

TRIANGLE FRATERNITY
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS

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TRIANGLE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 NAME

SECTION 1 This organization shall be known and designated as TRIANGLE.

SECTION 2 TRIANGLE shall not become affiliated with any other organization so as to lose its name or purpose.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1 The purpose of TRIANGLE shall be to maintain a fraternity of engineers, architects and scientists. It shall carry out its purpose by establishing chapters that develop balanced men who cultivate high moral character, foster lifelong friendships, and live with integrity.

SECTION 2 The objectives of TRIANGLE, which apply to all members, are:

1. To help develop the highest standards of personal integrity and character,
2. To foster and provide an intellectual, mature environment for its members through individual and group effort and through the mutual companionship of men with similar professional interests and goals,
3. To foster and provide the broadening experience of fraternity living with its social and moral challenges and responsibilities for the individual and the chapter,
4. To recognize and support the objectives and goals of the alma mater and those of the community through responsible participation and action,
5. To help bridge the gap between undergraduate study and the vocation of the individual in industry, the academic world or government,
6. To foster and maintain a bond of fraternal brotherhood through a continuing program of activity for the alumni, and
7. To bring into focus the elements of planned progress for the betterment of mankind.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 The members of TRIANGLE shall be active, alumni, associate, chapter honorary, national honorary and distinguished fellow.

SECTION 2 At the time of election to membership, all members of TRIANGLE shall be men who:

1. are enrolled in programs of study leading to degrees in engineering, architecture or science;
2. are engaged in an engineering, architecture, or scientific profession; or

3. qualify for membership as a distinguished fellow.

The status of a candidate and his initiation to the proper grade of membership shall be governed by the Ritual and Bylaws.

SECTION 3 TRIANGLE shall not allow dual membership with members of national academic college fraternities as defined in the Bylaws, except in the grades of chapter honorary, national honorary and distinguished fellow.

ARTICLE 4 **ORGANIZATION**

SECTION 1 The government of TRIANGLE shall be vested in a National Convention and a National Council.

SECTION 2 TRIANGLE shall be organized into chapters and associations.

SECTION 3 Chapters shall be established only at technical institutions in which programs of study that lead to baccalaureate degrees in engineering, architecture, or approved sciences are taught.

SECTION 4 Associations may be organized by TRIANGLE alumni representing any or all chapters for the purpose of establishing and maintaining contact between members.

ARTICLE 5 **OFFICERS**

SECTION 1 The officers of TRIANGLE shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President. Nothing shall preclude the offices of Secretary and Treasurer from being held by one person.

ARTICLE 6 **FUNDS**

SECTION 1 For each candidate, the active organization shall pay to TRIANGLE the National Candidate Fee. This fee shall be waived for associate, chapter honorary, national honorary and distinguished fellow members.

SECTION 2 For each active, associate, alumni, chapter honorary, or distinguished fellow member initiated, the active organization shall pay to TRIANGLE the National Member Service Fee. The payment of this fee shall entitle the initiate to the official publication of TRIANGLE and other perquisites as long as he is a member of the Fraternity.

SECTION 3 Each year, each active organization shall pay to TRIANGLE the National Active Fee and National Education Fee for each active member of the chapter.

SECTION 4 Each year, each active organization and alumni organization shall pay to TRIANGLE a Chapter Fee.

SECTION 5 Voluntary National Alumni Dues shall be paid to TRIANGLE by alumni and associate members.

ARTICLE 7 **AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1 An amendment to the National Constitution shall be initiated as specified in the Bylaws; submitted to the chapters by the Secretary; and become enacted when it receives the

favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the active organization of three-fourths (3/4) of the chapters and the favorable vote of a majority of the duly authorized representatives of the alumni organizations of three-fourths (3/4) of the chapters.

SECTION 2 The National Constitution may be amended by a referendum vote of chapters upon the presentation to National Council of a documented petition supported by at least two hundred (200) members of TRIANGLE, representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the currently active chapters, requesting such referendum vote of the chapters.

Upon receipt of such petition, the Secretary shall submit the proposed amendment to a vote of the chapters in accordance with this Article.

ARTICLE 8 **RITUAL**

SECTION 1 The Ritual of TRIANGLE shall be a part of the National Constitution of TRIANGLE and shall be equally authoritative in establishing the fundamental principles of the Fraternity.

SECTION 2 The Ritual shall be amended in the same manner as the National Constitution, with the exception of the Abridged History, which shall be amended in the same manner as the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE 9 **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

SECTION 1 The Graduation Ceremony of TRIANGLE shall be a part of the National Constitution of TRIANGLE.

SECTION 2 The Graduation Ceremony shall be amended in the same manner as the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE 10 **BYLAWS**

SECTION 1 The Bylaws appended to this National Constitution shall conform to the fundamental principles expressed in the National Constitution and Ritual of TRIANGLE.

ARTICLE 11 **FRATERNITY REGULATIONS**

SECTION 1 Fraternity Regulations, and changes thereto, shall be adopted by National Council to implement and provide for the continuance of those functions directed by the National Constitution, Ritual, Bylaws, mandates of the National Convention, and/or good administrative practices not contrary to TRIANGLE precepts and governing documents.

TRIANGLE NATIONAL BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 ACTIVE MEMBERS

Para. 1 Qualifications for Membership

- a. Active members shall be chosen from undergraduate or graduate students whose curriculum leads to a baccalaureate or higher degree in engineering, architecture or science and whose curriculum has been:
 - i. requested for approval by the member's chapter, and
 - ii. approved by the Approved Courses Committee.
- b. No man shall be pledged until he has matriculated for full-time study.
- c. A man may be pledged only if his cumulative grade point average is at least 2.5 on a 4.00 scale or, if he has not completed the first term of the freshman year, if his high school cumulative grade point average is at least 2.5 on a 4.00 scale or equivalent. The scholastic requirements above shall be a minimum national standard; chapters may have more stringent standards.
- d. A man may be initiated only if his cumulative grade point average is at least that required for graduation in his curriculum and at least 2.5 on a 4.00 scale or equivalent. This requirement shall be waived if the man has not completed the first term of the freshman year. The scholastic requirements above shall be a minimum national standard; chapters may have more stringent standards.
- e. Any man pledged or repledged after completing his first academic term shall, at the time of pledging, meet the minimum scholastic requirements for initiation and shall have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.00 scale or equivalent.
- f. Membership is for life. Once he has been initiated, a member does not relinquish membership in Triangle as a result of any changes such that the member no longer meets the initial qualifications for membership.

Para. 2 Recruitment and Pledging

- a. Any member of TRIANGLE may suggest the name of a man for consideration for membership in the Fraternity.
- b. A recruitment committee or team shall make proper and convenient arrangements to entertain and/or interview prospective members in an informal way to enable as many of the active members as practicable to become acquainted with the prospective member and to enable him to become acquainted with the membership of the chapter.
- c. After the name of a prospective member has been suggested, and as soon as sufficient information is available, his suitability for membership shall be discussed.

After the discussion, any active member may propose him as a candidate. The vote upon each individual prospective member shall be conducted by secret ballot in a regular meeting or in a special meeting of the active organization (or recruitment team, if provided by the chapter constitution) that has been previously announced to the active members of the chapter.

Each active member of the chapter shall indicate his favorable vote by casting a white ball in the ballot box, or his unfavorable vote by casting a black cube; but every active member of the chapter shall have the opportunity to vote on each prospective member. However, by provision of its constitution, an active organization may use any other method of determining the eligibility of a potential candidate.

A prospective member shall be selected as a candidate unless three or more unfavorable votes are cast; however any chapter may by provision of its constitution change the number of such unfavorable votes.

- d. The invitation to a prospective member shall be extended as soon as possible after his election has been announced. The prospective member shall be allowed ample time to privately consider the invitation of the Fraternity. No attempt shall be made to urge him to make an immediate decision. However, the invitation shall not be extended beyond a reasonable period of time.
- e. Having voluntarily stated his acceptance of the invitation to become a candidate in TRIANGLE, the prospective member shall be promptly pledged in a ceremony which shall include the administration of the candidate oath before two or more members of the chapter. The president of the active organization or his designee shall administer the candidate oath as follows:

"Mr. _____ (state full name), please raise your right hand and repeat these words after me:

I solemnly swear (or affirm) upon my word and honor as a gentleman that I will become a member of _____ Chapter of TRIANGLE at such time as it may prescribe, and that I will follow to the best of my ability any directions regarding my actions which TRIANGLE may offer, and that I will so conduct myself as to warrant the respect and esteem of my fellow men. I promise to in no way make intelligible to others any of the secrets of TRIANGLE that may become known to me."

- f. The president or his designee shall then affix the candidate pin to the coat lapel or shirt or sweater of the candidate, telling him that he is expected to wear it in an appropriate manner until initiated.
- g. Following administration of the candidate oath, the active organization shall forward to the National Office a Notice of Candidacy and the appropriate National Candidate Fee. A separate form shall be filed for each candidate. These forms and fees shall be received by the National Office not more than fourteen (14) days following the date of pledging.

Para. 3 Education and Probation Period

- a. During the probation period, each candidate should be made to feel that he has a part in the affairs of the Fraternity, and he should be required to attend chapter meetings, except those parts related to membership, initiation, the Ritual, and the Graduation Ceremony. The candidates should be encouraged to take an active part in the social, professional, and athletic programs of the chapter, but may not vote for active organization officers or hold elective active organization office.

Candidates should be urged to live in the chapter house and attend meals there; if a candidate is unable to do this, he should be encouraged to visit the chapter house frequently to associate with the members.

- b. Candidates shall be encouraged to take part in special or routine work of a constructive nature, in and about the chapter house, to the advantage of the chapter. All special or routine duties shall be shared equally among candidates and actives and there shall be NO special duties or work required of a candidate solely as a result of his candidate status. Members of the chapter shall not be permitted to impose requests for personal service upon the candidates.
- c. There shall be NO activity or function required of a candidate by any member of TRIANGLE which violates the precepts of TRIANGLE, the National Constitution, Ritual, Bylaws, or Fraternity Regulations or which violate any national, state, university, or local laws or regulations.
- d. The TRIANGLE Candidate Pin must be worn at all times except when it is impractical, such as participation in athletic events or while sleeping.
- e. The requirements to be met before a candidate may be initiated into TRIANGLE include attending at least eight classes of a member education program which shall include the following information:
 - i. the responsibilities of members,
 - ii. the chapter roll,
 - iii. the Founders of TRIANGLE,
 - iv. the National Organization,
 - v. the Greek Alphabet,
 - vi. review of the National Constitution, Bylaws and Fraternity Regulations,
 - vii. chapter history,
 - viii. school history,
 - ix. chapter officers' duties,
 - x. chapter constitution and bylaws,
 - xi. Robert's Rules of Order, and
 - xii. risk management and the effects of alcohol consumption on human physiology.
- f. The chapter should supplement the above information with programs such as how to study and time management.
- g. These classes are to be completed in no less than twenty-one (21) days and no more than eighty-four (84) days.

Para. 4 Initiation

- a. During the probation period each candidate shall read the History of TRIANGLE and the play "Everyman". He shall prepare a neat synopsis of each, which he shall present for approval to the secretary of the active organization at least two days before the initiation ceremony.
- b. Eligibility of each candidate for active membership shall be determined in a secret ballot at a regular meeting of the active organization. Every member of the active

organization shall have the opportunity to vote on each candidate. Such vote shall not be taken upon any candidate who has not been a candidate of the chapter for at least four weeks.

- c. A candidate shall be elected to membership unless three or more unfavorable votes are cast; however, any chapter may by provision of its constitution change the number of such unfavorable votes. Any candidate who fails to be so elected shall be released immediately, in the manner prescribed in these Bylaws.
- d. After selection of a date for initiation, the active organization shall forward to the National Office a Request for Initiation, the form of which shall be specified by the National Office, and the appropriate National Member Service Fee. Such requests and fees shall be forwarded to reach the National Office at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the proposed initiation.

No candidate shall be conducted through any part of the initiation ceremony until definite permission to initiate has been received from the National Office.

- e. The initiation ceremony shall be conducted in accordance with the Ritual.
- f. A banquet shall be held as part of the initiation ceremony.

The new initiates, all active members of the chapter, and other members of TRIANGLE shall attend the banquet.

A suitable program shall be planned primarily with the motive of extending a hearty welcome to the initiates and to advance the knowledge of TRIANGLE ideals, traditions, history and fraternal spirit among the members.

- g. After completion of the initiation ceremony and the banquet, each initiate shall have no voting rights beyond those accorded candidates until he has satisfied the following requirements:
 - i. Each initiate shall fill out and sign a Membership Record which he shall present to the secretary of the active organization for approval;
 - ii. Each initiate shall fill out and sign a sheet in the Membership Book of the chapter;
 - iii. Each initiate shall read the National Constitution, Bylaws, Fraternity Regulations, and Ritual within a few days after the initiation; and
 - iv. Each initiate shall memorize the Oath and shall repeat it correctly, from memory, at a regular meeting of the active organization.

Para. 5 Posthumous Initiation

- a. National Council, upon request from a chapter, may approve the posthumous initiation of a candidate. Such approval shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of National Council.
- b. After selection of a date for initiation, the active organization shall forward to the National Office a Request for Initiation, the form of which shall be specified by the National Office. Such requests shall be forwarded to reach the National Office at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the proposed initiation.
- c. The initiation of member shall be acknowledged by the chapter in a manner consistent with the Ritual of TRIANGLE.

- d. Following the initiation the secretary of the active organization shall complete a Membership Record for the initiate.

Para. 6 Affiliation

- a. When an active member withdraws from one technical institution and enters another at which a chapter of TRIANGLE is located, he may affiliate with this chapter upon its invitation to do so. A candidate for affiliation, before he can receive an invitation, must receive a three-fourths (3/4) favorable vote of the active organization of that chapter.

Affiliation with another chapter shall confer upon a member all rights and responsibilities of an active member in that chapter. Upon graduating from or leaving the technical institution, he shall become an alumni member of that chapter. He may at any time request that he be designated an alumni member of the chapter which initiated him. Upon receipt of such request the Secretary shall revise the membership records of the Fraternity.

Para. 7 Graduate student active members

- a. An alumni member enrolled in a graduate course of study at a technical institution at which a chapter of TRIANGLE is located, may request active member status with this chapter. Such request shall be granted upon a three-fourths (3/4) favorable vote of the active organization of that chapter.
- b. A member granted active member status in a chapter other than the chapter at which he was initiated shall be deemed to have affiliated with the second chapter.
- c. A member granted active member status shall have all rights and responsibilities of an active member in that chapter. His change in member status from alumni to active shall take effect immediately.

Para. 8 Cooperative Education Programs

- a. During the time that an active member is participating in a cooperative education program and is away from the technical institution at which he holds active membership, he shall continue to be considered an active member of his chapter.

SECTION 2 ALUMNI MEMBERS

Para. 1 An active member shall become an alumni member upon graduating from or leaving the technical institution at which he held active membership in a TRIANGLE chapter.

Para. 2 An active member may choose to become an alumni member if:

- i. he has been an active member for at least four (4) years, and
- ii. he has been enrolled as a regular student for at least four (4) years.

In extraordinary circumstances, National Council may waive these requirements and allow an individual member's change in status after consultation with the active organization president and secretary.

An active member who chooses to become an alumni member shall inform the secretary of the active organization in writing. The member's change in status from active to alumni member shall be effective with the beginning of the next regular school term.

Para. 3 Alumni members are encouraged to visit and participate in the activities of TRIANGLE chapters other than the one in which they held active membership. Nothing in the National Constitution or these Bylaws shall be construed to discourage such visitation and participation. Subject to the provisions of chapter constitutions and bylaws, alumni members may attend meetings, hold elective offices and attend National Conventions as voting delegates of any chapter.

Para. 4 A chapter may, in its constitution and bylaws, create and provide for special designations for alumni members of other chapters for whom the chapter has developed a special affinity or affection, based upon the alumni member's service to or participation in the affairs of the chapter. Such designations shall be subject to the prior approval of National Council.

SECTION 3 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Para. 1 Associate members may be chosen from men engaged in the engineering, architectural, or approved scientific professions or from men enrolled in a graduate degree program in engineering, architecture or science and whose curriculum has been approved by the Approved Courses Committee.

Para. 2 No one shall be eligible for associate membership unless he has completed at least three years in a course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree conferred in accordance with the requirements for active membership.

Para. 3 Chapter Associate Members

- a. A candidate for chapter associate membership may be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the active organization or a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the alumni organization.

Para. 4 National Associate Members

- a. A candidate for national associate membership may be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of an alumni association or by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of National Council.

Para. 5 The candidate oath shall be administered to candidates for associate membership and they shall be conducted through the initiation ceremony in the same manner as an active member.

SECTION 4 HONORARY MEMBERS

Para. 1 Chapter Honorary Members

- a. Chapter honorary members shall be chosen from engineers, architects, and scientists who have distinguished themselves by at least ten years of outstanding service in teaching, professional practice or research in engineering, architecture, or the approved sciences.
- b. The application for initiation as a chapter honorary member shall indicate two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the active organization and must be accompanied by a letter of approval from the duly authorized representatives of the chapter's alumni organization to the National Office.
- c. Chapter honorary members shall have no vote in chapter or national affairs.

Para. 2 National Honorary Members

- a. National honorary members shall be chosen from engineers, architects and scientists in the approved sciences who have attained recognized national standing in their professions or from those persons who have performed outstanding service for TRIANGLE.
- b. A candidate for national honorary membership may be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the National Convention, by a unanimous vote of National Council, or by the favorable vote of the majority of members of two-thirds of the active organizations and favorable vote of the majority of the duly authorized representatives of two-thirds (2/3) of the combined alumni organizations and associations.
- c. National honorary members shall have no vote in chapter or national affairs and shall be exempt from all fees and dues.

SECTION 5 DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS

Para. 1 Distinguished fellows may be chosen from men who have distinguished themselves by:

- a. working within a school of engineering, science or architecture for the betterment of the school for many years; or
- b. providing significant financial support to or working for the betterment of a chapter of TRIANGLE Fraternity for many years.

Para. 2 The application for initiation as a distinguished fellow shall indicate two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the active organization and must be accompanied by a letter of approval from the duly authorized representatives of the chapter's alumni organization to the National Office.

A candidate for distinguished fellow may also be elected by a unanimous vote of National Council, and shall be initiated by the TRIANGLE Chapter designated by National Council.

Para. 3 A candidate for distinguished fellow shall be pledged and initiated in the same manner as an honorary member.

Para. 4 Distinguished fellows shall have no vote in chapter or national affairs.

SECTION 6 RELEASE OF CANDIDATES AND MEMBERS

Para. 1 Release of Candidates

A candidate shall be released:

- a. if he has not been initiated within one calendar year after pledging;
- b. if he withdraws from school or if he fails to return for school for any regular term during his candidacy;
- c. if he becomes ineligible for membership by reason of not being enrolled in an approved curriculum as specified in these Bylaws;
- d. upon his own request, after the president and vice president of the active organization have discussed the matter with him and have clearly determined his reasons for the request;

- e. if, at any time, it is found that he was ineligible to become a candidate at the time of his pledging, according to the requirements of these Bylaws and of the National Constitution;
- f. if he enters into any negotiations for securing membership in any other national academic college fraternity;
- g. if he evidences unwillingness to conform to the directions given for preparation for initiation;
- h. if he refuses to complete or to regard seriously the various steps in the initiation; or;
- i. upon the majority vote of the active organization taken not less than two weeks subsequent to such a proposal at an active organization meeting.

Para. 2 Suspension and Expulsion of Members

- a. A member of an active organization may be suspended or expelled by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the active organization of the chapter, excepting the vote of the man or men in question. A suspension must have a defined period which may not exceed one year. If the meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting, the votes of the members who are absent shall be cast with the majority of those present and eligible to vote. Proxy votes shall not be permitted. All voting members shall be given notice at least one week in advance of the meeting that a question of suspension or expulsion is to be considered. Members for whom suspension or expulsion is to be considered shall be informed in advance and in writing of the basis of such action. Meetings specially convened to consider suspension or expulsion should be avoided, but if such a meeting is necessary and called, notice shall be served to all voting members and the members for whom the suspension or expulsion is to be considered. Suspension of an active member shall not relieve the active organization of the responsibility to pay the National Active Fee with respect to the suspended member.

An active member may request, in writing, suspension for hardship reasons. Requests for suspension in excess of one year cannot be considered, but a renewal of suspension can be considered upon written request.

- b. An alumni, associate, chapter honorary member, or distinguished fellow may be suspended or expelled following action on a petition by any alumni or associate member. The elected officers of the chapter (officers in the active and alumni organizations) must act on the petition within 30 days of its receipt. In case the majority of officers are in favor of suspension or expulsion, the member is suspended until the next regular or special meeting of the chapter. The man so suspended shall be so notified, and he shall be given not less than 30 days written notice of the time and place of the next regular or special chapter meeting. The time and place of this meeting will be determined and agreed to by the active president and alumni president.

When an alumni, associate, chapter honorary member, or distinguished fellow has been suspended by action of the chapter officers as prescribed above, he may be expelled by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members (other than the man suspended) present at the next regular or special chapter meeting, provided there are at least 25 members present, including 12 alumni or associate members. Upon failure of the vote to expel, a majority vote shall decide on further suspension or reinstatement. A member may be considered "present" at the meeting via conference telephone or other communications equipment as long as they can communicate with all persons participating in the meeting.

- c. A member of TRIANGLE may be suspended or expelled by National Council. The member and, in the case of active, alumni, associate, or chapter honorary members, his chapter (both the active organization and the alumni organization) shall be given written notice of the charges and the time and place of the next regular meeting of National Council at which the member will be given a hearing. Such notice shall be delivered at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled hearing. Suspension shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of National Council, and expulsion shall be by unanimous vote of National Council.

Within fifteen (15) days following suspension or expulsion by National Council, the National President shall appoint an appeals board consisting of the three most recent Past National Presidents who are not currently serving on National Council and who are able and willing to serve. This board shall examine the charges against the member and shall vote on the member's continued suspension or expulsion. A majority vote of the appeals board is required to sustain the decision by National Council.

- d. A member who is suspended shall cease all fraternal activities of TRIANGLE during the period of suspension; he shall have no vote in chapter or national affairs and shall not take part in social, athletic, professional or ritual activities of his chapter.
- e. A member who is expelled shall be released as prescribed by these Bylaws. He shall return his badge, membership card and membership certificate to the active organization secretary or national Secretary and shall receive the deposit for the same. National Council shall reimburse the chapter or the member recovering the badge upon receipt of the badge.

Para. 3 Voluntary Termination of Membership

- a. An active member may seek and obtain a voluntary termination of membership in the Fraternity by submitting a written request to the active organization president. The request for termination shall state the reasons for such a request, but shall not include short-term financial hardship. When possible, the member seeking termination of membership shall be interviewed by at least one member to confirm that the termination would be to the mutual benefit of the member and the Fraternity. It should be understood that termination of membership is intended to be permanent and not a temporary status. The request to terminate membership and supporting information shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters. Upon receipt, the National Secretary (or his designee) shall remove the name of the member from the rolls of the Fraternity.
- b. An alumni, associate, honorary member, or distinguished fellow may seek and obtain a voluntary termination of membership in the Fraternity by submitting a written request to the National Headquarters. The request for termination shall state the reasons for such a request. Voluntary termination may be granted when the termination would be to the mutual benefit of the member and the Fraternity or the member has lost all interest in the Fraternity. Upon receipt of the request and the determination that the member has lost all interest in the Fraternity, the National Secretary (or his designee) shall remove the name of the member from the rolls of the Fraternity.
- c. A member who is voluntarily terminated shall cease all fraternal activities of TRIANGLE; he shall have no vote and shall not take part in social, athletic, professional or ritual activities of the Fraternity. He shall return his badge, membership card and membership certificate to the active organization secretary or National Headquarters.

Para. 4 Release of a Member or Candidate.

- a. The Release Oath shall be administered by the president of the active organization for candidates and active members and by the president of the alumni organization or a representative designated by National Council for other members. Whenever possible, the release oath shall be administered in the presence of at least two members as witnesses.
- b. In case the candidate or member to be released has left the chapter and a personal meeting cannot be arranged, the president shall forward, by certified mail, a copy of the Release Oath, requesting the person to affirm the Release Oath by signing it and returning it by mail.
- c. Every release, whether in the case of a candidate or of a member, shall be recorded with the Secretary and a statement of the details of the case shall be filed with the Secretary.
- d. If for any reason, a member or candidate is to be released, the following Release Oath shall be administered:

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will in no way make intelligible to others any of the secrets of TRIANGLE that are known to me. I will never express myself in any way so as to defame the name of TRIANGLE or any of its members."

Para. 5 Reinstatement of Members.

- a. A suspended member shall be reinstated when his period of suspension has elapsed or by a majority vote at any regular meeting:
 - i. of the active organization in the case of an active member suspended by the active organization, or;
 - ii. of the chapter in the case of an alumni, associate, chapter honorary member, or distinguished fellow suspended by the chapter, or;
 - iii. of National Council in the case of a member suspended by National Council.
- b. After being expelled by a chapter, an alumni, associate, chapter honorary member, or distinguished fellow may petition the applicable body (i.e., active organization, chapter, or National Council) for reinstatement. Such reinstatement may be granted only upon the three-fourths (3/4) favorable vote by the applicable body at the next regular meeting of that body.
- c. An active member who has been voluntarily terminated may petition, in writing, the active organization for reinstatement. The petition shall state the reasons for reinstatement. Such reinstatement may be granted only upon the three-fourths (3/4) favorable vote of the members present at the next active organization meeting.
- d. An alumni, associate, honorary member, or distinguished fellow who has been voluntarily terminated may petition, in writing, National Council for reinstatement. The petition shall state the reasons for reinstatement. Such reinstatement may be granted only upon the three-fourths (3/4) favorable vote of the members of National Council present at the next meeting.

SECTION 7 **CHAPTER ETERNAL CEREMONY**

Para. 1 The Chapter Eternal Ceremony of TRIANGLE is a guide for celebrating the life of a TRIANGLE brother who has entered Chapter Eternal. People and cultures are different throughout TRIANGLE, therefore the ceremony is a template to be adapted to the individual's beliefs and desires and not be held to by strict ritual premise. It is an open ceremony in order to allow friends and family to be present with their loved one.

Para. 2 The Chapter Eternal Ceremony of TRIANGLE is as follows:

"It is my privilege on behalf of Triangle Fraternity to reflect and honor the passing of:

"Brother _____ Chapter/year: _____

"Triangle brothers are joined by our studies in Engineering or Architecture or Science. And while some move into other fields, we joined Triangle because of our initial interest and desire to bond with friends of common pursuits.

"Our fraternity encourages each brother to be a companion of the sincerest good will, demonstrating firmness of purpose and strong, deep-rooted dependability.

"When a brother passes, Triangle records his passing into the fraternity's Chapter Eternal, where he joins with fellow brothers who have preceded him.

"Brother _____, you have entered the silent domain that all the dead have reached, and where the journey of every worldly life ends.

"And we—your brothers, your friends, and your family—meet to do the last kind act that a brother may do for his fellow brother. To reflect on your life, to remember your virtues, to speak with tenderness, and shed tears for your ashes in your sacred place of rest and peace. Veritas Omnia Vincit. Truth Conquers All."

ARTICLE 2 **ORGANIZATION****SECTION 1** **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Para. 1 The legislative body of TRIANGLE shall be the National Convention. It shall have the power to legislate for the governing of all chapters; it shall expel, suspend or reinstate a chapter as provided for in these Bylaws; it shall levy assessments upon the chapters; it shall act upon all reports; it shall receive a report of the audit of the National books; it shall attend to miscellaneous business.

Para. 2 The National Convention shall be the final Court of Appeals on the interpretation of the National Constitution, of the Ritual, of the Graduation Ceremony, of the Bylaws, and of the Fraternity Regulations of TRIANGLE. When acting as a Court of Appeals, a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the National Convention, excluding the votes of members of National Council, shall be required to overrule a decision of National Council. Members of National Council shall have no vote in the Court of Appeals.

Para. 3 The National Convention shall consist of National Council, a delegation from the alumni and active organizations of each TRIANGLE chapter, and delegates from duly recognized TRIANGLE associations.

- Para. 4 Each voting member of National Council shall be entitled to one vote in the National Convention. Each active organization of each chapter shall be entitled to two votes in the National Convention. The delegation of the alumni organization of each chapter shall consist of at least one alumni or associate member of TRIANGLE and shall be entitled to one vote in the National Convention. Each duly recognized association shall be entitled to one vote. Members of National Council, alumni delegates and association delegates shall not be permitted to vote in more than one capacity.
- Para. 5 A quorum in the Convention shall consist of a majority of the voting members of National Council and a majority of the remaining votes of the National Convention.
- Para. 6 The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of TRIANGLE shall be the officers of the National Convention.
- Para. 7 The National Convention shall be held biennially at such time and place as National Council shall decide.
- Para. 8 The President shall call a special convention upon receipt of a petition from the active or alumni organizations of two-thirds (2/3) of the chapters.

SECTION 2 NATIONAL COUNCIL

- Para. 1 The executive and judiciary body of TRIANGLE shall be National Council.
- Para. 2 National Council shall consist of the Officers of TRIANGLE, six (6) other alumni and associate members, and one (1) active member.
- Para. 3 National Council shall decide all questions pertaining to the interpretation of the National Constitution, the Ritual, the Graduation Ceremony, the Bylaws, and the Fraternity Regulations. An appeal for reversal of its decision may be made to the National Convention.
- Para. 4 It shall be the duty of National Council to investigate all petitions for chapters. Upon the three-fourths (3/4) vote of National Council, a charter shall be granted to the petitioning organization and the organization shall be installed as a chapter of TRIANGLE.
- Para. 5 National Council shall annually appoint an active member of TRIANGLE as the Active Councilman.
- Para. 6 National Council shall hold at least two regular meetings during the year. National Council may hold other meetings through the use of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the person or persons so participating. Any action which National Council is authorized to take at a meeting may be taken by unanimous written consent or by unanimous telephone vote followed by ratification (either in writing or at a subsequent meeting), in lieu of a meeting.
- National Council may also establish procedures whereby any action which it is authorized to take at a meeting may be taken using electronic mail (Email).
- Para. 7 National Council shall employ and maintain staff to run the business of the fraternity.
- Para. 8 Resignation or Removal of a Member of National Council
- a. Should an officer or member of National Council be unable to perform his duties for an extended period, he shall resign.

- b. Should an officer or member of National Council become a voting member of another National Triangle Board, an officer of an alumni organization, or an officer of an association, he shall resign.
- c. An officer or member of National Council may be removed from National Council by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all voting members of National Council excepting the member in question. The vote for removal of a member of National Council shall take place at a meeting of National Council. The member for whom removal is to be considered shall be informed at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting and in writing of the basis of such action.
- d. If a vacancy occurs among the non-officer members of National Council, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by an appointee of National Council.
- e. If the National President resigns, the current Past President must declare his intention no later than the next National Council meeting to stay on National Council as Past President or to resign and allow the current National President to take the Past President position on National Council.

Para. 9 Reinstatement of a Member of National Council

- a. Notice of removal of a member of National Council shall be distributed to all active and alumni organizations.
- b. If, within six (6) months following distribution, written objection is received by National Council from a majority of the members of one-tenth (1/10) of the active organizations and a majority of the duly authorized representatives of one-tenth (1/10) of the alumni organizations, the removal of the member shall be submitted to the chapters for consideration of reversal in the manner prescribed for amending the National Constitution. No question of reversal shall be submitted to the chapters between April 1 and September 1.
- c. The removal of the member shall remain in effect pending the outcome of the vote on the question of reversal.

SECTION 3 CHAPTERS

Para. 1 Chapter Organization and Name

- a. Each chapter of TRIANGLE shall consist of an active organization and an alumni organization.
- b. At the time of their initial recognition by National Council, a colony or interest group shall be designated by the name of the college or university at which they are located. A subsequent change in the name of the college or university shall not necessitate a change in their designation.
- c. Each chapter shall select a member(s) of the faculty of the college or university at which it is located to serve as Faculty Advisor(s).
- d. Each chapter may select local alumni to serve as Chapter Advisor(s).

Para. 2 New Chapters

- a. National Council may establish, or authorize the establishment of, a colony or interest group, or may designate an existing local organization as a colony, for the

purpose of assisting such colony or interest group in meeting the national requirements of TRIANGLE.

- b. Colony/interest group members shall subscribe to the Candidate Oath administered by a representative of National Council and shall become candidates of TRIANGLE.
- c. National Council may authorize the President or his designee to grant permission to initiate colony/interest group members meeting the membership requirements specified in the National Constitution, Bylaws, and Fraternity Regulations, upon request therefor and payment of the National Member Service Fee as provided for in these Bylaws. Such initiation shall be conducted by members of any Chapter of TRIANGLE, or by a ritual team appointed by the National Secretary. The National Active Fee, as provided for in these Bylaws, shall be payable for such colony/interest group members upon and following their initiation.
- d. Any organization located at an institution of recognized standing which has a sufficient body of students registered for residence study in curricula leading to baccalaureate degrees and selecting its members primarily in the manner set forth in the TRIANGLE National Constitution, Bylaws and Ritual may petition National Council for a charter as a chapter of TRIANGLE. The petition shall be accompanied by a Chapter Installation Fee.
- e. After a charter has been granted to a petitioning organization, installation shall be arranged only after the petitioners have met the requirements established by National Council.

The installation shall be conducted under the personal supervision of one of the members of National Council or of a representative thereof. The installing team shall be composed of ten active or alumni members of any of the chapters of TRIANGLE and shall assume charge of the house of the newly elected chapter on the day of installation.

Members of the affiliating organization, other than actives, may, upon favorable vote of the active members and alumni members present at the installation and certification by the new chapter, be initiated as alumni, associate, chapter honorary, or distinguished fellow members of TRIANGLE, provided they fulfill all the requirements for such membership.

Each new chapter of TRIANGLE shall pay to TRIANGLE the National Member Service Fee for each active, alumni, associate, or chapter honorary member initiated. This sum shall be payable in the manner and at the time prescribed by the Bylaws and Fraternity Regulations.

Para. 3 Suspension and Expulsion of TRIANGLE Organizations

- a. National Council shall have the power to suspend the active organization and/or the alumni organization of a chapter. Suspension shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of National Council. A petition to National Council asking for the suspension of the active organization of a chapter, with reasons for suspension and signed by the officers of a majority of the active organizations, shall necessitate an immediate vote of National Council on such suspension.

An alumni organization may only be suspended if the active organization of that chapter is currently suspended.

- b. The suspension of an active organization or alumni organization shall take effect immediately following the vote of National Council and shall extend for a term as defined by National Council.
- c. A chapter suspended by National Council must immediately return its charter, ritual equipment, and all assets to the National Headquarters and cease all activities as a chapter of TRIANGLE. An active organization suspended by National Council must immediately return its charter and ritual equipment to the National Headquarters and cease all activities as a chapter of TRIANGLE.

Any active members of an active organization suspended by National Council shall immediately become alumni members of the chapter.

All assets shall be held in trust for the benefit of the chapter. In the event the chapter is expelled, the assets may be used as directed by National Council.

- d. A chapter may be expelled from TRIANGLE by the unanimous vote of the National Convention, the delegates from a chapter voting as a unit, excepting the chapter in question and Council members who are alumni of the chapter, if any.
- e. An active organization or alumni organization suspended by National Council may be reinstated prior to the expiration of its term of suspension by a majority vote of National Council.

A suspended active organization or alumni organization may be reinstated prior to the expiration of its term of suspension by the majority vote of the National Convention, the delegates from a chapter voting as a unit, excepting the chapter in question and Council members who are alumni of the chapter, if any.

An active organization may not be reinstated if the alumni organization is suspended.

- f. If, upon expiration of its term of suspension, an active organization has not been reinstated, the chapter's charter shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.
- g. The alumni, associate, chapter honorary, and distinguished fellow members of an expelled or suspended chapter or one whose charter has been withdrawn shall not lose any rights or privileges as members of TRIANGLE.

Para. 4 Chapter Constitutions and Bylaws

- a. Each chapter shall frame and be further governed by a chapter constitution, bylaws and/or fraternity regulations which shall contain nothing inconsistent with National Constitution, Bylaws, or Fraternity Regulations, nor anything contrary to the ideals of TRIANGLE as prescribed in the Ritual. An amendment to the National documents shall immediately render void and inoperative any contrary section or clause in any chapter governing document.
- b. Every amendment to the constitution and bylaws of a chapter shall be reported immediately to the national Secretary for the purpose of keeping copies on file in the National Office up to date. At the discretion of the chapter president, advice regarding proposed amendments may be sought from National Council. If a chapter constitution is revised extensively, the entire constitution shall be submitted to National Council for approval.

Para. 5 Chapter Housing Organizations

- a. Any chapter or colony purchasing real property after August 1, 2024, must organize an entity, separate from its active and alumni organizations, in accordance with the laws of the state where the chapter or colony is located. This entity shall be responsible for holding title to the real property and conducting such transactions as may be necessary.
- b. Housing entities shall have not less than three (3) Directors. Directors may not also have an official role with a chapter (e.g., Active or Alumni Organization officer, Faculty Advisor, Chapter Advisor), at the national level (e.g., National Council, Triangle Education Foundation, Triangle Building and Housing Corporation), or with an Alumni Association.

SECTION 4 ASSOCIATIONS

Para. 1 National Council shall establish or authorize the establishment of an association or may recognize a local alumni group as an association.

Para. 2 An association shall be duly recognized at National Convention if it has held at least three (3) meetings with at least ten (10) members during the year just preceding the National Convention.

SECTION 5 TRIANGLE REVIEW

Para. 1 The official publication of TRIANGLE shall be known as TRIANGLE REVIEW.

Para. 2 The official publication of TRIANGLE shall be supported by TRIANGLE.

Para. 3 The Editor of the TRIANGLE REVIEW shall be appointed by National Council.

ARTICLE 3 **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

SECTION 1 OFFICERS

Para. 1 The Past President shall serve, immediately following his service as President, until the President shall become the Past President. He shall serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and shall have such other duties and responsibilities as the President or National Council may determine. Any vacancy in the office of Past President may be filled by the most recent Past President able and willing to serve.

Para. 2 The President shall be elected in the manner provided by these Bylaws. No member shall be eligible for election as President unless he has served as a member of National Council for at least three years or at least one year as President or Vice-President. No person shall serve as President for more than two (2) years in succession.

Para. 3 The President shall preside over all meetings of National Council and the Executive Committee, and over all sessions of the National Convention. He shall approve any disbursement of funds by the Treasurer. He shall appoint all committees established by these Bylaws or by National Council. He shall call any regular or special National Convention when required in accordance with these Bylaws. He or his designee shall grant permission to the chapters to initiate candidates for membership, upon receipt of a proper request for initiation, as prescribed in these Bylaws. He shall be, and possess the powers of, the chief executive officer of TRIANGLE and, in general, shall perform all duties incident or customary to the office of President and such other duties as National Council

or National Convention may determine. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President.

- Para. 4 The Vice President shall be elected in the manner provided by these Bylaws. No member shall be eligible for election as Vice President unless he has served as a member of National Council for at least one year. No person shall serve as Vice President for more than two (2) years in succession.
- Para. 5 The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President during the absence or disability of the President. He shall have such other duties and responsibilities as the President, National Council or National Convention may determine. A vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by appointment by National Council.
- Para. 6 The Treasurer shall hold in trust and keep a record of all funds of TRIANGLE. He shall prepare and submit a written report at each National Convention. He shall have such other duties and responsibilities as the President or National Council may determine. A vacancy in the Office of Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by National Council.
- Para. 7 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the National Convention and National Council. He shall attend to the correspondence of National Council and issue all communications directed by the President. He shall issue a standard form of certificate to all initiates and keep a permanent record of the membership of the Fraternity. He shall issue orders for TRIANGLE badges and pins and keep a record of the same. He shall have such other duties and responsibilities as the President or National Council may determine. A vacancy in the office of Secretary shall be filled by appointment by National Council.
- Para. 8 Neither the Treasurer nor the Secretary shall be entitled to a vote on National Council or the Executive Committee of National Council if he is also an employee of TRIANGLE or its related entities. The determination of the number of votes required for approval or rejection of a matter brought before National Council shall be based only on the number of voting members of National Council.

SECTION 2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Para. 1 The Officers of TRIANGLE shall constitute the Executive Committee of National Council. The Executive Committee shall, in periods between meetings of National Council, have and be authorized to discharge all of the powers, duties and responsibilities which are vested in National Council by the National Constitution and Bylaws, except that the Executive Committee shall not have nor be authorized to discharge any power, duty or responsibility which may be exercised only upon a two-thirds (2/3) or greater majority vote of National Council.
- Para. 2 The Executive Committee may hold any or all of its meetings through the use of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the person or persons so participating. Any action which the Executive Committee is authorized to take at a meeting may be taken by unanimous written consent or by unanimous telephone vote followed by ratification (either in writing or at a subsequent meeting), in lieu of a meeting.

SECTION 3 NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL

- Para. 1 An at-large nomination of a member of TRIANGLE for the office of President, Vice President or member of National Council shall be made by submitting a petition to the Nominating Committee at least ten (10) days in advance of their meeting.

- a. Such petition shall contain the following:
 - i. The name of the member nominated,
 - ii. The title of the position to which he is nominated,
 - iii. The printed name and signature of at least twenty-five (25) members of TRIANGLE representing at least two (2) chapters of TRIANGLE.
- Para. 2 An at-large nomination shall be declared invalid if the member nominated is ineligible to hold the office to which he is nominated as defined in these Bylaws.
- Para. 3 The ballot for election of officers and National Council shall include the names of the nominees selected by the Nominating Committee, the names of all valid at-large nominations not selected by the Nominating Committee and a space for a write-in candidate for the office of President, Vice President and each National Council position to be filled. The slate of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee shall be clearly identified.

SECTION 4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL

- Para. 1 Each year, the President and Vice President shall be elected for a one-year term and three members of National Council shall be elected for two-year terms. If the President or Vice President is nominated from a class of National Council members whose term is not expiring, the nominating committee shall nominate a man for election to fill the unexpired term.
- Para. 2 Election of the President, Vice President and other members of National Council shall be by popular vote of all initiates, who shall be informed of the nominees and their qualifications and provided with a ballot by March 1. The ballot shall be posted on the Fraternity website and distributed via email to the membership. National Council may use other media to publicize the ballot. The ballot shall include the names of the nominees and space for a write-in candidate for the offices of President, Vice President and each National Council position to be filled. To be counted, ballots must reach the National Office within thirty (30) days from the posting on the Fraternity website.
- Para. 3 For purposes of determining eligibility for nomination, election or appointment, the following shall apply:
 - a. The one year service requirement as President or Vice President and the three year service requirement as a member of National Council, in order to be eligible for nomination and election as President, shall be determined as of the time the President is to take office. The requirement shall not apply to the succession of the Vice President to the presidency in the event of a vacancy in that office.
 - b. The one year service requirement as a member of National Council, in order to be eligible for nomination and election as Vice President, shall be determined as of the time the Vice President is to take office. The requirement shall apply to the selection of a Vice President in the event of a vacancy in that office.
 - c. Service for six months or more of a term shall constitute a year for purposes of determining eligibility for election or appointment.
 - d. A member is ineligible for election or appointment to National Council if the member has served for the past ten (10) years in succession on National Council. This restriction does not apply to offices determined through automatic succession (e.g., President transition to Past President).

- e. A member is ineligible to serve on National Council if the member has an official role at the national level (e.g., Triangle Education Foundation, Triangle Building and Housing Corporation), with a chapter (e.g., Active or Alumni Organization officer, Chapter Housing Board, Faculty Advisor, Chapter Advisor), or with an Alumni Association.
- f. A member is ineligible for nomination to National Council if the member is serving on the current Nominating Committee.

Para. 4 If a candidate for elected office withdraws his candidacy or enters Chapter Eternal after the ballots have been printed and before the election has closed, National Council shall make a reasonable effort to inform chapters and members that the member in question is no longer a candidate. TRIANGLE members will be permitted to submit amended ballots. If more than one ballot is received from a member, the one with the later date, as determined by the printed postal cancellation or electronic timestamp, shall be counted.

Para. 5 Following the close of the election, if the candidate receiving the most votes for an office is unable or unwilling to serve, National Council shall fill the vacancy in the manner specified in these Bylaws.

SECTION 5 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Para. 1 Installation

- a. The Officers and National Council members of TRIANGLE shall be installed at the annual banquet held in conjunction with a national meeting. They shall take office upon adjournment of that national meeting.
- b. Chapter officers shall be installed at a banquet or other suitably arranged function.

Para. 2 The retiring president shall appoint an installing officer, who shall be the senior past president or the senior and highest ranking past officer who is present, but who is not one of the newly elected officers. This refers to national officers in case of the installation of National Council and chapter officers in the case of an installation at a chapter.

Para. 3 Oath of Office

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will fulfill to the best of my ability the duties of my office and that I will at all times maintain the honor of TRIANGLE. So help me, GOD."

Para. 4 Installation Ceremony

- a. The retiring president shall make a short address and then shall yield control of the meeting and official gavel to the installing officer. The installing officer shall request the newly elected officers to come forward and shall then administer the oath of office, collectively, to the new officers.
- b. The installing officer shall then deliver a short talk, at the close of which he shall present the gavel to the new president and retire to the body of the meeting.
- c. The new president shall make a short address of acceptance.
- d. Any officer-elect who is not present for this installation shall take the oath at the next regular meeting of the organization or shall sign a copy of the oath and file the copy with the secretary.

SECTION 6 APPOINTED OFFICERS

- Para. 1 The Editor of TRIANGLE REVIEW, appointed by National Council, shall edit the official publication of TRIANGLE; he shall appoint such assistants as may be required to carry on this work; and he shall publish the REVIEW at least four times throughout the year.
- Para. 2 National Council shall appoint a Curator, whose duty it shall be to collect and preserve the historical records of the Fraternity, such as incorporation papers, volumes of TRIANGLE REVIEW, old Rituals, old Graduation Ceremonies, National Constitutions, petitions, pictures and other valuable material not in current use by the officers.
- Para. 3 National Council shall appoint an Approved Courses Committee consisting of no fewer than two (2) and no more than four (4) members. The committee's duties shall include:
- a. Preparing and recommending to National Council criteria and guidelines for review and approval of curricula. Such criteria and guidelines, upon their approval by National Council, shall become Fraternity Regulations governing the approval process and shall be published from time to time for the guidance and assistance of the chapters.
 - b. Reviewing and approving requests for approval of curricula submitted by chapters to determine the eligibility for students enrolled in such curricula for membership in TRIANGLE. No curriculum shall be submitted for review without first having received the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the active organization involved. Any curriculum decision made by the committee may be overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of National Council.
 - c. Undertaking from time to time a review of the currently approved curricula for each chapter. Any curriculum decision made by the committee may be overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of National Council.
- Para. 4 National Council shall annually appoint such committees as it deems necessary or appropriate.

SECTION 7 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Para. 1 The Nominating Committee shall consist of six (6) voting members. The chairman shall be the Past President or, if the current Past President on National Council is unable or unwilling to serve, the most recent Past President able and willing to serve. The vice chairman shall be appointed by National Council from among those of its members whose terms are not expiring. Each year, two members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by National Council for two-year terms. These members shall, at the time of their appointment to the committee, be representatives of chapters not currently or in the previous year represented on National Council.
- Para. 2 The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate consisting of not more than two candidates for President, Vice President and each National Council position to be filled. This shall be accomplished at a meeting held not later than February 15 of each year at a place designated by the chairman (or by conference telephone) and at the expense of the Fraternity.

All members of TRIANGLE shall be informed of the date of the Nominating Committee meeting by a notice on the Fraternity website at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting and by similar notices included with other generally distributed electronic communications to the membership. Such notices shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the Nominating Committee meeting.

All nominations of the Nominating Committee shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority favorable vote of the Committee.

ARTICLE 4 **FUNDS**

SECTION 1 **FEES**

Para. 1 National Candidate Fee

- a. The National Candidate Fee, as defined in the National Constitution, shall be billed per individual pledged and shall not be refundable. The National Candidate Fee shall be remitted to the National Office with the report of pledging.
- b. In the event the National Candidate Fee is received in the National Office after the time provided for in these Bylaws, the active organization shall pay an additional fee per individual pledged.
- c. In the event the National Candidate Fee is received in the National Office after the date of initiation of the candidate, the active organization shall pay an additional fee per individual initiated.

Para. 2 National Member Service Fee

- a. The National Member Service Fee, as defined in the National Constitution, shall be billed per individual initiated for active members. The National Member Service Fee shall be reduced for associate, chapter honorary and distinguished fellow members. There shall be no National Member Service Fee for national honorary members or for members initiated posthumously. A portion of the National Member Service Fee shall be used to provide each initiate with a plain badge and recognition pin.
- b. In the event the National Member Service Fee is received in the National Office after the time provided for in these Bylaws, the active organization shall pay an additional fee per individual initiated.
- c. In the event the National Member Service Fee is received in the National Office after the date of initiation of the candidate, the active organization shall pay an additional fee per individual initiated.

Para. 3 National Active Fee

- a. The National Active Fee, as defined in the National Constitution, is payable by the active organization once per academic term. The National Active Fee shall be billed per active member such that the total payment per active member per year is the same for all chapters regardless of the number of academic terms.
- b. The National Active Fee for new initiates in the term in which they are initiated shall be prorated according to the remaining length of the term.
- c. The National Active Fee for alumni members in the term in which they elect to become active members shall be prorated according to the remaining length of the term.
- d. The National Active Fee shall be payable by each active organization for members who are or are deemed to be full or part-time students in a given academic term,

including members who are receiving academic credit for participation in a cooperative education program in the United States.

Para. 4 National Education Fee

- a. The National Education Fee, as defined in the National Constitution, is payable by the active organization once per academic year.
- b. The National Education Fee shall be calculated based on a three-year rolling average of the number of active members in the chapter, including members who are receiving academic credit for participation in a cooperative education program in the United States.
- c. The National Education Fee shall be eligible for payment with monies restricted for educational purposes.

Para. 5 The National Office may submit an invoice to any active organization or alumni organization when it has reason to believe fees are or may be due on account of activities of the chapter which may not have been reported. National Council and the National Office are authorized to conduct such review of the chapter records as may be necessary to ascertain that all membership and national fee records are accurate and current.

Para. 6 The Chapter Fee, as defined in the National Constitution, shall be billed once per year for each active organization and once per year for each alumni organization. During the fiscal year in which the chapter was installed and the next five fiscal years, the Chapter Fee shall be reduced by one-third (1/3) for each alumni organization.

Para. 7 Voluntary National Alumni Dues, as defined in the National Constitution, shall be set at a regular meeting of National Council. These dues cannot be increased more than once per fiscal year.

Para. 8 National Council will publish the list of fees, including their amounts, due dates, and applicable late fees, for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year by August 31 of each year.

Para. 9 Any fee may be increased up to two percent (2%) per year upon three-fourths (3/4) vote of National Council or majority vote of the National Convention. Any changes to fees approved by National Council will take effect no earlier than the following fiscal year.

Para. 10 Any fee may be increased or decreased up to five percent (5%) per year upon unanimous vote of National Council or two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Convention. Any changes to fees approved by National Council will take effect no earlier than the following fiscal year.

Para. 11 Any fee may be increased or decreased by more than five percent (5%) per year upon three-fourths (3/4) vote of the National Convention.

SECTION 2 FINANCIAL OPERATION

Para. 1 A budget for the operation of the National Organization for the fiscal year shall be adopted by National Council no later than thirty (30) days before the start of the fiscal year.

Para. 2 The fiscal year for the Fraternity shall end June 30.

Para. 3 An audit of the National Organization's financial books and records shall be made annually by a Certified Public Accountant.

ARTICLE 5 EMBLEMS AND MOTTO**SECTION 1 COLORS**

The colors of TRIANGLE shall be Old Rose and Gray. The color Old Rose is to be defined as Pantone Process color 1955CV in all printed media and as RGB hexadecimal 990033 in all online and digitized media. The color Gray is to be defined as Pantone Process color 430CV in all printed media and as RGB hexadecimal 999999 in all online and digitized media.

SECTION 2 MOTTO

The motto of TRIANGLE shall be "VERITAS OMNIA VINCIT," which is Latin for "Truth Conquers All."

SECTION 3 CANDIDATE PIN**Para. 1 Description**

- a. The Candidate Pin shall be an equilateral triangle, each side to measure 9 mm. It shall be of blue-gray enamel, in the center of which shall be another triangle measuring 4 mm on each side, this center triangle to be of lavender enamel. A thin line of gold shall separate the two colors of enamel. In the center of the smaller triangle shall be an upper case Roman letter "T" in gold, at right angles to the base of the triangle.
- b. The thickness of the Candidate Pin shall be 1 mm and it shall be made of what is known as "gilders' metal", a copper alloy, over which shall be electroplated 22 karat gold.
- c. The pin shall be equipped with a threaded post hard soldered to the triangular back of the pin with a threaded stock pin back, also gold plated, or a short pin stem without joint or catch of the same type used on scarf pins. The length of this pin shall be approximately 9 mm.

Para. 2 Use of pin

The candidate pin shall be worn only by candidates, from the time of pledging until the initiation ceremony, and may be worn on the coat lapel or on a shirt or sweater.

SECTION 4 BADGE**Para. 1 Description**

- a. The official badge shall be made in accordance with the approved design on file in the National Office.
- b. The main part of the badge shall consist of two separate pieces; (1) the background and (2) that part of the transit made up of the vernier scale and the tripod together with the base attached to the two legs of the tripod.
- c. The thickness of the background part shall be 3 mm, and the length of each side of the equilateral triangle shall be 13 1/2 mm. The center of the background shall be a black enamel equilateral triangle equidistant from the outer edges of the badge. A small size upper case Roman letter "T" in gold, shall be placed at right angles to the base of the triangle and centered between the legs of the tripod.

- d. The thickness of the center portion, that is, the part composing the vernier scale and tripod, shall be 1 mm.
- e. The badge shall be made of 10 karat gold or shall be gold-clad.
- f. The vernier scale and tripod shall be attached to the background by three pegs, hard soldered and fastened to the base through small holes.

The ends of the pegs shall be turned over securely to hold the top part of the badge to the triangular-shaped background in the most secure manner possible.
- g. The pin, joint and safety catch on the back of each badge shall be of 10 karat gold or gold-clad and of the standard type known as the Ballou catch.
- h. The official badge may be non-jeweled with a beveled gold back part, or the back part may contain twelve 1-14th pearls, and three rubies corresponding to these pearl sizes, which are used in the corners. The stones shall be crown set in every case.

Para. 2 Use of badge

- a. Upon initiation each member of the Fraternity shall be allowed to possess one official badge.
- b. The design used for the official badge shall not be used for any other purpose except for one house emblem for each chapter. Members may alter the fastening design of the badge so that the badge can be used as a tie tack, dinner ring, charm, lavalier, or the like.
- c. The official badge may be worn only by the member, or by his parent, sibling, spouse, committed partner, or child.
- d. The official badge shall be ordered by the national Secretary only. It shall be engraved with an identification number.
- e. To obtain a new badge after the original badge has been lost, the member must petition National Council for permission to order a new badge. The petition must state that the member has made an effort to locate his badge and does not know it to be in the possession of any person who does not have the right to wear it.
- f. Members wishing to exchange a badge for another badge shall return their badge at the time of ordering another badge through National Office.
- g. A member may possess additional member badges. Such badges must be registered with the national Secretary to verify their location and member possession.

Para. 3 If at any time a TRIANGLE badge or pin is found in the possession of any person who does not have the right to the same, or in any position likely to cast reflection upon the character of TRIANGLE, it shall be the duty of any member having knowledge of the situation to make a reasonable effort to obtain possession of the badge or pin. Such member shall be reimbursed for his outlay by TRIANGLE, up to the maximum amount defined by National Council. The member to whom the badge has been loaned shall furnish a satisfactory reason to National Council for the badge or pin being out of his possession or he shall be immediately responsible for any reasonable costs incurred for obtaining the lost badge. Failure to reimburse may result in suspension of the member.

SECTION 5 RECOGNITION PIN

Para. 1 Description

- a. The recognition pin shall consist of an equilateral triangle, the sides measuring 7 mm. This triangle shall have a beveled border, measuring approximately 1/2 mm in width, surrounding a black enamel field in which shall be an upper case Roman letter "T" in gold, placed at right angles to the base of the triangle.
- b. The thickness of this pin shall be 1 mm. It shall be made of gilders' metal, a copper alloy, and shall be yellow gold plated and shall be equipped with a short pin stem without joint or catch, of the same type as used on scarf pins, or with a threaded post hard soldered to the back of the pin with a threaded stock pin back, also gold plated. The length of this pin stem shall be approximately 9 mm.

Para. 2 Use of pin

The recognition pin may be worn in the coat lapel or on a shirt or sweater only by members of the Fraternity.

SECTION 6 TOP TRIANGLE RECOGNITION PIN

Para. 1 Description

- a. The Top TRIANGLE Recognition Pin shall consist of an equilateral triangle, the sides measuring approximately 11mm. This triangle shall have a beveled gold border, measuring approximately 1/2 mm in width, surrounding a red enamel field in which shall be an upper case Roman letter "T" in gold, placed at right angles to the base of the triangle. A small equilateral triangle in gold having dimensions of approximately 3mm per side shall be located to the apex of the pin.
- b. The thickness of the Top TRIANGLE Recognition Pin shall be 1 mm. It shall be made of gilders' metal, a copper alloy, and shall be yellow gold plated and equipped with a short stem without joint or catch, of the same type used on scarf pins, or with threaded stock pin back, also gold plated. The length of this stem shall be approximately 9 mm.

Para. 2 Use of pin

- a. The Top TRIANGLE Recognition Pin may be worn in the coat lapel or on a shirt or sweater by members of the Fraternity who have been designated by National Council.
- b. Eligibility is on the basis of special service to the Fraternity. Members eligible to wear the Top TRIANGLE Recognition Pin include Citation holders, National Honorary members, Building Loan Fund Trustees, Education Foundation Directors, National Council Members, Service Key holders, Certificate of Service holders, Outstanding Alumnus awardees, and members recognized at special TRIANGLE functions as having achieved prominence in their fields.

SECTION 7 OWNERSHIP OF BADGES AND PINS

TRIANGLE badges and pins shall at all times be the property of TRIANGLE and shall be loaned to the members upon payment of a deposit covering the cost of the same.

SECTION 8 COAT OF ARMS

- Para. 1 All reproductions of the TRIANGLE Coat of Arms shall conform to the approved design on file in the National Office. Three-dimensional reproductions such as wall plaques and watch charms shall conform to the approved master model, both as to arrangement and proportion of the various parts. Two-dimensional reproductions shall conform in arrangement and proportion to the standard drawing. If colors are used, they shall conform to the standard approved colors on file at the National Office.
- Para. 2 Reproduction of the Coat of Arms in various sizes shall be made only from dies or drawings that have been compared with the standard models and approved by National Council.
- Para. 3 The Coat of Arms may only be worn by an initiated member of TRIANGLE. Digital and printed reproduction of the Coat of Arms shall conform to the standards set forth by National Council. No restrictions are placed on the physical handling of digital and printed reproductions.

SECTION 9 TRIANGLE SYMBOL

- Para. 1 The TRIANGLE Symbol (Delta-T) shall consist of an equilateral triangle with an upper case Roman "T" enclosed in it. The design shall conform in proportions to the TRIANGLE Symbol which constitutes part of the Coat of Arms.

SECTION 10 CREST

- Para. 1 The Crest is located above the esquire helmet and wreath on the TRIANGLE Coat of Arms.
- Para. 2 The Crest consists of a gold sun rising behind purple mountains and the TRIANGLE Symbol surrounded by rays of the sun.

SECTION 11 FLAG

- Para. 1 The official flag of TRIANGLE contains the shield of the Coat of Arms superimposed on a gold, Roman "T" in a field of gray.

SECTION 12 OTHER JEWELRY OR ARTICLES

- Para. 1 The Coat of Arms, Crest, an equilateral triangle, an equilateral triangle with "T" enclosed, and word "TRIANGLE" may be used on jewelry of any kind.
- Para. 2 The word "TRIANGLE" used in this manner shall be in Roman capitals or Old English lettering.
- Para. 3 Jewelry of this kind may be made only from dies approved by National Council.

SECTION 13 OTHER

- Para. 1 All printed and non-printed materials, including but not limited to: signage, chapter correspondence, t-shirts, chapter event themes, web pages, social networking sites, etc., for all TRIANGLE organizations, or that can be reasonably associated with a TRIANGLE organization, shall contain words, pictures, designs, or symbols that:
- a. Promote behavior and activities that are consistent with the TRIANGLE Constitution, Bylaws, Fraternity Regulations, Oath, Ritual and Code of Ethics; and
 - b. Portray TRIANGLE in a positive light.

SECTION 14 MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

The Membership Certificate shall be printed in block Old English lettering on white board stock 7 1/2 inches by 10 inches. The reproduction of the Coat of Arms shall be in colors and the certificate shall be arranged as follows:

TRIANGLE <i>A Fraternity of Engineers, Architects, and Scientists</i>	
(Coat of Arms)	
<i>John Henry Smith</i> <i>Illinois Chapter</i> <i>Active Member</i> <i>January 28, 1933</i>	
	_____ National President
(SEAL) (#21, Gold)	_____ National Secretary
	_____ Active Organization President

SECTION 15 CHAPTER CHARTER

The chapter charter shall be printed in black on a sheet of white bristol board approximately 12 inches by 18 inches. Old English lettering shall be used and the charter shall be worded and arranged essentially as follows:

<p><i>This is to Certify that</i></p> <p><i>The _____ Club (or fraternity)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>of</i></p> <p><i>The University of _____</i></p> <p><i>having petitioned for representation in</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRIANGLE</p> <p><i>A fraternity of Engineers, Architects, and Scientists</i></p> <p><i>and having fulfilled all the requirements</i></p> <p><i>has this _____ day of _____, nineteen hundred and _____</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>been duly installed as</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ <i>Chapter</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>of</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRIANGLE</p> <p><i>in token whereof are granted to the petitioners</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>and their successors</i></p> <p><i>all honors and privileges subject to the</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>National Constitution of Triangle</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 40px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(SEAL)</p> <p>(#25, Gold)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>_____</p> <p>National President</p> <p>_____</p> <p>National Secretary</p> </div> </div>	
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ARTICLE 6 CHAPTER AFFAIRSSECTION 1 MEMBERSHIP

- Para. 1 A membership roster of candidates and active members, in a form approved by National Council, shall be submitted to the National Office at times prescribed by the Fraternity Regulations.

Para. 2 Each chapter and colony shall establish procedures whereby the National Office is notified of the pledging of prospective members and the National Candidate Fees are remitted as prescribed by these Bylaws and the Fraternity Regulations.

Para. 3 Each chapter and colony shall establish procedures whereby no man is initiated who does not meet the membership requirements and who has not been granted permission for initiation from the National Office.

SECTION 2 PROGRAM

Each chapter and colony shall submit, in a form approved by National Council, a statement of chapter program for the academic year at such times as prescribed by the Fraternity Regulations.

SECTION 3 FINANCES

Para. 1 A yearly budget, in a form approved by National Council, shall be submitted by each active organization to the National Office no later than fifteen (15) days after the beginning of the fall term.

Para. 2 A financial report, in a form approved by National Council, shall be submitted by each active organization to the National Office no later than sixty (60) days after the end of each school term.

Para. 3 A penalty of one and a half percent (1.5%) per month shall be charged on unpaid balances over sixty (60) days old due to National Council.

SECTION 4 OFFICERS

Para. 1 No active member of TRIANGLE shall be eligible for election to an active organization office or shall be permitted to remain in such office unless he is, at the time of election and remains throughout his term of office, a regular student of the institution at which the chapter is located.

Para. 2 No member of TRIANGLE shall be eligible for election to an active organization office or shall be permitted to remain in such office unless his cumulative grade point average is equal to or greater than that required for graduation in his curriculum and is at least 2.5 on a 4.00 scale or equivalent. These scholastic requirements shall be a minimum national standard; chapters may have more stringent standards.

SECTION 5 FOUNDERS' DAY

Para. 1 Each chapter shall appropriately celebrate Founders' Day every year, in accordance with the traditions of TRIANGLE.

Para. 2 The annual Founders' Day Banquet shall constitute the main event of the celebration. In addition, the chapter shall arrange other suitable features related to the formation, history, and traditions of TRIANGLE.

Para. 3 The chapter shall inform National Council, the other chapters, and its own alumni, associate, honorary, and distinguished fellow members in advance of the Founders' Day celebration and banquet so that as many as possible may attend.

Para. 4 The chapter shall select a date as near as practicable to April 15, but such that the entire active organization can be present. Due consideration shall also be given to the convenience of the alumni, associate, honorary, and distinguished fellow members so that they will be able to attend.

- Para. 5 An initiation may, at the option of the chapter, constitute part of the program of the Founders' Day celebration.

SECTION 6 SCHOLARSHIP

- Para. 1 Each chapter shall maintain an annual cumulative grade point average that is at least 2.70 on a 4.00 scale or that is at or above the campus all-men's average, whichever is lower.

ARTICLE 7 NATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS

- Para. 1 Any fraternity which maintains a house at a college or university where TRIANGLE has a chapter shall be defined as a national academic college fraternity on that campus.
- Para. 2 Any fraternity which is a member of the National Interfraternity Conference shall also be defined as a national academic college fraternity.

ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 GRADUATION CEREMONY, BYLAWS, AND ABRIDGED HISTORY

- Para. 1 The Graduation Ceremony, Bylaws, and Abridged History may be amended by National Council and the chapters in the manner prescribed for amending the National Constitution. No proposed amendment shall be submitted to the chapters between April 1 and September 1.
- Para. 2 National Council may amend, by unanimous vote, the Graduation Ceremony, National Bylaws, and Abridged History, subject to review and approval by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the next National Convention. Any action reversed by the National Convention may not be subsequently reinstituted by National Council.
- Para. 3 Amendments to the Graduation Ceremony, Bylaws, and Abridged History may be proposed in the Convention. Such proposed amendment is enacted if it receives a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Convention.

SECTION 2 NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL

- Para. 1 National Council shall consider any amendment to the National Constitution and Ritual which may be proposed by a member of TRIANGLE. If the amendment receives the favorable vote of National Council, it shall be submitted to the chapters. No proposed amendment shall be submitted to the chapters between April 1 and September 1.
- Para. 2 Amendments to the National Constitution and Ritual may be proposed in the Convention. If such a proposed amendment receives a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in the Convention, it shall then be submitted to the chapters in the manner prescribed in the National Constitution.

SECTION 3 FRATERNITY REGULATIONS

- Para. 1 Upon adoption of a Fraternity Regulation by National Council, such regulation shall be distributed to all active and alumni organizations.
- Para. 2 If, within six (6) months following distribution, written objection is received by National Council from a majority of the members of one-tenth (1/10) of the active organizations and

a majority of the duly authorized representatives of one-tenth (1/10) of the alumni organizations, the regulation shall be submitted to the chapters for consideration of reversal in the manner prescribed for amending the National Constitution. No question of reversal shall be submitted to the chapters between April 1 and September 1.

Any Fraternity Regulation submitted to the chapters for reversal shall remain in effect pending the outcome of the vote on the question of reversal.

Para. 3 A Fraternity Regulation will be reversed by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the National Convention.

Para. 4 Any Fraternity Regulation reversed by vote of the chapters or National Convention may not be subsequently reinstituted by National Council until after the next National Convention.

SECTION 4 DELINQUENT ORGANIZATIONS

In case any active or alumni organization which is entitled to cast a vote on any proposal submitted to the chapters in accordance with the National Constitution or Bylaws shall fail to indicate its vote to National Council within sixty days after the proposal has been submitted to the chapters, National Council shall have the power to cast the vote in place of such delinquent organization.

LIST OF REVISIONS

DATE ISSUED	REVISION SUMMARY
8-Aug-1995	Complete re-write and reorganization
12-Aug-1997	<p>Permit National Council to take action via electronic mail vote. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 7</p> <p>Change the way the fraternity deals with suspended chapters and active organizations. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 5 Article 2, Section 3, Para. 3</p> <p>Change the manner in which Field Directors, Field Representatives and National Service Volunteers are appointed. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 6 Article 2, Section 5, Para. 1 Article 2, Section 5, Para. 6 (deleted)</p> <p>Increase the national active fee. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. A</p> <p>Reduce the size of National Council by eliminating two councilman positions. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 2 Article 2, Section 2, Para. 8 Article 3, Section 3, Para. 1</p>
9-Aug-1999	<p>Adopt the Graduation Ceremony as an official document of TRIANGLE. Constitution: Article 9 Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a i Article 2, Section 1, Para. 2 Article 2, Section 2, Para. 3 Article 3, Section 3, Para. 4 Article 8, Section 1, Para. 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>Permit the initiation of colony /interest group members by a ritual team appointed by the Executive Director. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 3, Para. 2, Sub-Para. c</p> <p>Modifications to conform to current operational procedures. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 4, Sub-Para. d Article 4, Section 3, Para. 1 and 2</p> <p>Establish a procedure for "At-large" nominations for national offices. Bylaws: Article 3, Section 3 Article 3, Section 4, Para. 2 Article 3, Section 7, Para. 2</p>
29-Mar-2000	<p>Increase the National Pledge Fee from \$30 to \$35. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. a</p> <p>Increase the National Member Service Fee from \$105 to \$125. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a</p>

	Simplify and remove date-dependent wording. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a
5-Aug-2001	Remove references to the Education Foundation. Constitution: Article 4, Section 6 (deleted) Bylaws: Article 1, Section 6, Para. 2, Sub-Para. c Article 2, Section 6 (deleted) Article 2, Section 7 (renumbered) Article 2, Section 8 (renumbered and modified) Provide for posthumous initiation. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 5 (following paragraphs renumbered) Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a Change the member education program requirements. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. f, Sub-Para. x., xi. and xii. Change the required length of the member education program. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. h Remove date-dependent wording related to the number of members of National Council. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 2 Change the service requirements to be elected President. Bylaws: Article 3, Section 1, Para. 2 Article 3, Section 4, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a Remove the requirement that the Secretary and Treasurer must be an Executive Director, Associate Executive Director or Assistant Executive Director. Bylaws: Article 3, Section 1, Para. 6 and 7 Add language to specifically define the colors of Old Rose and Gray. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 1 Remove the specifications for stationery and add requirements for the use of TRIANGLE symbols and identification on printed and non-printed materials. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 11
14-Apr-2002	Increase the National Active Fee from \$102 to \$150. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a
8-Jun-2003	Require 2/3 vote of National Council for removal of Executive Director. Bylaws: Article 3, Section 6, Para. 1
2-Aug-2003	Allow National Council to extend chapter suspension. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 3, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a Change Nominating Committee secretary from Executive Director to National Secretary. Bylaws: Article 3, Section 7, Para. 1 Replace Approved Courses Committee with Approved Courses Advisor Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. a Article 1, Section 3, Para. 1 Article 3, Section 6, Para. 6 Article 3, Section 8 (removed) Increase the National Pledge Fee from \$35 to \$45. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. a

	Increase the National Member Service Fee from \$125 to \$160. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a
30-Jul-2005	Require minimum GPA for pledging. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1
	Set minimum GPA for chapters. Bylaws: Article 6, Section 6
	Assign responsibility of appointing colony or interest group ritual team to the National Secretary. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 3, Para. 2, Sub-Para. c
	Increase the National Pledge Fee from \$45 to \$50. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Member Service Fee from \$160 to \$170. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Active Fee from \$150 to \$162. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a
12-Jul-2007	Set maximum period for pledge education. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. h
	Create Active Advisor position. Bylaws: Article 3, Section 6, Para. 7
	Define procedures to follow if a National Council candidate withdraws or enters Chapter Eternal during the election or before installation. Bylaws: Article 3, Section 4, Para. 4 and 5
	Change criteria for suspension or expulsion of a member by National Council. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 6, Para. 2, Sub-Para. c
	Change criteria for expulsion of a member by his chapter. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 6, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a and b
	Increase the National Active Fee from \$162 to \$180. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Pledge Fee from \$50 to \$75, effective August 1, 2008. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Member Service Fee from \$170 to \$200, effective August 1, 2008. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a
18-Jul-2009	Modify Triangle's purpose Constitution: Article 2, Section 2
	Allow National Council to set maximum reimbursement amount for purchased badge. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 4, Para. 3
	Change operations of the Nominating Committee. Bylaws: Article 3, Section 7, Para. 1 Article 3, Section 7, Para. 2
	Modify restrictions on pledges' attendance at meetings. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. (a)(i)
	Add English translation of motto. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 2
	Increase the National Pledge Fee from \$75 to \$100, and from \$100 to \$110 in 2010.

	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Member Service Fee from \$200 to \$225 in 2010.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Active Fee from \$180 to \$210, and from \$210 to \$222 in 2010.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a
	Modify the conditions under which an active member may become an alumni member.
	Bylaws: Article 1, Section 2, Para. 2, Sub-Para. ii
	Permit members to possess more than one badge.
	Bylaws: Article 5, Section 4, Para. 2
	Add web pages and social networking sites to list of materials that should portray TRIANGLE in a positive light.
	Bylaws: Article 5, Section 11
18-Jul-2009	Require an audit of the National Organization's books and records annually instead of biennially.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 2, Para. 3
15-Jul-2011	Increase the GPA required for pledging and initiation.
	Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1
	Increase the National Pledge Fee.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Member Service Fee.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Active Fee.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. A
23-Oct-2011	Make the Secretary and Treasurer voting members of National Council unless they are employed by Triangle.
	Bylaws: Article 3, Section 1, Para. 8
17-Feb-2012	Modify the date for the adoption of an annual budget for the National Organization.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 2, Para. 1
27-Jul-2013	Modify the procedure for amending the Abridged History.
	Constitution: Article 8
	Bylaws: Article 8, Section 1
	Change the size of National Council.
	Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 2
	Article 3, Section 4, Para. 1
	Change the GPA required for pledging and initiation.
	Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1
	Change the minimum chapter GPA.
	Bylaws: Article 6, Section 6, Para. 1
	Reduce the National Pledge Fee.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the National Member Service Fee.
	Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2, Sub-Para. a

	Increase the National Active Fee. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a
	Eliminate the National Active Fee Exemption for Co-Op Students. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. d
	Codify the National Meeting Fee Amount. Constitution: Article 6, Section 4 Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 5 Article 4, Section 3 (removed)
10-Oct-2014	Replace the Approved Courses Advisor with the Approved Courses Committee. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1 Article 1, Section 3, Para. 1 Article 3, Section 6, Para. 6
18-Jul-2015	Remove reference to the Building Loan Fund Constitution: Article 4, Section 5 (removed)
	Eliminate the prohibition on initiating first term freshmen. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. c Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. d (removed) Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. e Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1, Sub-Para. f
	Clarify policy regarding use of Coat of Arms, Triangle T, and organization insignia by pledges. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a.
	Revise process for voluntary termination of membership. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 6, Para. 3
	Codify Chapter Eternal Ceremony. Bylaws: Article 1, Section 7, Para. 1
	Revise process for determining National Convention voting rights for alumni associations. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 1, Para. 4 Article 2, Section 4, Para. 2
	Make the Active Advisor a voting member of National Council. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 2
	Revise Suspension and Expulsion of Triangle Organizations. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 5 (revised and moved) Article 2, Section 3, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a Article 2, Section 3, Para. 3, Sub-Para. b Article 2, Section 3, Para. 3, Sub-Para. d Article 2, Section 3, Para. 3, Sub-Para. e
	Increase the National Active Fee. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3, Sub-Para. a
	Increase the Chapter Fee. Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 5
	Modify a member's responsibilities in case of a lost badge. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 4, Para. 3
	Clarify usage of the Coat of Arms. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 8, Para. 3
	Codify the TRIANGLE Symbol. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 9, Para. 1

	Clarify the definition of the Crest. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 10, Para. 1 Article 5, Section 10, Para. 2
	Codify the TRIANGLE Flag. Bylaws: Article 5, Section 11, Para. 1
	Modify aging period of unpaid balances. Bylaws: Article 6, Section 3, Para. 3
	Increase GPA requirement for chapter officers. Bylaws: Article 6, Section 4, Para. 2
12-Jun-2016	Remove duplicate text regarding appointment of Executive Director Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 5
	Modify title and duties of Active Advisor. Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 2 Article 2, Section 2, Para. 5 Article 3, Section 6, Para. 7
15-Jul-2016	Remove Bylaw text regarding Building Loan Fund Bylaws: Article 2, Section 5 (removed) Article 2, Section 6 (renumbered) Article 2, Section 7 (removed)
14-Jan-2017	Add process for filling a vacancy in the Past President role Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 8, Sub-Para. e Article 3, Section 1, Para. 1
	Change “rushing” to “recruitment” Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1
	Modify timing of when a group receives its chapter designation Bylaws: Article 2, Section 3, Para. 1, Sub-Para. b Article 2, Section 3, Para. 2, Sub-Para. c
	Remove Executive Director, Investment Advisor, and Business Manager as appointed positions; Add duty to National Council to employ and maintain a staff to run the business of the fraternity Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 7 (added) Article 2, Section 5, Para. 3 Article 3, Section 6, Para. 1 (removed) Article 3, Section 6, Para. 3 (removed) Article 3, Section 6, Para. 5 (removed)
	Clarify that a member of the Nominating Committee is ineligible for nomination Bylaws: Article 3, Section 4, Para. 3, Sub-Para. e (added)
	Remove secretary role from Nominating Committee Bylaws: Article 3, Section 7, Para. 1
22-Jul-2017	Change the way that national fees are set Bylaws: Article 2, Section 3, Para. 2, Sub-Para. d Article 4, Section 1, Para. 1 Article 4, Section 1, Para. 2 Article 4, Section 1, Para. 3 Article 4, Section 1, Para. 5 Article 4, Section 1, Paras. 7-10 (added)

	Clarify the process for expulsion and suspension of members Bylaws: Article 1, Section 6, Para. 2, Sub-Para. b
	Modify requirements for reinstatement of members Bylaws: Article 1, Section 6, Para. 5, Sub-Para. b Article 1, Section 6, Para. 5, Sub-Para. c Article 1, Section 6, Para. 5, Sub-Para. d
	Prohibit a member from serving on multiple national boards Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2, Para. 8 Article 3, Section 4, Para. 3, Sub-Para. d (added)
	Modify the process for amending the National Constitution Constitution: Article 7, Section 2
	Rename the Immediate Past President position Constitution: Article 5, Section 1
18-Feb-2018	Prohibit an officer or member of National Council from simultaneously serving as an officer of an alumni organization or association Bylaws: Article 3, Section 4, Para. 3
10-Mar-2019	Establish term limits for National Council Bylaws: Article 3, Section 4, Para. 3
	Change timing and distribution of National Council ballot Bylaws: Article 4, Section 4, Para. 2
	Change timing of Nominating Committee meeting Bylaws: Article 3, Section 7, Para. 2
17-Jul-2019	Allow alumni groups to approve initiation of associate members Bylaws: Article 1, Section 3
	Clarify that Triangle membership is not revoked if a member changes status after initiation Constitution: Article 3, Section 2 Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1
26-Jun-2021	Allow all members to alter the fastening design of their badge Bylaws: Article 5, Section 4, Para. 2, Sub-Para. b
	Modify criteria for selection of distinguished fellow Bylaws: Article 1, Section 5, Para. 1
	Add text of updated Chapter Eternal Ceremony Bylaws: Article 1, Section 7
	Add National Education Fee Constitution: Article 6, Section 3 Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 4
9-Jul-2022	Clearly separate chapter active organizations and alumni organizations for purpose of fee payments Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 5

	Change billing of National Education Fee Bylaws: Article 4, Section 1, Para. 4
	Clarify rights and responsibilities of pledges Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 3
	Reduce minimum length of pledge education period Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Para. 3
8-Jan-2023	Clearly separate chapter active organizations and alumni organizations for purpose of fee payments Constitution: Article 6, Section 1
	Modify restrictions on wearing the Triangle Badge Bylaws: Article 5, Section 4, Para. 2c
2-Aug-2024	Replace most instances of “pledge” with ‘candidate’ Constitution: Article 3, Section 2 Article 3, Section 3 Article 6, Section 1 Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1 Article 1, Section 3 Article 1, Section 6 Article 2, Section 3 Article 4, Section 1 Article 5, Section 3 Article 6, Section 1
	Require separate housing organization Bylaws: Article 2, Section 3, Para. 5
	Allow National Council to waive requirements for alumni status Bylaws: Article 1, Section 2, Para. 2b