

# Voting at Arizona State Convention (May 1-3, 2020)



**Action:** Arizona executive board has voted to recommend adherence to the International Bylaws and the usage of the Arizona Policies and Procedures Manual, as an alternative for Arizona bylaws.

**Rationale:**

1. The International Bylaws would be the primary governing document for Arizona.
2. Arizona at present has a Policies and Procedures Manual that is in use and updated, as necessary, by the state executive board action. It would continue to be a guiding document for the state.
3. The twenty-one Articles of the Arizona Bylaws already refer to the International Bylaws for more information and clarification of governance of the organization.
4. International Bylaws are amended each biennium at the International Convention. After adoption of this proposal, Arizona Bylaws would no longer be a guiding document and therefore, would not require action at future state conventions.

**Motion:** I move, upon recommendation of the Arizona Executive Board, that International Bylaws and the Arizona Policies and Procedure Manual serve as guiding documents as an alternative to using Arizona Bylaws.

*(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)*

Following are four (4 ) motions necessary to amend the bylaws if the previous action is not approved. They will be voted on separately, as well as a 5<sup>th</sup> one, in the event its content is needed at this convention.



---Change the name in Article I—XXI and in the footer of each bylaws page to delete ~~The~~ and ~~Sorority~~ when referring to Alpha Delta Kappa, Incorporated.

To read: “The name of this organization shall be Arizona ~~The~~ Alpha Delta Kappa ~~Sorority~~ of Alpha Delta Kappa, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa.”

**Rationale:** This required change will bring the document in compliance with the amendment adopted at the 2019 International Convention.

**#1 Motion:** I move to adopt bylaws proposal #1 to read: The name of this organization shall be Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa of Alpha Delta Kappa, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa. All occurrences of the name of the organization shall delete “The” before Alpha Delta Kappa and “Sorority” after Alpha Delta Kappa.

*(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)*



# ---Addition in Article VII---Officers, Section 1 a. **(New 1)**

- a. The elected candidate qualifications committee shall present to the convention a slate of candidates whose eligibility requirements have been met.

**(1) In the event an eligible candidate cannot attend the convention at which she is nominated to be elected and installed, the delegates will vote to accept the candidate for election by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If elected, the absent officer will have her name read in the Officer Installation Ceremony.**

**Rational:** Sometimes a candidate is unable to attend the convention for legitimate reasons (for example, a family event conflict, illness, pre-planned travel, etc.) and yet she is still eligible for nomination as an officer. This would allow the candidate to be on the election ballot while in absence at the convention. This proposed amendment provides a solution rather than the alternative of suspending the bylaws.

**#2 Motion:** I move the addition in Article VII—Officers, Section 1 Election, a. to read: (1) In the event an eligible candidate cannot attend the convention at which she is nominated to be elected and installed, the delegates will vote to accept the candidate for election by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If elected, the absent officer will have her name read in the Officer Installation Ceremony.

*(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)*



# ---Addition in Article VII—Officers, Section 1, New **b. (1) & (2)**

**b. In the event the candidate qualifications committee presents an incomplete slate of candidates, a candidate, without eligibility, willing to be nominated for a vacant office may be accepted by the following process:**

- (1) The delegates will vote, by ballot, to accept the nomination of the candidate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If adopted, the name of the candidate shall be added to the slate of candidates.**  
**(2) Previous notice shall be provided.**

**Rational:** Some S/P/Ns have difficulty finding candidates eligible to fill a slate of officers. This amendment will provide the opportunity for a willing candidate, without all the eligibility requirements, to provide leadership service. Although only nomination of eligible candidates is strongly encouraged, this proposed amendment offers a solution, without suspension of bylaws, when eligible candidates are not willing to be nominated for a vacant office. Other officers or experienced members may mentor this novice officer in her duties.

**#3 Motion:** I move the addition in Article VII, Section 1, new b. and (1) & (2) to read: b. In the event the candidate qualifications committee presents an incomplete slate of candidates, a candidate, without eligibility, willing to be nominated for a vacant office may be accepted by the following process: (1) The delegates will vote, by ballot, to accept the nomination of the candidate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If adopted, the name of the candidate will be added to the slate of candidates. (2) Previous notice shall be provided.

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---Addition in Article VII, Section 1. Election, new e.

e. If the slate of candidates has only one person nominated for each office, the Arizona president declares the election effective by unanimous consent or acclamation.

**Rational:** While **Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised** suggests elections by ballot generally appropriate, S/P/Ns sometimes have only one candidate per office. This will save time and paper resources at convention. This proposed amendment prevents the alternative of suspending the bylaws.

**#4 Motion:** I move the addition in Article VII, Section 1, new letter e., to read: If the slate of candidates has only one person nominated for each office, the Arizona president declares the election effective by unanimous consent or acclamation.

*(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)*

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---An additional motion on voting procedure follows.

**Rational:** It may come to be that later in the convention agenda, preceding motions 2,3, or 4 will need to be referenced.

**#5 Motion:** I move the adopted amendments to these bylaws shall become the law of Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa with immediate effect, rather than at the end of convention.

*(Members debate the motion; the chair puts the question to vote; then the chair announces the result.)*