

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTERS OF ALPHA

NYACOA

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the New York Association of Chapters of Alpha, in order to promote a more perfect union among members in the State of New York; to aid and assist upon the personal progress of its members; to further brotherly love and a fraternal spirit within the Organization; to discountenance evil; to destroy all prejudices; to preserve the sanctity of the home, the personification of virtue and the chastity of woman, do hereby enact and establish this Constitution for the governance of its members.

CONSTITUTION

of

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTERS OF ALPHA

ARTICLE I

NAME, OBJECTIVES, AND ACRONYM

Section 1 - Name

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the New York Association of Chapters of Alpha.

Section 2 - Objectives

- 2.1 The objective of the New York Association of Chapters of Alpha shall be to stimulate the development of Chapters, Brothers and communities within New York State which will be consistent with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Constitution and Bylaws (hereinafter referred to as the "General Constitution").

Section 3 - Acronym

- 3.1 The acronym shall be NYACOA.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Membership

- 1.1 Membership in NYACOA shall be limited to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Chapters (the "Chapter" or "Chapters") in the State of New York (hereinafter referred to as "District III").
- 1.2 A NYACOA Chapter in good standing shall be one which has fulfilled all its obligations to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the "General Organization" or "Fraternity") and NYACOA.

ARTICLE III

THE NYACOA ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - Composition

- 1.1 The NYACOA Organization shall consist of all Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Chapters located in District III; elected NYACOA Officers; appointed NYACOA Officers and Officials; and all committees, commissions, foundations and other entities created by NYACOA.
- 1.2 NYACOA shall hold its membership in accordance with the General Constitution and conform in all respects to the rules established by the General Organization applicable to subordinate units.
- 1.3 Each Chapter shall establish and maintain a permanent address (Fraternity house) or post office box in the location of its jurisdiction.

Section 2 - Designation of NYACOA Areas

- 2.1 The Areas of NYACOA shall be as follows:
 - 2.11 Area 1 - Niagara Frontier
 - 2.12 Area 2 - Central
 - 2.13 Area 3 - Southern Tier
 - 2.14 Area 4 - Capital Region
 - 2.15 Area 5 - Hudson Valley
 - 2.16 Area 6 - Westchester & The Bronx
 - 2.17 Area 7 - Manhattan & Brooklyn
 - 2.18 Area 8 - Queens & Long Island
- 2.2 Each Area shall have an Area Director. The Area Director shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Eastern Regional Vice President, the NYACOA President, and NYACOA Convention in assisting Chapters with problems and coordinating NYACOA activities, programs, projects, and college/alumni interactions.
- 2.3 Area Directors shall hold Area Conferences for the purpose of teaching, training, and disseminating the business of the General Organization and NYACOA. The Area Conference may also be used for coordinating inter-chapter activities, programs, projects, general fraternalism and goodwill.

ARTICLE IV

THE NYACOA CONVENTION

Section 1 - Governing Authority

- 1.1 The governing authority of NYACOA shall be the NYACOA Convention (the "District III Conference"), which shall meet once a year at such time and place determined at the previous NYACOA Convention.
- 1.2 The NYACOA Convention shall have the power to enact for the regulation of all matters pertaining to NYACOA, except for those which are otherwise expressly provided for in the General Constitution for the Eastern Regional Vice President or his designee.

Section 2 - Composition of the NYACOA Convention

- 2.1 The NYACOA Convention shall be composed of the elected NYACOA Officers, NYACOA Area Directors, NYACOA Convention Officials, delegates to the NYACOA Convention, and all of the following whom reside in District III; Past General Presidents, the Eastern Regional Vice President, Past Eastern Regional Vice Presidents, the Eastern Regional Assistant Vice President, Past Eastern Regional Assistant Vice Presidents, General Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen of the General Organization, and Past NYACOA Presidents.

Section 3 - Representation at the NYACOA Convention

- 3.1 The NYACOA Convention shall be representative in character. Accordingly, each Chapter within NYACOA shall have three (3) delegates. Each delegate shall have one (1) vote. Should a Chapter's membership fall below three (3), the Chapter shall have an equal number of delegates as members in good standing and registered.
- 3.2 All delegates to the NYACOA Convention must exhibit satisfactory credentials if requested by a NYACOA Convention Official.
- 3.3 All Brothers of the Fraternity, who are in good standing and properly registered, may attend the NYACOA Convention. Those attendees may have a voice in the proceedings where appropriate but shall not be entitled to vote at a NYACOA Convention unless provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4 - Committees of the NYACOA Convention

- 4.1 The following shall be the committees of the NYACOA Convention:
 - 4.11 Committee on Rules and Credentials
 - 4.12 Committee on Recommendations and Resolutions
 - 4.13 Committee on Achievements and Awards

- 4.14 Committee on Time and Place
 - 4.15 Committee on Nominations and Elections
 - 4.16 Committee on College Brothers Affairs
- 4.2 Other committees may be formed as necessary by the NYACOA Convention.

Section 5 - Convention Arrangements

- 5.1 NYACOA Convention sites shall be rotated between areas within District III as follows:
 - 5.11 Area 1 - Niagara Frontier
 - 5.12 Area 6 - Westchester & The Bronx
 - 5.13 Area 3 - Southern Tier
 - 5.14 Area 7 - Manhattan & Brooklyn
 - 5.15 Area 4 - Capital Region
 - 5.16 Area 8 - Queens & Long Island
 - 5.17 Area 2 - Central
 - 5.18 Area 5 - Hudson Valley
- 5.2 A Committee on Conventions shall be appointed by the NYACOA President and shall include an equal representation of college and alumni Brothers in the host area.
- 5.3 The Committee on Conventions will be chaired by the host Area Director. He shall be responsible for the securing of a site, facility, and housing options of convention participants. If the Committee on Conventions is unable to perform its duties the NYACOA Executive Board may vote to manage convention planning and assess Chapters within the host area to recover any financial losses.
- 5.4 The convention program shall be the responsibility of the NYACOA President with the cooperation of the Executive Board and the Committee on Conventions.
- 5.5 The NYACOA Convention shall convene upon the call of the NYACOA President at such time and place as determined at the previous NYACOA Convention. The Official Convention Call shall be made at least ninety (90) days prior to the convention date with all necessary information thereof.

Section 6 - Officials of the NYACOA Convention

- 6.1 The NYACOA President shall appoint the officials of the NYACOA Convention, who shall include, but not be necessarily limited to, the following: Parliamentarian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 7 - Quorum of the NYACOA Convention

- 7.1 One fourth (1/4) of the delegates registered at the NYACOA Convention shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V

NYACOA OFFICES

Section 1 - Elective Offices

- 1.1 The elective offices of NYACOA shall be: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, and Associate Editor to "The Sphinx".
- 1.2 Elected officers may only hold one (1) NYACOA office per term. Appointed officials may not simultaneously hold any elected NYACOA office.

Section 2 - Requirements for Election to NYACOA Offices

- 2.1 A candidate for nomination and election to a NYACOA office must have been registered and in attendance at one of the three (3) preceding NYACOA Conventions, except that the attendance requirement shall not apply to the office of 2nd Vice President.
- 2.2 It shall be required that each candidate for the office of 2nd Vice President be regularly enrolled at an institution within District III, and taking courses leading to his first academic degree during the entire term of office. The candidate shall be in good standing financially and academically with the General Organization and university, and IMDP certified or become IMDP certified within sixty (60) days of his election or appointment.

Section 3 - Election Procedures

- 3.1 All offices shall be elected at the NYACOA Convention by secret ballot.
- 3.2 The election procedures for the offices of President and 1st Vice President shall be as follows: all voting members of the NYACOA Convention shall vote on the candidates and the candidate for each office receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.
- 3.3 The top two (2) candidates, for the position of NYACOA President shall be presented in a prioritized list to the Eastern Regional Vice President who shall select and confirm the District III Director in accordance with Bylaws Article III Section 2.2 of the General Constitution.

- 3.4 The election procedure for the office of 2nd Vice President shall be the same as NYACOA President except the candidates shall be presented to the Eastern Regional Assistant Vice President with confirmation from Eastern Regional Vice President.
- 3.5 Candidates for NYACOA offices must be members, in good standing, of a Chapter within District III with a formal address therein. For the purpose of college Brothers, their Chapter address shall denote their residence.
- 3.6 The position of 1st Vice President and all other offices not mentioned in Constitution Article V sections 3.2 and 3.3 shall be nominated and elected at the NYACOA Convention in session. The candidate for each office receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.
- 3.7 Delegates to the NYACOA Convention, elected NYACOA Officers, NYACOA Area Directors, and all of the following whom reside in District III; Past General Presidents, the Eastern Regional Vice President, Past Eastern Regional Vice Presidents, the Eastern Regional Assistant Vice President, Past Eastern Regional Assistant Vice Presidents, General Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen of the General Organization, and Past NYACOA Presidents each shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 4 - Tenures of Office

- 4.1 All officers except for the 2nd Vice President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. An officer will not be limited to a set number of terms, but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms during a given period.
- 4.2 The office of 2nd Vice President shall serve a one (1) year term, with the potential to succeed himself provided he is enrolled and attaining his first academic degree.

Section 5 - Installation of Officers

- 5.1 All elected NYACOA Officers shall be announced at the NYACOA Convention and shall take office at conclusion of the NYACOA Convention where they are elected. District III Officers will take office upon appointment by the Eastern Regional Vice President. Officers will hold office until their successors are elected or appointed.
- 5.2 Each NYACOA Officer, Area Director, and NYACOA Chapter shall be notified prior to January 1st of any changes in NYACOA Officers or scheduled meetings and programs for the ensuing year by the NYACOA President.

Section 6 - Appointed Offices

- 6.1 All appointed offices shall be appointed by the NYACOA President with concurrence by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 - Composition of the Executive Board

- 1.1 The Executive Board shall consist of voting and non-voting members.
- 1.2 The voting members of the Executive Board shall be the elected NYACOA Officers, including the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, the Associate Editor to “The Sphinx”, and each Area Director.
- 1.3 The non-voting members of the Executive Board shall be the Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and the appointed standing committee and commission chairmen.
- 1.4 The District III Chapter Presidents and past NYACOA Presidents may sit with the Executive Board but shall neither hold office thereon, nor have the right to vote unless elected or appointed to an elected office.
- 1.5 The Executive Board will develop and maintain a Policy Manual to contain official actions and rules of NYACOA not contained in the NYACOA Constitution and Bylaws. Members may submit amendments to the Policy Manual through their Area Directors or any standing committee of NYACOA.

ARTICLE VII

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Proposal of Amendments

- 1.1 All proposed amendments to the NYACOA Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Committee on Constitution not less than sixty (60) days prior to the NYACOA Convention.
- 1.2 The Committee on Constitution shall send copies of all proposed constitution amendments to each Chapter not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the next succeeding NYACOA Convention.

Section 2 - Adoption of Amendments

- 2.1 Adoption of amendments to the NYACOA Constitution shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the delegates present and voting at the NYACOA Convention.

Section 3 - Limitations

- 3.1 The NYACOA Convention shall consider only such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws that have been submitted in the manner and within the time limit prescribed in this Constitution, unless it can be shown that the Committee on Constitution failed to comply with the provisions of this Article, or that any act of omission on its part was the result of gross negligence.

ARTICLE VIII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1 – Parliamentary Authority

- 1.1 The official parliamentary authority shall be the latest published edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. Where not specifically noted or outlined as a rule in this Fraternity, its Constitution, or its Bylaws, the parliamentary authority shall govern all actions and procedures of the NYACOA Convention and organization.

BYLAWS

of

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTERS OF ALPHA

ARTICLE I

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1 - President

- 1.1 The President shall be the chief administrative officer of NYACOA.
- 1.2 The duties of the President shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to the following:
 - 1.21 He shall preside over the NYACOA Convention or any special convention that may be called.
 - 1.22 He shall be the President of the Executive Board on which he will be a voting member.
 - 1.23 He shall have, with the concurrence of a simple majority of the Executive Board, the authority to appoint the chairmen and members to serve on committees and commissions.
 - 1.24 He shall interpret the Constitution and Bylaws and his decision shall be final, except upon an objection being raised and sustained by a majority vote of the delegates to the convention.
 - 1.25 He shall render a special report to each NYACOA Convention on the current status of the NYACOA Organization including legislation, recommendations and resolutions enacted at the preceding convention.
 - 1.26 He shall perform such other duties and represent NYACOA in a manner as the nature of his office may require.

Section 2 - 1st Vice President

- 2.1 The 1st Vice President shall provide supervision over all standing committees and commissions of NYACOA and serve as Director of Training. He shall perform the functions of the NYACOA President when, for any reason, the NYACOA President is absent or unable to perform.
- 2.2 He shall submit a written report at each NYACOA Convention.
- 2.3 He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the NYACOA President and act for him when so requested.

Section 3 - 2nd Vice President

- 3.1 The 2nd Vice President shall work with the Chapters, and Brothers in NYACOA to bring issues to the attention of the NYACOA President and Executive Board in order to improve interrelationships between college and alumni Brothers in NYACOA.
- 3.2 He shall submit a written report at each NYACOA Convention.
- 3.3 He shall serve as Chairman of the Committee on College Brothers Affairs.

Section 4 - Secretary

- 4.1 The duties of the Secretary shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the following:
 - 4.11 He shall observe and keep minutes of all NYACOA Conventions and meetings and make a permanent record of them in a permanent book. The permanent record book shall be brought to all meetings for necessary reference.
 - 4.12 He shall prepare copies of the preceding minutes for all Executive Board members, Chapters, and attendees at each meeting or convention.
 - 4.13 He shall assist the NYACOA President in preparing agendas for meetings and conventions calling to his attention unfinished business and new business items to be discussed.
 - 4.14 He shall provide, with the assistance of the Associate Editor to "The Sphinx", all correspondence and information of NYACOA as it relates to affairs of the organization.
 - 4.15 He shall keep the official roll of active NYACOA Chapters in good standing and bring the official roll to all meetings to be used in the case of a divided house.
 - 4.16 He shall compile a list of all Brothers, Chapters, Executive Board members, and chairmen of committees and commissions of NYACOA.
 - 4.17 He shall be responsible for distributing all correspondence for NYACOA under the direction of the NYACOA President and shall keep a copy and file of all incoming and outgoing correspondence for the organization.
 - 4.18 He shall submit a written report at each NYACOA Convention.

Section 5 - Treasurer

- 5.1 The Treasurer shall have charge of, and be responsible for, the proper safeguard of all cash, funds and securities (the "monies") of NYACOA.
- 5.2 He shall be required to receive and deposit all monies received in the name of NYACOA in a bank approved by the Executive Board.

- 5.3 The monies of NYACOA shall be disbursed by the Treasurer only when properly signed orders are presented and approved by the Executive Board.
- 5.4 He shall keep a complete and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and make a complete report at all NYACOA Conventions and meetings.
- 5.5 He shall collect all dues and fees and reconcile any other financial matters necessary. He shall also keep, balance, and maintain all bank statements, records and books.
- 5.6 He shall correspond with and conduct all financial business with contractors doing business with NYACOA.
- 5.7 He shall be the finance manager for NYACOA and shall chair the Committee on Budget and Finance.
- 5.8 He shall submit a written report at each NYACOA Convention.

Section 6 - Historian

- 6.1 The Historian shall preserve all historical records; be responsible for all pictures, trophies, books, and official equipment.
- 6.2 He shall keep an official scrapbook which shall be a permanent historical record for NYACOA.
- 6.3 He shall submit a written report at each NYACOA Convention.

Section 7 - Associate Editor to "The Sphinx"

- 7.1 The Associate Editor to "The Sphinx" shall write two articles per year on newsworthy events to "The Sphinx" Magazine.
- 7.2 He shall be the Assistant Secretary and assume any functions deemed necessary by the Secretary.
- 7.3 He shall edit and publish quarterly the NYACOA Newsletter.
- 7.4 He shall submit a written report at each NYACOA Convention.

ARTICLE II

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section 1 - Parliamentarian

- 1.1 The Parliamentarian shall advise on the procedure of meetings in accordance with the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- 1.2 He shall advise on parliamentary matters related to the General Constitution, NYACOA Constitution and Bylaws, the Ritual and any other laws of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- 1.3 He shall guide all parliamentary matters of NYACOA and be responsible for keeping the Constitution and Bylaws of NYACOA up-to-date and in conformance with the General Constitution.

Section 2 - Chaplain

- 2.1 The Chaplain shall open and close each meeting with prayer, lead NYACOA in the Fraternal Prayer, and direct all devotional ceremonies.
- 2.2 He shall minister to the general welfare of the Brotherhood.

Section 3 - Sergeant-at-Arms

- 3.1 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for the maintenance of good order at all meetings and functions.
- 3.2 He shall be responsible for administering all challenges to Brothers prior to admittance to the meeting.
- 3.3 He shall be responsible for the education of the Brothers on Fraternity secrets.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 - Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Board

- 1.1 The Executive Board shall develop policies and programs which are within the limits of the General Constitution provisions and shall, from time to time, recommend to the NYACOA Convention changes as may be necessary to give effect to, or ensure the implementation of, recommended policies and programs.

- 1.2 The Executive Board shall examine budgetary proposals submitted to it by the Committee on Budget and Finance, and shall submit such proposals, together with its own recommendations to the NYACOA Convention for approval.
- 1.3 The Executive Board, whenever extraordinary and compelling circumstances so warrant, shall take such action between sessions of the NYACOA Convention as will effectively ensure the financial integrity and best interest of NYACOA.
- 1.4 The Executive Board shall have the authority to create entities that enable District III to further strategic goals and the mission and objectives of the General Organization.
- 1.5 The full Executive Board, or a quorum of at least one fourth (1/4) of its voting membership, shall act on all matters coming before it.
- 1.6 The Executive Board shall perform such duties and discharge such responsibilities as may be provided for in other Articles of this Constitution and Bylaws.
- 1.7 The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the NYACOA President semi-annually. It may meet as often as extraordinary and compelling circumstances so warrant. The minutes of all Executive Board meetings, including the actions taken, shall be distributed hard copy and electronically, to all NYACOA Chapters within (45) forty-five days.

ARTICLE IV

STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Section 1 - Designation of Standing Committees

- 1.1 Standing committees shall be representative of each Area with equal appointment of both college and alumni Brothers.
- 1.2 Standing committees and commissions shall be appointed by the NYACOA President with the concurrence of a simple majority of the Executive Board.
- 1.3 The standing committees of NYACOA shall be:
 - 1.31 Committee on Constitution
 - 1.32 Committee on Budget and Finance
 - 1.33 Committee on Conventions
 - 1.34 Committee on Education and Scholarship
 - 1.35 Committee on Fraternal Programs

Section 2 - The Committee on Constitution

- 2.1 The Committee on Constitution shall be chaired by the Parliamentarian.
- 2.2 The Committee on Constitution shall be responsible for the review and distribution of the NYACOA Constitution and Bylaws. It shall report on changes made to the General Constitution and present recommendations for amendments and changes to both the General Constitution and the NYACOA Constitution.

Section 3 - The Committee on Budget and Finance

- 3.1 The Committee on Budget and Finance shall be chaired by the Treasurer.
- 3.2 The Budget and Finance Committee shall be responsible for the budget formulation, evaluation, review, and implementation. It shall hold budget and finance hearings with the Executive Board and committee chairmen in budget development, as well as advise and recommend any changes to the Executive Board during a mid-year review. It shall propose a fiscal year budget at the NYACOA Convention for adoption.

Section 4 - The Committee on Conventions

- 4.1 The Committee on Conventions shall be responsible for the securing of a site, facility, and housing options of convention participants. The chairman of the committee will be the Area Director of the selected host Chapter(s). The members of the committee will include representatives from each college and alumni Chapter of the host Area to ensure the proper planning and execution of the NYACOA Convention.

Section 5 - The Committee on Education and Scholarship

- 5.1 The Committee on Education and Scholarship shall establish educational programs and scholarship programs for NYACOA. It, with assistance of the Treasurer, shall formulate, present, and implement a scholarship fund. It shall formulate and compile data pertinent to NYACOA on Chapters, Areas, and District GPA's. It shall compile and make information on funding, grants, fellowships, and scholarships available to District III Brothers.

Section 6 - The Committee on Fraternal Programs

- 6.1 The Committee on Fraternal Programs shall establish new programs and implement existing programs of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. with regard to sociological, economic, political involvement and action. It shall assist Chapters in establishing programs, and work with Chapters

on existing programs. It shall make recommendations and report to the NYACOA Convention.

ARTICLE V

FEES AND TAXES

Section 1 - Fees and Taxes

- 1.1 All Chapters of NYACOA shall be taxed at a rate approved by the NYACOA Executive Board and adopted in the NYACOA budget. This yearly tax shall be due on or before September 1st. The Chapter shall be financial from January 1st to December 31st of the upcoming year for taxes that are received before December 31st to coincide with the NYACOA fiscal year. Taxes paid after November 15th will be considered late and may be subject to a late fee per these Bylaws.
- 1.2 Chapters submitting remittance of funds after the specified due date shall be levied a \$20.00 late fee.
- 1.3 The NYACOA Convention registration rates shall be determined by the Committee on Conventions in collaboration with the NYACOA President and the Executive Board.
- 1.4 All monies shall be paid directly to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Section 1 - Meetings and Conventions

- 1.1 Committee meetings shall be held as necessary and announced by the NYACOA Convention Chairman of the Committee on Time and Place.
- 1.2 All meetings and conventions shall be conducted in accordance with the General Constitution, the NYACOA Constitution and Bylaws and the latest published edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- 1.3 All chapters within New York State are authorized to conduct virtual meetings when conducting meetings in person is not legal, practical, or advisable.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION TO NYACOA OFFICES

Section 1 - Election to NYACOA Offices

- 1.1 Those qualified and eligible to vote for NYACOA offices shall record their votes on ballots prepared for the purpose and issued according to the rules and procedures promulgated by the Committee on Nominations and Elections.
- 1.2 The candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast for a particular office shall be declared elected to that office.

ARTICLE VIII

DISCIPLINE

Section 1 - Discipline

- 1.1 The discipline of NYACOA members shall be the same as prescribed by the General Constitution.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1 - Amendments to the Bylaws

- 1.1 All proposed amendments to the NYACOA Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Committee on Constitution not less than sixty (60) days prior to the NYACOA Convention.
- 1.2 The Committee on Constitution shall send copies of all proposed amendments to each Chapter not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the next NYACOA Convention.

Section 2 - Adoption of Amendments

- 2.1 Adoption of amendments to the NYACOA Bylaws shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting at the NYACOA Convention.

REVISION HISTORY

Ratified – November 20, 2021
NYACOA Conference – Springfield, MA
NYACOA President – Malik Goodson
NYACOA 1st Vice President – Larry Scott-Blackmon
NYACOA 2nd Vice President – Jalen Edmonds
NYACOA Parliamentarian – Adrian Stratton

Ratified – November 23, 2020
NYACOA Conference – Albany, NY
NYACOA President – Malik Goodson
NYACOA 1st Vice President – Larry Scott-Blackmon
NYACOA 2nd Vice President – Phillip Jebamany
NYACOA Parliamentarian – Adrian Stratton

Ratified – November 23, 2019
NYACOA Conference – New York City, NY
NYACOA President – Malik Goodson
NYACOA 1st Vice President – Larry Scott-Blackmon
NYACOA 2nd Vice President – Tyler Babb
NYACOA Parliamentarian – Adrian Stratton

Ratified – November 3, 2018
NYACOA Conference – Syracuse University, New York, NY
NYACOA President – Christopher Ellis
NYACOA 1st Vice President – Malik Goodson
NYACOA 2nd Vice President – Stephaun Ward
NYACOA Parliamentarian – Rufus Sadler

Ratified – November 12, 2005
NYACOA Conference – St. John's University, New York, NY
NYACOA President – Leyde St. Ledger
NYACOA 1st Vice President – Keith Price
NYACOA 2nd Vice President – Nathaniel Davis
NYACOA Parliamentarian – Lucien Metellus
