

The National National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.

The Ohio State University

Constitution and Bylaws

Adopted: General Body Meeting

March 5, 2001

Preamble

We, the representatives of historically established community service fraternities and sororities, similar in structure and background, recognizing the need for coordination and cooperation in the activities of intercollegiate Greek letter fraternities and sororities, recognizing there are certain areas of action and programming that can be realized by formal organization, do hereby establish such an organization and bind ourselves to abide by the provision of the following Constitution and Bylaws.

Constitution

Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. (NPHC) of The Ohio State University.

Article II - PURPOSES

SECTION I

MISSION STATEMENT: The National Pan-Hellenic Council shall serve as the official coordinating agent of the National Pan-Hellenic Council member fraternities and sororities in the furtherance of their national programs and to promote unity at The Ohio State University.

NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE: This Organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or Vietnam-era veteran status

SECTION II

The NPHC is designed to assure that member organizations cooperatively work together while maintaining their distinct identities. NPHC organizations have a profound commitment to providing community service and to uplifting and promoting the general public's welfare. Students are at The Ohio State University to graduate. NPHC organizations should jointly provide programs that assist Greeks and non-Greeks in attaining this goal.

SECTION III

The major goals of the NPHC include:

- Creating and maintaining high standards in the life of fraternities and sororities.
- Assisting college and university administrators in attaining their educational objectives while enabling the members of member organizations to entertain common cultural pursuits.
- Maintaining and facilitating cooperative fraternity, sorority, and inter-Greek relationships through discussions and activities.
- Serving as a forum for the consideration of mutual interest and cooperative ventures to member organizations.

- Acting as a catalyst of and coordinator for member organizations on matters of common interest in a manner that will allow the most effective utilization of resources.
- Coordinating and encouraging the coordination of joint programs that maintain the above ideals and standards.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

General membership in National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. includes Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc..

SECTION II

Active membership in the National Pan-Hellenic Council at The Ohio State University includes:

- Being in good standing with the University as indicated in the OSU Student Conduct and the Greek Life Task Force.
- Being an official student organization registered with Student Activities & Campus Programs.
- Having good financial standing with the NPHC
- Adhering to NPHC Constitution and Bylaws

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

SECTION I

The elected officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Parliamentarian.

SECTION II

Appointed officers to the Executive Board shall be: Publicity Chair and other positions deemed necessary by the President.

ARTICLE V - Meetings and Quorum

SECTION I

General body meetings shall be held biweekly. General body meetings for the following school year shall be scheduled by September 1. The adviser and president of each organization shall be notified of any changes to the schedule.

SECTION II

Special meetings shall be called by the President, or at the request of a quorum of the general body or Executive Board. Each organization's representative and/or president shall be informed by a phone call from the Executive Board at least two day prior to the meeting. The President reserved the right to suspend the day limit if immediate action is necessary.

SECTION III

Two-thirds of the active organizations in NPHC constitute a quorum.

SECTION IV

Attendance at all meetings is mandatory by the NPHC member representative or the designated NPHC member alternate. Failure to attend without two days prior notification to the Secretary or the President will result in a \$25 fine.

SECTION V

Meetings shall be run in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order, except where they conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws. In those cases, the Constitution and Bylaws shall supersede Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments

SECTION I

This Constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives, at a General Body meeting.

SECTION II

Amendments may be proposed by: a representative of a member organization, the Executive Board, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or the NPHC adviser.

SECTION III

All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee or the Executive Board.

SECTION IV

The proposed amendments will be presented and distributed to the council at the general body meeting or a special meeting following the submission of the amendments. A subsequent amendment to the initial amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the NPHC member representatives. The amended amendment must then be approved by a two-thirds vote of the NPHC member representatives.