

**Updated and Restated Bylaws Summary
Membership Meeting
September 17, 2025**

The Bylaws Committee has been working on updating and restating the Bylaws since July 2024. However, the Committee paused in February to allow time for the disaffiliation process. Once that was completed, the Committee regrouped and incorporated changes affected by the disaffiliation to the national organization. The draft bylaws were subsequently provided to Mr. Barry Olsen in August and then his comments provided to the Committee for their review and input. The Board approved the final version on September 3, 2025 and subsequently submitted to the membership on September 7, 2025.

Here is summary of the changes made:

Article IV Membership

- Generalized membership composition. Removed wording about voting and non-voting members. This will be defined in Standing Rules
- Summarized members' responsibilities from 11 paragraphs to 5 paragraphs and identified the need to address grievances through a Grievance Policy which has already been developed.

Article V Board

- Defined Board's term limits to two years and serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Article VI Nominations and Elections

- Reduced the number of Board members for the Nominating Committee to two (2) members. One Board member and one alternate.
- The parliamentarian will be a member of the Nominating Committee as a non-voting member

Article VII Officers and Their Duties

- Summarized and updated the duties of the officers
- Added the list of officers that were missing and their duties, i.e. Education Chair, Liaison to the Las Dedicadas and added a the Marketing and Communication Chairperson as a new officer position.

Article IX Standing and Special Committees

- Summarized and updated the duties of standing committees and added the Marketing and Communications Committee and Finance Committee
- Appointive Standing Committees duties were summarized and updated, and consolidated many committees. We concluded with six (6) committees instead of the 17 committees we had previously as follows:

	Former Committee	Current Committee
1.	Bylaws Committee	Bylaws
2.	Public Relations	Marketing & Communications
3.	Resource Development	Marketing & Communications
4.	Hours	Membership Committee
5.	Evaluation	Membership Committee
6.	Strategic Planning	Strategic Planning Committee
7.	Special Events	Marketing & Communications
8.	Newsletter	Marketing & Communications
9.	Speakers' Bureau	Marketing & Communications
10.	Yearbook	Marketing & Communications
11.	Telephone	Deleted
12.	Orientation	Membership Committee
13.	Chapter Hub/Web Administrator	Marketing & Communications
14.	Scholarship Committee	Scholarship Committee
15.	ALBY Committee	OPY Bear Hugs Committee
16.	Assault Survivor Kits	Support Committee
17.	Finance Committee	Moved under Elective Committees
	NEW	Grievance Committee

Article X Meeting/Voting

- Summarized and updated language and went from 17 paragraphs to 7 paragraphs. For special meeting, reduce the number of members necessary to call a special meeting from 10 to 3.

Article XI Finance

- Generalized the section and removed specifics about dues and fees. This will be included in a specific finance policy. Removed language about National organization.

Article XII Auxiliaries

- Updated language and removed references to “standards” which the Committee and the Board have agreed are not necessary.

Added signature of Recording Secretary and the President and a date for adoption of the bylaws.