



Preamble to the Constitution of the Northeast District Alumni Association

Be it known that the Northeast District Alumni Association is an organization operating for the following purposes:

To Continue to Serve and promote the ideals of the Fraternity and Sorority.

To Assist the Northeast District and its Chapters through effective programming, support, and other duties as requested by the Northeast District Councils or National Leadership of the Fraternity and Sorority.

To Promote the programs and events of the Fraternity and Sorority.

To Support our Membership by providing meaningful avenues for continued service, continued musicianship, leadership, fellowship, and personal development.

Constitution of the Northeast District Alumni Association

1.0 General

1.1 The name of this organization shall be known as the Northeast District Alumni Association (NEDAA).

1.2 The National Constitutions of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma shall take precedence in any conflict with the NEDAA constitution and activities.

1.3 Any grammatical or numerical changes to this document can be made at the discretion of the officers.

2.0 Membership

2.1 Membership in the NEDAA is open to any Alumni, Life, or Honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma in good standing.

2.2 Membership shall be awarded at the time annual dues have been paid as set forth by the NEDAA for the operating year and after alumni status is obtained

2.3 All dues collected after January 1st shall be assumed as payment for the upcoming membership year.

3.0 Adoption and Amendments

3.1 This Constitution may be amended by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of votes by the membership present or represented by proxy at any regular scheduled meeting of the NEDAA.

4.0 Officers

4.1 Elections shall be held during a regularly scheduled meeting at the start of the operating year. An officer's term of office will begin upon election and end at the next election.

4.2 The officers of the NEDAA shall be the President, two Vice Presidents (one who is a Kappa Kappa Psi Brother and one who is a Tau Beta Sigma Sister), Secretary, and Treasurer. All active members of the NEDAA are eligible to serve as officers if they are a registered member and have attended Northeast District Convention within four years of running for office. Only those members who have two years membership in the NEDAA and who have previously held a NEDAA office are eligible to be elected President.

4.3 The President shall serve as a liaison between the NEDAA, the Alumni Associations of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma and Active Members of the Fraternity and Sorority. The President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the NEDAA

4.4 The Vice Presidents shall be the coordinating officers for all programs and activities of the NEDAA. The Vice Presidents shall preside at meetings of the NEDAA in the absence of the President.

4.5 The Secretary shall record, publish, and distribute minutes of all meetings and activities of the NEDAA to the the appropriate parties. The Secretary shall maintain complete and accurate membership records of the NEDAA.

4.6 The Treasurer shall maintain complete and accurate financial records of the NEDAA and will report on such at each annual meeting.

4.7 All officers of the NEDAA shall serve without compensation.

4.8 Upon the resignation of any officer during the operating year, the President may appoint a replacement until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

4.9 Any NEDAA Officer may be declared unfit for office by a unanimous vote by the remaining NEDAA officers. Any Officer who is so declared shall be immediately relieved of their duties.

5.0 Meetings

5.1 The NEDAA shall start its operating year with the opening gavel of the annual NEDAA meeting at the Northeast District Convention. Should there be no Convention, the NEDAA officers will choose a time and place to begin the operating year with a meeting. Adequate prior notice of such meetings shall be given to all members.

5.2 Other meetings of the NEDAA may be scheduled at the discretion of the NEDAA officers. Adequate prior notice of such meetings shall be given to all members.

5.3 On an as needed basis, as determined by a majority of the officers, matters arising between meetings of the Association may be voted upon by electronically mailed ballots. Matters receiving a majority of those voting shall be deemed adopted.

5.4 A majority of officers (at least 3 of 5) participating will constitute a quorum for any meeting of the NEDAA.

5.5 *Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised, as amended by this Constitution, shall be the parliamentary rules used at all meetings of the NEDAA.

6.0 Finance

6.1 An operating budget shall be approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

6.2 Any deviations from the budget greater than ten (10) percent must be approved by a simple majority of the membership of the NEDAA.

6.3 All NEDAA money shall be deposited into a bank account and any check written in the amount of \$50 (fifty dollars) or more requires review and approval by a majority of the NEDAA officers.

7.0 Rituals

7.1 The NEDAA will maintain Fraternity and Sorority traditions toward the Rituals of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. The Rituals of Kappa Kappa Psi and/or Tau Beta Sigma will not be performed by the NEDAA.

7.2 The NEDAA may create suitable ceremonies for its own use, but may not incorporate text from the Rituals of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

8.0 Disclaimers

8.1 Neither the Northeast District Alumni Association, nor any NEDAA member, will act as an official representative of the Fraternity or Sorority without prior written approval of the National Councils.

8.2 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma neither approves of nor is responsible for actions of members of local chapters or alumni associations which may result in injury to persons or damage to property.

8.3 The NEDAA abides by the current alcohol, controlled substance, discrimination, hazing policies and other applicable policies of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma for official Fraternity and Sorority events, functions, or meetings. Hazing is defined as any actions taken or situation created, intentionally or unintentionally, to produce mental or physical discomfort on or off campus involving members and/or prospective members, which may cause embarrassment, harassment, and/or ridicule.