

**BYLAWS OF THE GAMMA  
CHAPTER OF KAPPA OMEGA  
ALPHA**

## **Article I: Purpose**

### 1.1. Purpose of Bylaws

- 1.1.1. These bylaws will serve as a guiding document for the Gamma Chapter of Kappa Omega Alpha as established at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- 1.1.2. These bylaws may describe procedures, responsibilities, statuses, guidelines, or anything otherwise determined to be beyond the scope of the Constitution but still important for the proper functioning of the fraternity.

## **Article II: Committee Chairs**

### 2.1. List of Committee Chairs

- 2.1.1. The Executive Board may call upon the following chairs to support their assignments, events, and other efforts in their positions. These chairs will be appointed on a semester-by-semester basis as needed by the Executive Board.
  - 2.1.1.1. Alumni Relations Chair. The Alumni Relations Chair is responsible for managing the fraternity's alumni network, fostering relationships with alumni through events and outreach, and other related responsibilities. Works closely with the Vice President, Director of Professional Development, and the Professional Development committee.
  - 2.1.1.2. KOA Kares Chair. The KOA Kares Chair is responsible for supporting the academic, physical, emotional, and mental health within the chapter through organizing events and spreading opportunities. Works closely with the Director of Member Interaction.
  - 2.1.1.3. Historian. The Historian is responsible for documenting all significant KOA events. Works closely with the Vice President and the Branding and Communications committee.
  - 2.1.1.4. Sustainability Chair. The Sustainability Chair is responsible for maintaining the fraternity's status as a Green Chapter through SustainableUMD. They must attend all required meetings, host sustainability events as instructed by SustainableUMD, and ensure all members commit to the Green Chapter Pledge. Works closely with the Director of Philanthropy and Service and the Philanthropy and Service committee.
  - 2.1.1.5. Social Chair. The Social Chair is responsible for organizing, hosting, and announcing social events. Works closely with the Director of Member Interaction.
  - 2.1.1.6. National Liaison. The National Liaison is responsible for attending all relevant KOA Nationals meetings, advocating for the interests of the fraternity at KOA Nationals meetings, and disseminating information from KOA National to the fraternity's Executive Board and members. Works closely with the President.

### **Article III: Committees**

#### 3.1. List of Standing Committees

3.1.1. The following committees are standing committees of the fraternity. A brief description of each committee is included. These committees must be appointed and functioning every semester.

3.1.1.1. Ethics Committee. This committee is permanent and described by 5.2. of the Constitution.

#### 3.2. List of Select Director- and Chair-Led Committees

3.2.1. Directors and/or chairs may call upon the following committees to support their assignments, events, and other efforts in their positions. These committees will be appointed on a semester-by-semester basis as needed by the director and/or chair.

3.2.1.1. Branding and Communications Committee. Led by the Vice President, this committee manages social media, merchandise, websites, and other marketing and media responsibilities. This committee is also responsible for conducting alumni outreach and on-campus communications.

3.2.1.2. Philanthropy and Service Committee. Led by the Director of Philanthropy and Service and the Sustainability Chair, this committee manages service events and other philanthropic responsibilities. This committee is responsible for maintaining Kappa Omega Alpha's status as a Green Chapter through SustainableUMD.

3.2.1.3. Pledge Committee. Led by the Director of Pledge Education, this committee manages the pledging process and related responsibilities.

3.2.1.4. Professional Development Committee. Led by the Director of Professional Development, this committee manages professional development events and service responsibilities.

3.2.1.5. Recruitment Committee. Led by the Director of Recruitment, this committee manages the rushing process, fundraising, and related responsibilities.

3.2.1.6. Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Led by the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, this committee manages efforts to foster a diverse and inclusive environment in the chapter and related responsibilities. This committee also facilitates conversation and action on antiracism.

3.2.1.7. Fundraising Committee. Led by the Director of Fundraising, this committee manages fundraising events and opportunities for members to attend in order to raise funds for the fraternity.

3.2.1.8. Member Interaction Committee. Led by the Director of Member Interaction, this committee manages social events, bonding events, celebrations, and other related responsibilities.

3.2.1.9. Scholarship Committee. Led by the Treasurer, this committee manages chapter scholarships and related responsibilities.

3.2.1.10. The Office of the Historian. The Historian is required to document all significant Kappa Omega Alpha events, which include but are not limited

to, dated, formal, retreats, and any other event that may require their services. They will also work with the Vice President to track “family lines”. The Historian will work to support the Vice President in fulfilling their record-keeping duties.

#### **Article IV: Points**

##### 4.1. Categories and Qualifications

- 4.1.1. Members must earn the listed amount of points in each of the following categories to complete a semester as an active member:
  - 4.1.1.1. Professional development, 2
  - 4.1.1.2. Member interaction, 1
  - 4.1.1.3. Philanthropy and service, 2
  - 4.1.1.4. Diversity, equity, and inclusion, 2
  - 4.1.1.5. Recruitment, 2
    - 4.1.1.5.1. One recruitment point must come from tabling.
  - 4.1.1.6. Meetings, 1
    - 4.1.1.6.1. This point is earned by attending the majority of chapter meetings.
  - 4.1.1.7. Special ceremonies, 2
    - 4.1.1.7.1. One point must come from Deliberation.
    - 4.1.1.7.2. One point must come from bid night or initiation.
  - 4.1.1.8. Fundraising, 2
- 4.1.2. The Executive Board determines what activities qualify for point categories and the point value of each activity.
- 4.1.3. The members of the Executive Board are required to award the efforts of chairs with a half point, a point, or points from the departments that are most appropriate.
- 4.1.4. If a director is unable to host an adequate number of events for members to meet point requirements, the Executive Board can waive point requirements as needed.
- 4.1.5. The Executive Board has the discretion to grant exceptions to point requirements to members under specific circumstances.

#### **Article V: Special Statuses**

##### 5.1. President Emeritus

- 5.1.1 All former fraternity Presidents who finish their term in good standing hold the title President Emeritus.
- 5.1.2. This title does not endow the holder with any special rights, powers, or duties.
- 5.1.3. President Emeriti may be called upon by the current President or other fraternity members for counsel on fraternity matters.

## **Article VI: Ratification and Amendments**

### 6.1. Ratification Process

- 6.1.1. These bylaws must be proposed at a chapter meeting.
- 6.1.2. These bylaws must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of active members present at that chapter meeting.

### 6.2. Amendment Process

- 6.2.1. Any member may propose an amendment to these bylaws during a chapter meeting.
- 6.2.2. All members present at that chapter meeting may take part in the discussion of the proposed amendment.
- 6.2.3. Only active members may vote on the proposed amendment.
- 6.2.4. The proposed amendment must pass by a majority vote.
- 6.2.5. If a proposed amendment fails to pass, no amendment containing information of a similar nature can be proposed until one month has passed since the failed proposal.
- 6.2.6. Amendments regarding 2.1 and 3.2 reflect the actions of the Executive Board as described in 5.1 of the Constitution. Amendments to that section may be made accordingly without chapter approval.
- 6.2.7. Amendments regarding 4.1. reflect the actions of the Executive Board as described in 2.5 of the Constitution. Amendments to that section may be made accordingly without chapter approval.

**Bylaws of the Gamma Chapter of Kappa Omega Alpha, as ratified and amended:**

February 20, 2020

September 10, 2020

April 14, 2022

April 6, 2023

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September 11, 2025