC") or its designee. Upon receipt of such approval in writing from the IEC or its designee, the undergraduate chapter shall schedule, as part of one of its regular chapter meetings, a hearing on the petition for expulsion of the undergraduate brother. The undergraduate brother proposed for expulsion shall receive not less than fourteen and not more than 30 days written notice of the hearing of that petition, and, at the hearing, the brother proposed for expulsion shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend his interests and positions, through a representative if he deems that appropriate. At the conclusion of the hearing the undergraduate brotherhood shall vote upon such petition, and upon affirmative vote in favor of expulsion of not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all undergraduate members of the chapter the brother shall be expelled. If the vote results in expulsion the undergraduate chapter shall notify the International Headquarters within three days of the hearing. The International Headquarters shall immediately notify the brother that he has been expelled from Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity in writing, via certified mail return receipt requested and by regular mail postage prepaid. That notification shall also include notice regarding the expelled brother's right to appeal the decision to the IEC. The expelled brother may appeal the decision by sending a letter to the International Headquarters within 30 days from the date the certified mail is sent stating that he does not agree with the decision and wishes to appeal.

Upon receipt of any such timely appeal, the IEC shall schedule the appeal for hearing at its earliest convenient meeting. In setting that date, the IEC shall take into account its own convenience as well as the convenience of the chapter which took the decision to expel and of the expelled brother, as well as the benefit to be achieved by resolving the appeal within a few months. The IEC shall give both the chapter and expelled brother not less than 21 days prior written notice of the hearing of the appeal and after giving reasonable opportunity to be heard by all such concerned parties in person, by representative, or in writing, the IEC shall decide the appeal. The expulsion of the expelled brother shall be rescinded if  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the IEC members, then in attendance, vote in favor of revoking the expulsion. The

expelled brother and chapter shall be promptly informed in writing by the Secretary of the IEC (or by another officer of the IEC designated by him in writing) of the decision of the IEC.

The failure of an expelled brother to: (i) timely appeal the decision of the undergraduate chapter, (ii) to appear in person, by representative or in writing at the date, time and place scheduled by the IEC for the hearing of his appeal, or (iii) if appropriate, to submit written information to the IEC in support of his appeal at or before the time of the hearing of his appeal shall result in the waiver of his appeal, and in such event the IEC shall take no action other than to note in its records that the appeal was waived. Thereupon the Secretary of the IEC (or another officer of the IEC designated by him in writing) shall promptly notify both the undergraduate chapter whose vote to expel had been subject to appeal and the concerned former brother of the notation that had been made in its records."In addition to the provisions of this section, any brother of this Fraternity may be suspended or expelled by the three-fourths vote of all members of the International Executive Council present at a meeting, acting upon a petition for such suspension or expulsion by six brothers in good standing, and not members of the International Executive Council.

2. In addition to the provisions of this section, any Brother of this fraternity may be suspended or expelled by the three-fourths vote of all the members of the International Executive council present at a meeting, acting upon a petition for such suspension or expulsion by six Brothers in good standing, and not members of the International Executive Council.
3. The President may suspend the privileges of brotherhood of any member, chartered organization or affiliate for violation of the Articles, Bylaws or procedures as set forth by the Constitution or the International Executive Council. This suspension shall be in effect until the next regular meeting of the International Executive Council or until such time when formal charges are to be presented according to the provisions of this section.
4. The President may establish and issue penalties to any chartered organization or affiliate for violation of the articles, Bylaws or procedures as set forth by the constitution of the International Executive Council. Such penalties are subject to review by the International Executive Council if requested by the individual group within thirty days of imposition. The International Executive Council may modify or suspend any penalty by a three-fourths vote.
5. Any members of the International Executive Council may be removed from office hereinafter provided a constituent organization in good standing shall present to the International Executive Council a petition signed by all its members, setting forth the charges upon which recall is demanded. The International Executive Council shall determine the procedure to be followed with respect to said petition and will set the date for hearing at which time the charges will be presented. After consideration of the charges, recall shall be ordered only upon  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the members of the International Executive Council present at the meeting. Six members of the International Executive Council or Advisory Board may be present

to petition to the Secretary of the International Executive Council to recall a member following the same procedures in this section.

**Section K. *Founders Day***

Recognizing the history and tradition of the Founding of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity, and commemorating the dates of merger with the National Fraternal organization of Beta Sigma Rho, Beta Sigma Tau and Phi Beta Delta, Founders' Day shall be celebrated on March 21<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Section L.**

Upon adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws as set forth in the preceding sections, the President will appoint a committee of Brothers to set forth a time schedule and process of implementation of changes in the government and operations of this Fraternity. Implementation must be completed within six months of the day of adoption of the constitution and Bylaws.

**Section M.**

This Constitution and Bylaws revised November 2007.