

Alpha Kappa Officer Election Policy

POSITIONS

1. As stated in the AK chapter bylaws (IV.1-2), AK is served by the following Executive Committee positions:
 - a. President
 - b. Pledgemaster
 - c. VP of Service
 - d. VP of Fellowship
 - e. VP of Membership
 - f. VP of Finance
 - g. VP of Communications
 - h. Fundraising Chair
 - i. Interchapter Chair
 - j. Special Events Coordinator
 - k. Alumni Liaison
 - l. Public Relations Chair
 - m. Historian
 - n. Philanthropy Co-Chairs
 - o. Sergeant-at-Arms
 - p. Webmaster
 - q. Funding Chair
 - r. Rush Co-Chairs
 - s. Pledge Aunts/Uncles
 - t. President Emeritus

ELEGIBILITY

2. As stated in the AK Chapter Bylaws (V. 1-8), the President, Pledgemaster, VP of Service, VP of Membership, VP of Fellowship, VP of Finance, VP of Communications, and Fundraising Chair positions are only open to candidates who have been active for one semester or more.
3. As stated in the AK Chapter Bylaws (IV.4), elected officers may succeed themselves only once in the same position unless there is no other member able to hold a specific office.
4. All positions are only open to members in good standing—that is, members who have completed their requirements for the semester during which they seek to run (see Bylaws III.12 for definition of good standing).
5. As stated in the AK Chapter Bylaws (III.4), associate members and neophytes are ineligible to run for elected offices.

NOMINATIONS

6. As stated in the AK Chapter Bylaws (IX.1), nominations will open on the AK chapter website at least two weeks prior to the date of elections.
7. In order to run, each candidate must 1) be nominated, and 2) receive a second to their nomination
8. Any member may nominate any eligible member (see items 2-4 above), and any member may second any eligible member's nomination. However, a member may not nominate and second the same member.
9. A member may either nominate or second him/herself.
10. Website nominations will close four days (96 hours) before the day/time of elections. All candidates for elected board positions must submit their application for viewing on the chapter website no later than three days (72 hours) before elections are held.
11. There is no limit to the number of officers for which a member may run, but more than four is not recommended.
12. An unsuccessful candidate may only drop-down to a position for which he or she has been nominated and seconded.
13. Any member may decline a nomination at any time by doing so him/herself on the website, or by notifying the Webmaster.

ELECTION DAY

14. As stated in the AK Chapter Bylaws (IX.3-4), voting is by secret ballot for all positions for which more than one person has been nominated.
15. All active and neophyte members are eligible to vote.
16. Each member may only cast one vote per position.
17. A simple majority vote is needed for a candidate to be successfully elected into office.
18. The candidates for President and Pledgemaster will receive a maximum three minutes to make a campaign speech prior to voting. Candidates for all other officers will be given one minute.

19. Following each speech, there will be a Q&A session for each candidate with a duration of two minutes, or five questions, whichever comes first.
20. After Q&A for each candidate, there will be a 1 minute 30 second discussion amongst the general body.
21. At the conclusion of all the speeches for each position, the general body will have an overall discussion about all of the candidates, for a maximum time of the number of candidates multiplied by two minutes.
22. In addition to voting for elected offices, a vote will be conducted to decide the meeting day and time for the next semester.