



PHI KAPPA SIGMA INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

Alumni Chapters, Associations & Housing Corps Overview (v 8/2019)

PURPOSE

Connection is the life blood of any organization, especially a fraternal one. Phi Kappa Sigma has numerous undergraduate chapters around the country that introduce men of similar values to the organization. After initiation and upon leaving their undergraduate institution, those men desire a “place” to continue experiencing the bonds of brotherhood in terms of friendship, social interaction, job networking, career management, mentoring, etc. Herein lies the purpose of so called ‘Alumni Chapters’ and ‘Alumni Associations’.

Housing Corporations are referenced here for clarity and distinction. They serve as the property management (*owned, leased, or rented*) entity in support of undergraduate brothers.

The primary distinction between an Alumni Chapter and an Alumni Association is in the formality of the organizational structure as you will see below. In addition, Alumni Chapters participate in the governance of Phi Kappa Sigma by having a vote on non-chapter specific matters at Grand Chapter meetings.

GROUP BENEFITS

- Public use of the name Phi Kappa Sigma and its trademarked logos and images.
- Liability insurance coverage for named group and named officers in the execution of their duties
- Publicity on International website, in International magazine, at International events, and via regular International newsletters and other marketing materials as applicable
- Access to membership database

	Alumni Associations	Alumni Chapters	House Corporations
Purpose	Initiated Brothers in “good standing” support	Undergraduate Chapter support	Undergraduate housing support
Membership	Brothers in “good standing” auto-enrolled upon departure from an undergraduate institution (<i>based on address in Phi Kap Connect</i>)	By invitation with formal roster maintained (<i>min. 25</i>)	By invitation with formal roster maintained (<i>min. 10</i>)
Structure	Not required	Officers, By-Laws, and Formal Meetings Required	Officers, By-Laws, and Formal Meetings Required
Dues	None	Typically required (<i>co-mingling of funds with Undergraduate Chapters expressly forbidden</i>)	Self-determined (<i>co-mingling of funds with Undergraduate Chapters expressly forbidden</i>)
IRS	Not applicable	Tax Id and Annual 990 Filing	Tax Id and Annual 990 Filing
Liability Insurance	Individually-hosted events independently managed (<i>no PKS sponsorship or financial responsibility</i>)	Annual insurance payment ensures continued recognition and coverage for named officers in the execution of their duties	Annual insurance payment ensures continued recognition and coverage for named officers in the execution of their duties
Member List Access	Via IHQ Staff	Geographic list provided	Geographic list provided
Chapter Spot	N/A	Annual payment ensures access	Annual payment ensures access
Recognition	Geographic-based groups	Application process with formal charter granted and via annual registration process (<i>charter revocation for “cause”...see below</i>)	Via annual registration process
Trademark Access/ Adherence	Yes/Required	Yes/Required	Yes/Required
Grand Chapter Vote	No	Yes	No
Events	Independently run, self-determined	Regular meetings w/ minutes, community service, philanthropy and social	Regular meetings w/ minutes
Fees	None	Annual Fee plus insurance (<i>Chapter Spot fee if desired</i>)	Annual Fee plus insurance (<i>Chapter Spot fee if desired</i>)
POC Ongoing	Asst Grand Sigma (<i>by region</i>)	Asst Grand Sigma (<i>by region</i>)	Asst Grand Sigma (<i>by region</i>)

Alumni Chapter or House Corporation Formation Process

Submit to International IHQ required elements including:

- Letter of intent
- Membership roster with complete contact information
- Named officers
- By-laws
- Chapter being supported, and desired group name

** Bank account and IRS Tax id should NOT be applied for nor fee/insurance paid until IHQ secures International Board approval. IHQ staff will assist with answering questions, providing sample by-laws upon request, approval process, and roster/by-law review.*

Phi Kappa Sigma Constitution & Acts - ARTICLE IX

ALUMNI CHAPTER *(i.e. C&A August 2018)*

Section 1. Charters.

The Grand Chapter or the Executive Committee shall have the power to charter local organizations, composed exclusively of graduate and non-graduate alumni members, as chapters which shall be known as Alumni Chapters. No such charter may be granted except upon application, signed by not less than ten graduate and non-graduate members. Such application must be accompanied by a registration fee of one hundred (100.00) U.S. dollars.

Section 2. Powers.

All Alumni Chapters shall enjoy equal rights and privileges with active Chapters, except that they shall not have the power to initiate any person into membership, and they shall have no vote when the vote of the Grand Chapter is taken by Chapters.

Section 3. Officers.

Each alumni chapter shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as it may require. Unless otherwise provided for in the Alumni Chapter's own By-Laws, the election of these officers shall be held annually at the first meeting on or about October 19 each year. Immediately upon the election of the officers of an Alumni Chapter, the new Secretary shall forward their names and addresses to the Grand Sigma at the International Office.

Section 4. Termination of Charter.

The Charter of an alumni chapter may be suspended or revoked for cause by a majority vote of the Grand Chapter or of the Executive Committee, but only after at least thirty days notice has been given to the officers of the Chapter in question; such cause shall exist whenever such Chapter has become inactive for a period of at least one year.

