

International Council of Alpha Phi Omega Charter

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this Council shall be to promote the principles and ideals of Alpha Phi Omega, as originally exemplified by Frank Reed Horton, around the world. To this end, the Council will aid in introducing and establishing collegiate-based Alpha Phi Omega organizations in countries where it is not now located and will assist in institutionalizing Alpha Phi Omega organizations in countries where it is currently introduced or established. It will serve as an official link among the variously established independent national Alpha Phi Omega organizations, and will work to promote a deeper understanding and an increased working relationship among the independent organizations.

Article III: Principles

The principles of Alpha Phi Omega were exemplified by Frank Reed Horton. They are, first, the principles of Scouting around the world, and include the personal dignity of each individual, mutual cooperation among individuals of varying backgrounds and beliefs, service to others (as codified in the Scout Oath and Law), and a policy of inclusive membership.

Article IV: Membership

Section I: Open Membership.

Membership on this Council is open to all national organizations which have been shown to abide by the principles and ideals of Alpha Phi Omega as exemplified by Frank Reed Horton.

Section II: Types of Membership.

- a. Voting Membership: Each national organization shall have equal voting membership on the Council. Each national organization's representative(s) shall be selected by an appropriate nationally elected governing body of that organization.
- b. Associate Membership: Countries in which Alpha Phi Omega student chapters exist without their own national organization may be represented by Associate Membership. Groups of alumni affiliated with Council-member organizations and actively involved in establishing student chapters in non-member countries may be represented by Associate Membership. Associate Members shall be non-voting members of the Council.

Section III: Selection.

- a. Voting Members: Voting Membership on the Council shall be granted to a national organization, upon fulfilling the application requirements, by a majority of the Council.
- b. Associate Members: Associate Membership on the Council shall be granted upon the request of a student chapter from a country not otherwise represented. A country's associate membership on the Council must be representative of the chapter groups within the country.
- c. Alumni Groups: Associate Membership on the Council may be granted upon request to groups of alumni existing in countries where student chapters do not exist if they are actively involved in establishing student chapters.

Article V: Activities

All activities of the Council will be commensurate with its stated purposes. Joint or cooperative activities among the various groups represented on the Council will be encouraged.

Article VI: Officers

The Council shall elect a Chairman and such other officers as it may deem necessary. The duties and responsibilities of these officers shall be decided by the Council as stated in the Operating Policies.

Article VII: Operating Policies

Operating Policies which will aid the Council in accomplishing its purposes and goals, and which are not in conflict with these Articles may be established by the Council.

Article VIII: Amendments

These Articles shall be amended only by a unanimous vote of the Council after the elected governing body of each national organization represented on the Council has been given adequate notice of the proposed amendment(s).

Signed this day, December 28, 1994

Officers:

Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity

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