

Policy - XII. Proposed Standing Rules of the National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega

1. At the beginning of each legislative session, the Rules and Credentials Convention Committee shall report on the number of properly credentialed voting delegates and alternates registered as present. The Rule and Credential Convention Committee shall make a final report including the total number of voting delegates registered and other action taken by the committee prior to the adjournment of the final Legislative Session.
2. Voting delegates will be issued a badge upon registration at the National Convention. All delegates are required to wear their badge at all times while on the floor of the legislative sessions.
3. The Sergeants-At-Arms shall check delegates' badges before allowing them on the floor of the Legislative Session. No person shall be allowed on the floor of the Legislative Session without showing an official badge identifying that they have floor privileges.
4. All delegates are required to sit in their designated seats.
5. The Sergeants-At-Arms shall be responsible for the general decorum of the Legislative Session; keeping the aisles clear at all times and seeing that no one stands on the floor or in the doorways while business is underway.
6. Communication devices, such as cell phones, computers and tablets must be set to silent mode, or rendered otherwise unable to produce sound. Delegates shall not engage in phone conversations while on the floor of the Legislative Session. Posters, signboards, placards, banners and similar items shall not be brought onto the floor of the Legislative Session or into the gallery area.
7. There shall be no solicitation of funds or sale of any items among the delegates during the legislative session.
8. There shall be no printed or electronic material of any sort distributed to the delegates upon the floor except with permission of the chair.
9. The report or motion under consideration by the legislative body will be displayed for the delegates.
10. Delegates wishing to speak on an issue should approach the nearest microphone, hold up the color-coded card indicating their purpose in requesting the right to speak and wait for recognition. Upon recognition, delegates seeking the floor shall state their name and chapter or position and the reason for which they seek recognition.
11. The colors used to indicate the reason for seeking recognition will be the following:
 - a. GREEN— To speak in favor of a motion on the floor or to make a motion
 - b. RED— To speak against a motion on the floor or to make a motion.
 - c. WHITE— To make a motion dealing with the general conduct of the meeting.
12. Each delegate may speak in debate once for not more than three (3) minutes on a motion and, at the discretion of the chair, a second time for not more than two (2) minutes on the same motion. This limitation on debate does not apply to Reference Committee members responsible for presenting the pending report or action.
13. An Alpha Phi Omega member who is not a voting delegate may address a legislative session with the consent of a majority of the delegates. A non-member may address a legislative session at the invitation of the chair.

14. All motions from the floor of the legislative session consisting of five (5) or more words other than those related to the procedural matters, shall be submitted in writing to the chair at the time the motion is offered from the floor.
15. Any resolution, directive or other motion that has been considered by a reference committee but not placed on the agenda of the legislative session by a reference committee may be brought to the floor only by a petition signed by all of the voting delegates present from ten chapters.
16. All main motions, except those dealing primarily with fiscal or financial issues, adopted by the National Convention, unless otherwise specified in such motion, shall take effect at the close of the Convention. Motions dealing primarily with fiscal or financial issues shall take effect at the commencement of the next fiscal year, unless otherwise specified.
17. Whenever a proper call for division is made a standing vote or standing counted vote shall be taken. A vote by electronic device shall be obtained whenever as many as ten (10) percent of the delegates present on the floor of the legislative session so request.
18. Nominations for offices elected at National Convention shall take place by 1:00 p.m. on December 28. The Chair shall first call on the Nominating Committee to present its slate of nomination(s). After the Nominating Committee presents its nomination(s), the chair shall call for other nominations for each office. Delegates who are nominating someone for an office may offer an up to one minute statement of rationale. No nominee may have more than one statement offered on their behalf, regardless of the number of offices they are nominated for.
19. After nominations for all offices are completed, if the number of candidates for any office is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, those candidates shall be declared elected.
20. Candidates for contested positions shall be allocated a period not exceeding 5 minutes each for the purpose of addressing the delegates or having a statement read on their behalf.
21. Immediately following the conclusion of all candidate speeches, question and answer periods shall be conducted among candidates for each contested position. The question-and-answer periods shall be moderated by a brother appointed by the National President who was not otherwise involved in the nominations process and shall be responsible for asking questions. The moderator has the discretion to ask candidates the same or different questions. Candidates shall be given not more than one (1) minute to answer a question.
22. Immediately following the conclusion of the question-and-answer periods, the Chair shall conduct the contested elections in the order of National President, National Vice President, the Members of the Board from the Convention Districts as one group, and the Members of the Board At Large as one group. Candidates who are not elected for the Members of the Board from the Convention Districts roles may choose to be considered for one of the Members of the Board At Large roles.
23. Regional elections shall be conducted at the regional meetings scheduled on December 30 in the year in which the National Convention occurs, following the format given to the presidential appointee to conduct the election.
 - a. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor of these meetings.
 - b. A majority vote of the registered voting delegates present and voting from their respective region is necessary for election of a regional chair to the Operations Council.

- c. The National President shall appoint persons to conduct the elections of the regional chairs. The appointees shall report the results of the elections to the National Executive Director.
 - d. The appointees shall be in charge of the regional meetings, until the election is completed. The election shall be the only item of business during this regional meeting.
24. All questions of individual behavior deemed to be a discredit to the good name of the Fraternity shall be referred to the Spirit and Standards Committee.
25. National Convention Alcohol Policy: All brothers of Alpha Phi Omega are responsible for compliance with laws regarding alcohol consumption. No alcoholic beverages will be served or consumed at Convention functions (e.g. dances, casino nights, talent shows, regional or sectional meetings, etc.). No alcoholic beverages in open containers will be transported nor consumed in common or public areas of the hotel (e.g. halls, lobbies, elevators, etc.) excluding bars open to the public. Violation of local laws or hotel regulations while under the influence of alcohol will be viewed as a violation of the Fraternity's Convention Alcohol Policy.
26. The final legislative session of the National Convention shall be adjourned "sine die" no later than 11:59 a.m. EST, December 29 in the year in which the National Convention takes place.