



PROPOSED RULES OF CONVENTION - 2020

RULE 1 – CONVENTION OFFICERS

- 1.01 The International Justice shall serve as Convention Chair, shall preside at the Convention sessions, appoint Committees, make rulings on rules of procedure and agenda, recognize speakers, and maintain order during the Convention. The Chair shall have authority to delegate any of these duties as may be deemed necessary and expedient.
- 1.02 The International Secretary shall serve as permanent Convention Secretary, shall conduct all roll calls and shall maintain the official wording of all motions presented to the Convention. In the absence of the International Secretary, the International Justice shall appoint a member in good standing to serve as Convention Secretary.
- 1.03 The International Marshal shall serve as permanent Convention Parliamentarian and rule on points of law and procedure when requested by the Chair. In the absence of the International Marshal, the International Justice shall appoint a member in good standing to serve as Convention Parliamentarian.
- 1.04 The International Marshal shall act as permanent Convention Marshal to serve at the direction of the Chair. One Delegate from each Fraternity District may be appointed to serve as Deputy Marshal under the direction of the Convention Marshal.

RULE 2 – CONVENTION COMMITTEES

- 2.01 The Convention Chair may appoint Special Convention Committees that they believe necessary for the proper conduct of business at this Convention.
- 2.02 Upon majority vote, the International Executive Board may direct the appointment of additional Special Convention Committees.

- 2.03 Upon two thirds vote, the International Executive Board may appoint Standing Interim Committees to serve until the commencement of the succeeding Biennial Convention. Any Standing Interim Committee shall file its report with the Executive Director prior to the expiration of the Committee's term.
- 2.04 The Convention Chair shall appoint the Chair or Co-Chairs and the members of any Special Convention Committee and of any Standing Interim Committee established by the Convention. The Convention Chair may assign resource persons to the Committees to aid the Committees in their deliberations.
- 2.05 Each Convention Committee shall operate under the Rules of Convention Committees for this Fraternity.
- 2.06 Each Convention Committee shall have the authority to call upon any member of the Fraternity or Executive Office Staff to appear before it concerning any matter properly before the Committee. Any member in good standing may request to address a Convention Committee on any matter properly before the Committee provided, however, that a reasonable time limit may be imposed upon the presentation.
- 2.07 All Convention Committees except for Standing Interim Committees appointed pursuant to Rule 2.03 shall be discharged upon the adjournment of the Convention sine die.

RULE 3 – SEATING OF DELEGATES

- 3.01 Each law school and alumni Chapter in good standing shall be eligible to be seated at the Convention, after proper and timely submission to the Executive Director of the Official Delegate Certification Forms setting forth the Chapter's Delegates, and after formal seating by the Convention. A Chapter in good standing shall mean a law school or alumni Chapter duly chartered under the proper authority of the Fraternity that:
1. Conducts its affairs according to the By-Laws of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, Fraternity Policy Manual and the rules and regulations as promulgated by the International Executive Board;
 2. Adheres to the Ritual of the Fraternity;
 3. Has submitted all reports required of it by the proper Fraternity authority;
 4. Has fulfilled all of its financial obligations to the International Chapter; and
 5. Has performed all such other duties required of it by proper Fraternity authority.
- 3.02 Each law school and alumni Chapter in good standing in this Fraternity shall be entitled to have two (2) Delegates and two (2) Alternate Delegates seated at the Convention. Any additional Chapter members may be seated as Members-in-Attendance.
- 3.03 Each District shall be entitled to have two (2) Alumni Delegates and two (2) Alternate Alumni Delegates from the District seated as Delegates-at-Large at the Convention.
- 3.04 Each voting Delegate shall be an initiated member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, duly enrolled upon the official rolls of the Fraternity maintained by the Executive Office, a member in good standing of the Chapter or District they represent, and if

representing a law school Chapter, shall have at least one (1) semester or equivalent of additional law school work remaining following the Convention. Pre-law members and members of the Membership Auxiliary may not serve as Delegates.

- 3.05 Each member of the International Executive Board, the International Tribunal, the International Advisory Board, the Council of International Chiefs, and each District Justice shall be eligible to be seated as a Delegate to the Convention upon certification by the Executive Director.
- 3.06 Except for Pre-law members or members of the Membership Auxiliary, all members in good standing of the Fraternity in attendance at the Convention who are not Official Delegates or Alternates shall be eligible to be certified as Members-in-Attendance after certification by the Executive Director and approval by the Convention with all privileges of the floor except voting rights.
- 3.07 The Convention Chair and/or Executive Director may allow the presence of certain other persons as Observers to the Convention provided that such Observers shall only be entitled to floor privileges on a particular matter if approved by the Convention Chair or a majority vote of the International Executive Board. Observers are not entitled to vote on any matter before the Convention.
- 3.08 The Executive Director or their designee shall review the credentials of all Chapters and Delegates certified to the Convention and prepare a report and recommendations on the seating of Chapters and Delegates.
- 3.09 The report of the Executive Director shall include recommendations on:
 1. The seating of Chapters and Delegates whose credentials are found in proper order;
 2. Not seating certain Chapters and/or Delegates for good cause;
 3. The provisional seating of certain Chapters and/or Delegates under certain conditions;
 4. Temporarily not seating certain Chapters and/or Delegates pending further study and consideration by the Executive Director of the credentials and any deficiencies of the Chapter and/or Delegates which would affect their status at the Convention; and
 5. Other recommendations and findings pertaining to the seating of Delegates in attendance at the Convention.
- 3.10 For the purposes of consideration of the Report of the Executive Director only, all Delegates certified to the Convention by the various Chapters and all International Board Members, International Tribunal Members, International Advisory Board Members, Council of International Chief Members, District Justices, and Delegates-at-Large shall be entitled to vote; except that no Chapter or Delegate whose seating is under review or is questioned by the Executive Director shall be entitled to vote on the consideration of this report.
- 3.11 Except as above provided, no Chapter and/or Delegate shall be seated or entitled to vote until officially certified and seated by the Convention.

- 3.12 The Executive Director shall post a full report on the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International website prior to the convening of the first session of Convention. The report shall include a list of eligible voting Delegates.

RULE 4 – VOTING PROCEDURE

- 4.01 Each law school and alumni Chapter seated by the Convention, shall have two (2) votes on every question put to a vote. Each District Justice, Delegate-at-Large, International Advisory Board Member, Council of International Chiefs Member, International Tribunal Member, and International Executive Board Member shall have one (1) vote on every question put to a vote.
- 4.02 Voting at Convention may be done electronically as determined by the International Executive Board and Executive Director with due consideration of cost, ease of use, and technology available. Accordingly, the use of electronic voting and the specific procedures to be employed may vary from Convention to Convention. Voting timelines and procedures will be provided to all delegates two (2) weeks before Convention convenes.
- 4.03 No Delegate shall cast votes in more than one capacity.
- 4.04 All votes of a Chapter shall be cast only by the duly seated Delegates of the Chapter, or their seated Alternate Delegates if they are unavailable at the time of a vote.
- 4.05 No proxy votes shall be allowed.
- 4.06 Delegates from a particular District may caucus on any matter before the Convention, provided that no District may adopt any rule requiring all Delegates from that District to vote in a predetermined manner.
- 4.07 All certified Delegates shall be issued voting privileges and provided directions on how to cast their vote(s).
- 4.08 The timeframe of opening and closing voting on all matters including elections will be determined by the Convention Chair.

RULE 5- THE AGENDA

- 5.01 The proposed agenda as published on the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International website shall be considered the official agenda of the Convention.
- 5.02 The agenda may be amended by a majority vote of the Convention at any time during the Convention.
- 5.03 The permanent Convention Chair may provide for special orders of the day for any session of the Convention to ensure the proper continuing operations of the Fraternity.

RULE 6 – THE FLOOR

- 6.01 Except for pre-law members or members of the Membership Auxiliary, all members in good standing of the Fraternity that have been certified in accordance with Rule 3.06 shall have the privilege of the floor and may speak on any matter properly before the Convention.
- 6.02 Any Delegate or member desiring to address the floor shall request such by communicating with the Executive Director, Deputy Director, and Convention Chair and include the subject which they wish to address and the amount of time they are requesting. The Convention Marshal and/or Executive Office Staff shall ensure a record is created to keep track of each request made and the order of said requests, and shall share such in real time with Delegates and members with floor privileges. The Convention Chair shall determine whether the address is to be permitted and the time to be allowed for the address. After being recognized, the speaker shall state their name and chapter and may speak for the amount of time allowed. If additional time is sought, another request must be made on the record and permitted at the discretion of the Convention Chair.
- 6.03 At the discretion of the Chair, as may be required by a vote of the International Executive Board or under the By-Laws, Fraternity Policy Manual, or Rules of Convention, certain matters may be brought before the Convention for debate and/or vote. In all such cases, debate will be limited to no more than fifteen (15) minutes to each side for and against. Each speaker shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes on any one question. No extension of time beyond these limits shall be allowed, except by a two thirds vote of the Convention. Rule 6.02 shall govern requests to speak during any debate or regarding any vote.
- 6.04 Once properly recognized, a member may yield their time to another Delegate or Member with floor privileges.

RULE 7 – RESOLUTIONS

- 7.01 All Resolutions submitted for consideration of the Convention shall be filed with the Executive Director of the Fraternity within twenty-four (24) hours after the convening of the Convention. The subject matter of and the action called for by all such Resolutions shall be clearly consistent with the mission and purpose of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International and appropriate for consideration by the Convention. The action called for by such Resolutions shall be possible and practical of fruition within the financial and organizational competence of the Fraternity. If such Resolution is, or can be, construed to be directive, it must be within the power of the Fraternity to implement and enforce. The Convention Chair shall have the absolute discretion to determine whether any proposed Resolution meets this criteria. The decision of the Convention Chair shall not be subject to appeal.
- 7.02 All Resolutions, not deemed laudatory in nature, shall be referred by the Convention Chair to the International Executive Board or the appropriate Committee for study and consideration. All such Resolutions shall be reported to the Convention by the Convention

Chair or by the appropriate Committee to which it had been referred along with the recommendations of that Committee.

- 7.03 If the Resolution is to be brought before the Convention for debate and or vote, Rule 6 shall govern this process.

RULE 8 – CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.01 Reports of any Convention Committees may be presented by the Committee Chair or their designee to the Convention during the business session of the Convention, unless the Convention has by majority vote scheduled such report for a time certain, or unless special orders of the day provide otherwise.
- 8.02 All official Committee Reports shall be in electronic form and shall become part of the official minutes of the Convention.
- 8.03 If the report or any portion of a Committee Report is to be debated or voted on by the Convention, Rule 6 shall govern this process.

RULE 9 – ELECTIONS

- 9.01 Pursuant to the Rules of the Nominations Committee of the Fraternity, the duly appointed Nominations Committee's proposed candidates for election to the International Executive Board and International Tribunal shall be presented to the Convention as candidates for election.
- 9.02 Any eligible member in good standing who wishes to run for any elected position and who is not proposed for that position by the Nominations Committee, must notify the Executive Director by email. The email must include a written statement of intent and supporting materials not to exceed three (3) pages.
- 9.03 Any candidate for election may submit a video addressing the Convention to the Executive Director. Videos of up to four (4) members giving speeches in support of each candidate for election may also be submitted. The combined duration of any videos submitted on behalf of each candidate for election may not exceed five (5) minutes.
- 9.03.1 In the event of a contested election, immediately prior to the voting for each International Officer, each new candidate may address the Convention for up to five (5) minutes. Such time is inclusive of any supporting speeches. Said supporting speeches shall be limited to the candidate and/or supporters numbering no more than four (4). Said supporters, if any, shall be chosen by the candidate
- 9.03.2 Any properly submitted candidacy videos shall be played for the Delegates immediately preceding the time when voting is opened for that position. All candidate videos submitted to the Executive Office no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the slated election will be available for the Delegates to access and view throughout the duration of the vote for that position. Any candidate not

submitting a video within this time frame may address the Convention floor pursuant to Rule 9.03.1 after all videos have been played. Nothing in this section shall be construed to overrule Rule 9.06.

9.03.3 Candidates that run from the floor and give a live speech pursuant to Rule 9.03.1 may submit their speech in written format to be placed on the website with a photo of the candidate in lieu of a speech in the down ballot elections.

9.04 The elections shall be held in the following order:

1. International Justice;
2. International Vice Justice;
3. International Secretary;
4. International Treasurer;
5. International Marshal;
6. International Board Member At-Large A;
7. International Board Member At-Large B;
8. International Board Member At-Large C;
9. International Board Member At-Large D;
10. Chief Tribune;
11. Associate Tribune, A;
12. Associate Tribune, B.

9.05 Election shall be by a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will proceed to a run-off until a candidate receives a majority of votes cast and is elected. For the purposes of this rule, "majority" shall be defined as more than half of votes cast.

9.06 When electing candidates for otherwise equivalent positions (i.e. International Board Member At-Large A through D or Associate Tribune A & B) all candidates running for any such position who are not elected shall automatically be nominated for each subsequent equivalent position.