

Alpha Kappa Officer Election Policy

POSITIONS

1. As stated in the AK chapter bylaws (IV.1), AK is served by the following elected Executive Committee positions:
 - a. President
 - b. Pledgemaster
 - c. VP of Service
 - d. VP of Fellowship
 - e. VP of Fundraising
 - f. VP of Membership
 - g. Interchapter Liaison
 - h. Treasurer
 - i. Special Events Coordinator
 - j. Secretary
 - k. Alumni Liaison
 - l. Sergeant-at-Arms
 - m. Public Relations
 - n. Historian
 - o. Webmaster

ELIGIBILITY

2. As stated in the AK chapter bylaws (V.1-3), the President, Pledgemaster and VP of Service 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 are ineligible to run for the offices of President, Pledgemaster, VP of Service, VP of Fellowship, VP of Membership, VP of Fundraising, and Treasurer.

NOMINATIONS

6. As stated in the AK chapter bylaws (IX.1), nominations will open on the AK Chapter Website two weeks prior to the date of the 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, but the same member may not nominate and second the same member.
9. A member may either nominate or second him/herself.

10. Website nominations will close at 6:00 PM on the day of the election. At the start of the meeting, there will be a call for final nominations, after which all nominations will close and no more candidates will be admitted to the ballot.
11. There is no limit to the number of offices for which a member may run, but more than four is not recommended.
12. An unsuccessful candidate may only transfer his or her nomination to any office for which there were no nominations at the close of nominations (see item 10).
13. Any member may decline a nomination at any time by notifying the Sergeant-at-Arms.

ELECTION

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. Ballots are handled only by the sergeant-at-arms and his or her pledge counterpart.
15. All active, associate and pledge members are eligible to vote.
16. Only one vote may be cast by each member per position.
17. Absentee voting is not an option. However, an absent member with an appropriate excuse may run as an absentee candidate, if and only if he prepares a written campaign statement in which he writes the cause of his absence, in addition to the standard content of such a statement, to be read aloud during the election.
18. The candidates for President, Pledgemaster, VP of Service, VP of Fellowship and VP of Fundraising will be given one minute to make a campaign speech prior to voting. Candidates for all other offices will be given thirty seconds.
19. In addition to voting for elected offices, a vote will be conducted to decide the meeting day and time for the next semester.