

### **Proposed Amendment to Alpha Chapter Bylaws**

Currently, the Alpha Chapter Bylaws do not describe an election procedure. Following is an explanation of the election procedure as it will occur November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We are adjusting elections in response to concerns raised regarding our previous election procedure. Since the Bylaws say nothing about election procedures, we can currently run them differently every semester. We would like to define a system, and insert it into our bylaws, so that they are run the same way each semester in the future.

What are we voting on?

1. Insert the following article into the Bylaws.
2. Section 1, 2, and 3 of proposed Article 11 below, are copied verbatim from Article 10, and will be removed from Article 10.
3. Articles 11-16 will become Articles 12-17.
4. Officer titles in the Bylaws will be updated to match the officer titles listed on the web page: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Director of Events, Director of Operations, Director of Student Services, Director of External Relations, and Director of Technology.

### **Article 11: Officer Elections**

Section 1. Chapter officers shall be elected once every semester. All newly elected officers shall take office at the end of the last meeting of the Chapter in that semester. All outgoing officers shall transfer their files and explain the duties of the office to the incoming officers at or before the last meeting of the semester.

Section 2. Officer elections are to be held sufficiently in advance of the retirement of old officers that the newly-elected individuals can learn their job responsibilities and work with existing officers to assure a smooth transition.

Section 3. The Chapter officers for Alpha Chapter shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Director of Events, Director of Operations, Director of Student Services, Director of External Relations, and Director of Technology. They shall be elected in the order listed, by majority vote at a scheduled chapter meeting.

Section 4. The President shall serve as Election Chair. If the President is running for a position, the board shall appoint an Election Chair who is not running for a position. Members register their candidacy with the Election Chair prior to the election. The Election Chair serves as the Master of Ceremonies during the Election.

Section 5. Officers are elected one position at a time. The Election Chair announces candidates for President, candidates for President present and answer questions, candidates leave while members discuss them, members submit their President ballot, votes are counted, and the winning President is announced. After the winning President is announced, the Election Chair announces candidates for Vice President, candidates for Vice President present and answer questions, candidates leave while members discuss them, members submit their Vice President ballot, votes are counted, the winning Vice President is announced, and so on. The elections of all positions follow this procedure, in the order listed in Section 3.

Section 6. If there is no candidate registered to run for a position, the election of that position is postponed until the end of the election. Members may nominate themselves, or others, to run for these positions during the election. Nominations are not allowed during the election for positions with a registered candidate.

Section 7. A member may run for a subsequent position after winning a position. If such a member wins the later election, he must forfeit, without option, his win of the previous position. The new winner of the previous position is the candidate who received the second highest number of votes. There is no limit on the number of positions a member may run for.

Section 8. In the event of a tie among three or more candidates, a run-off vote between the top two candidates determines the winner. In the event of a tie between two candidates, the winner is determined by a coin flip.

Section 9. The list of registered candidates may not be published or announced prior to, or during the election. The Election Chair announces the candidates running for a particular position immediately prior to the presentations for that particular position.