



**MU STATE
KAPPA KAPPA IOTA

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MU STATE KAPPA KAPPA IOTA BYLAWS

(These Bylaws supersede all previous editions
of Kappa Kappa Iota Constitutions and/or Bylaws.)

ARTICLE I-NAME

Section 1-Name

The name of the organization shall be MU State Kappa Kappa Iota, a not-for-profit organization, which has been recognized as a tax-exempt, Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3), organization from the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE AND POLICY

Section 1- Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the advancement of education by providing an effective network for the exchange of education and teaching practices by educators.

Section 2- Policy

MU State Kappa Kappa Iota as a body shall at no time endorse or recommend any candidate for public office nor shall it take any action on partisan or religious questions or on legislative matters.

ARTICLE III- STRUCTURE

MU State Kappa Kappa Iota shall consist of local chapters, and members-at-large.

A minimum of eight (8) eligible persons shall constitute a local chapter.

ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- Eligible Membership

Membership in Kappa Kappa Iota shall be extended to persons of good character who are recognized leaders in the profession of education.

- A. Professional Membership
 - 1. Educators (The term "Educators" shall mean any person devoting a major part of time to teaching or allied work).
 - 2. Former educators.
- B. Campus/Collegiate Membership: Any university or college student who has declared or has been admitted into a program of study for Education.

Section 2- Prospective Members

A prospective member shall have attended one meeting of the chapter as an invited guest.

Section 3- Invitation to Membership

Membership shall be conferred upon invitation from the chapter involved.

Section 4- Classification of Members

- A. The membership of Kappa Kappa Iota shall consist of persons in good standing who are active members, campus/collegiate members, members on leave of absence, reinstated members, members-at-large, honorary life members, associate life members, sustaining members, honorary members, and inactive members.
 - 1. Active Member: A professional member who is affiliated with a local and state chapter.
 - 2. Campus/Collegiate Member: Any university or college student who has declared or has been admitted into a program of study for Education.
 - a. Campus/Collegiate members are not eligible to be voting delegates at the state or national level.
 - b. Campus/Collegiate members may be considered for active membership upon completion of a degree in education, and qualifying for professional membership.

3. Member on Leave of Absence:
 - a. An active member who has been granted leave for one year from a local chapter.
 - b. A member who is seriously ill may apply for a leave of absence.
 4. Reinstated Member: A former member who has followed the proper procedure in requesting an active membership role.
 5. Member-at-Large: A member who lives in an area where there is no local chapter.
 6. Honorary Life Member: A member who has served as National President.
 7. Associate Life Member: A member for ten (10) years who has reached the age of sixty (60) and has served on the State or National Executive Committee.
 8. Honorary Member: An outstanding person in the field of education.
 - a. Local, state, and national chapter may confer honorary membership on a person who has a distinguished reputation in the field of education.
 - b. A person may be proposed for honorary membership in the National Chapter at all chapter levels upon approval of the National Executive Committee.
 - c. A person may be proposed for honorary membership in the state or local chapter subject to the action of the Executive Committee of the chapter involved.
 - d. An honorary member shall be entitled to attend the annual convention upon the payment of the convention registration fee and fees for any other functions the member wishes to attend.
 - e. Honorary members shall be sent National Kappa Kappa Iota publications.
 9. Inactive Member: A member in good standing who is unable to participate because of the member's infirmities or extreme family circumstances. An Inactive Status Report Form must be completed, signed by the Local Chapter President and two (2) other current officers, and received by National Headquarters. National Headquarters will determine eligibility and notify the Local Chapter President regarding the acceptance or denial of the request. If granted, the status change will become effective immediately.
- B. A member who moves to a new location should be provided a Kappa Kappa Iota Transfer of Membership Form, which will then be forwarded to National Headquarters. Should there be no chapter in the member's new location, the member is eligible to become a Member-at-Large.

ARTICLE V- FISCAL YEAR, FEES AND DUES

Section 1- Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of MU State Kappa Kappa Iota shall begin the first day of July and shall end on the thirtieth day of June, next succeeding.

The Books and Accounts of this organization shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be audited or reviewed annually by the Executive Committee at the end of each fiscal year.

Before any disbursement from the MU State business activities checking account of monies over \$1000, with the exception of payment of dues to the National office, the signature of both the MU State Treasurer and a MU State member in good standing shall be required. The MU State Executive Committee shall appoint the aforementioned MU State member in good standing. Before making disbursements for non-budgeted items, the MU State Treasurer will obtain both written and verbal authorization.

Section 2- Fees and Dues

A. Confirmation

1. Fees for new members, national dues, and life memberships shall be set at the National Convention by vote of the certified delegates based on the recommendation of the Business Committee and the Executive Committee.
2. State dues per member shall be specified by vote of members at the State Convention upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
3. Local dues shall be specified by the local chapter.

B. Payment

1. Dues shall be paid by the local chapters to the State Treasurer by May 31, who shall in turn pay National Headquarters no later than July 1, with dues being delinquent September 1.
2. New member fees shall be paid for the national fiscal year in which the person is initiated into membership. Dues shall be paid thereafter beginning July 1.

C. Special Consideration

1. Dues for Leave of Absence: A member who has been granted a leave of absence continues to pay state and national dues.
2. Dues for Reinstatement: A former member may apply for active membership and shall pay dues for that year required by local, state, and national chapters.
3. Dues for Member-at-Large: The member shall pay both state (if organized) and national dues.
4. Dues for Life Memberships:
 - a. Life membership at the National level shall be 10 times the regular membership (Honorary/Associate) dues shall be paid the fiscal year membership is obtained.
 - b. State dues are waived, and local dues must be maintained.
5. Dues for Honorary Member: The chapter that confers honorary membership is responsible for the dues of such a member.
6. Dues for Inactive Member: The inactive member shall be exempt from any financial obligation. The member's local chapter shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the member's

national dues to cover the cost of the inactive member receiving all Kappa Kappa Iota publications until the local chapter states that it is no longer feasible.

7. Dues for Campus/Collegiate Kappa Member:

Campus/Collegiate member dues shall be one-half (1/2) of national dues, with the exception of those initiated after January 1. In that case, one-half (1/2) of required Campus/Collegiate member national dues shall be paid. State dues shall be specified by the state chapter, and local dues shall be specified by the local chapter.

D. Allocations

Up to ten percent (10%) of all state dues may be contributed to the MU State Scholarship Fund.

ARTICLE VI- OFFICERS

Section 1- Elected Officers

A. The officers of the MU State Chapter shall be:

1. President
2. President-Elect
3. First Vice President
4. Second Vice President
5. Recording Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Immediate Past President

B. Eligibility: MU State Officers shall be members in good standing who have been active at the local level and be willing to serve.

The President-Elect must have served on the Executive Committee for at least two years.

ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS

Section 1- Nominations

A. All candidates for MU State Office shall be selected by a nominating committee and reported to the MU State President by March 1. The candidates for office shall be announced by the MU State President in a newsletter to local chapter presidents by March 20, so that members may be informed prior to the State Convention.

B. Nominations may be made from the floor of the State Convention, provided consent of the nominee is provided.

Section 2- Election of Officers

- A. All officers shall be elected at the State Convention. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the time they are installed, except the treasurer, who will assume duties July 1, which is the beginning of the fiscal year.
- B. The officers shall be elected by ballot by the certified delegates at MU State Convention, except where there is only one nominee for an office, and then the election shall be by voice vote.
- C. The outgoing State President represents MU State as a voting member of the Board of Directors at the National Convention.
- D. The term of office for an elected officer shall be one year with the exception of the treasurer.
- E. The treasurer may succeed herself in office but is elected by the membership.

Section 3- Duties of Officers

- A. President
 - 1. Open and preside at all meetings of the MU State Chapter, the State Executive Committee, and the State Board of Directors.
 - 2. Oversee all business of MU State Kappa Kappa Iota.
 - 3. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees, except Nominating.
 - 4. Submit pictures and a written report of the President's term of office for reference in publishing *The Legend of the Violets*.
 - 5. Appoint Committee Members
 - 6. Appoint an active MU State member who has served as a Past State President or a registered National Parliamentarian to serve as Parliamentarian.
- B. President-Elect
 - 1. Assist the President, and in the President's absence, preside.
 - 2. Serve as Chaplain.
 - 3. Serve as chair of the Philanthropic Committee.
 - 4. Serve as a member of the Business committee.
- C. First Vice President
 - 1. Assist the President, and in the absence of the President and Vice President, preside.
 - 2. Serve as chair of the Business Committee and Membership Committee
 - 3. Prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing year.
- D. Second Vice President
 - 1. Assist the President.
 - 2. Serve as chair of the History Committee.
 - 3. Assist the President in preparing the President's annual report for *The Legend of the Violets'* file, and prepare the President's Book.
 - 4. Assist the President with public relations

- E. Recording Secretary
 1. Assist the President.
 2. Keep the minutes of the meeting of the State Chapter, the State Executive Committee, and the State Board of Directors.
- F. Treasurer
 1. Receive and issue receipts for all funds.
 2. Issue checks on pay orders signed by the President.
 3. Keep an accurate account of all business of the State Chapter
 4. Prepare a packet containing membership cards, dues report forms, and instructions for the local treasurer, and distribute the packets to each chapter at the state convention or by mail.
 5. Present a financial statement at meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and State Convention.
 6. See that the annual report to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is filed in a timely manner.
- G. Immediate Past President
 1. Continue on the Executive Committee for the term of the successor and have a voice and vote.
 2. Advise the President, as requested by the President.
 3. Effect a prompt transfer of workbooks, files, and records from the officers and chairs of the Immediate Past President's administration to the incoming President at the New Executive Committee meeting during the State Convention.
 4. Serve on the Membership Committee.
 5. Serve as Empathy Chair.
- H. Appointed Parliamentarian
 1. Act as advisor to the President on parliamentary procedures using the MU State Kappa Kappa Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.
 2. Attend all called meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Annual Meeting, and Nominating Committee.
 3. Be available to the membership for parliamentary advice.
 4. Review local chapter bylaws as requested.

ARTICLE VIII- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1- Membership

The MU State Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the parliamentarian, who is a non-voting member.

Section 2- Duties

- A. The MU State Executive Committee shall hold a meeting at the MU State Fall Workshop in the fall of the year and one in the convention city preceding the MU State Chapter meeting.
- B. The first official meeting of the newly elected and installed Executive Committee may be held following the adjournment of the convention.
- C. The Executive Committee shall meet to transact the business of the MU State Chapter and shall serve as a Program Committee for the year's work at the time of the annual meeting.
- D. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President.
- E. The MU State Executive Committee shall fill vacancies in the Executive Committee, except in the office of President. A vacancy in the presidency shall automatically be filled by the President-Elect. The office of President-Elect shall remain vacant for the unexpired term.
- F. The Executive Committee shall have exclusive supervision and control of the scholarship fund.
- G. Two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Executive Committee may call a meeting by petition.

Section 3- Ethics

- A. Elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee shall keep in strict confidence all discussion within Executive Session.
- B. Elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee shall not use their positions of leadership in Kappa Kappa Iota for personal gain.

Section 4- Quorum

A quorum for a meeting of the State Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members who are eligible to vote.

ARTICLE IX- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1- Membership

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the members of the MU State Executive Committee, Past MU State Presidents, MU State Committee Chairs, and Local Presidents who serve under the current MU State President.

Section 2- Duties

- A. The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting in the State Convention city at the time of the Convention.

- B. The Board of Directors shall act upon the final reports of committees and shall make recommendations on the reports to the General Assembly for vote.
- C. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.

Section 3- Quorum

A quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE X- COMMITTEES

Section 1- Appointments

- A. Standing committee members shall be appointed by the MU State President.
- B. Members of standing committees shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive years on the same committee, unless approved by the Executive Committee.
- C. No member shall serve on more than two (2) standing committees at any given time.
- D. No more than one Past State President shall serve on the Business Committee at any given time.
- E. Special committees shall be appointed by the MU State President as the Executive Committee deems necessary to execute the work of the State Chapter.
- F. Committees and Committee Chairs shall assume duties July 1, which is the beginning of the fiscal year.

Section 2- Standing Committees

The following shall be standing committees:

Business, Bylaws, Campus/Collegiate Kappa, Communications, Empathy, History, Membership, Memorial, Music, Philanthropic, Professional/Personal Development, Scholarship, and Special Projects.

Section 3- Meetings and Reports

- A. The State President may call a meeting of any committee at any time.
- B. Committees shall meet at the site of the State Convention for the purpose of making recommendations and completing their duties.
- C. Committee progress reports or final reports shall be mailed to the President by April 1.

Section 4- Duties

- A. Business
 - 1. Review expenditures of the MU State Chapter.
 - 2. Consider each committee chair's request for anticipated expenses for her committee work.
 - 3. Establish a realistic budget for the MU State Chapter.

B. Bylaws

1. Review the MU State Bylaws and Standing rules annually.
2. Review Local Bylaws as they are revised to ensure that they are not in conflict with the MU State Bylaws. The State Bylaws Chairman shall receive and expedite necessary correspondence enabling a local chapter to receive a reply within ninety days following submission of Local Bylaws.
3. Present revised Bylaws to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the membership for approval at the General Assembly of the State Convention.
4. Make necessary technical and typographical changes in the State Bylaws in order to assure editorial continuity, subject to approval by the State Executive Committee.
5. Send State Bylaws to be checked to the National Bylaws Committee on the National President's visitation schedule to state.
6. A copy of the final version of the Mu State Bylaws shall be sent to National Headquarters to be kept on file.

C. Campus/Collegiate Kappa

1. Assist in formation of new State Campus/Collegiate Kappa Chapters.
2. Offer assistance and guidance to existing Campus/Collegiate Kappa Chapters, upon request.
3. Assist in locating and inviting Campus/Collegiate Kappa graduates to join Local Chapters, or organize a new chapter in their area.

D. Communications

1. Provide a stronger visible presence of MU State Kappa throughout the state of Mississippi and beyond through social media tools such as MU State Website (www.mskappa.org), listserve, Facebook, etc. for MU State meeting and/or events.
2. Request that official information for a statewide Communications/Public Relations calendar be sent by State President and local chapter Presidents to the Chair of the Communications Committee no later than July 31st for the upcoming year. The Chair of Communications Committee will coordinate the overall calendar of events with the other members of the Communications Committee with final approval by the State President.
3. Receive any official correspondence by the State President to post on the designated social media tools as applicable. It is the responsibility of each state committee chair to correspond to its committee members as well as local chapter Presidents to its local chapter members. However, the Communications/Public Relations committee welcomes the opportunity to work with state chairs and local chapter Presidents to identify opportunities for media exposure.
4. Ensure that statewide activities, service projects, programs, and accomplishments attract positive Media attention and are placed in a timely manner on the social media tools.

E. Empathy

Express Kappa's concern regarding the especially significant activities of members and their families such as: a death, a wedding, a birth, an illness, an outstanding honor, etc., as reported to committee members by local chapters.

- F. History
 1. Collect and keep carefully selected newspaper clippings, photographs, pictures, and such other data as may be of historical significance concerning the organization for updating *The Legend of the Violets*.
 2. Compile the MU State President's Book to include pertinent information.
 3. Encourage local chapters to bring their most recent Presidents' Books to State Convention for display.
 4. Present certificates at the annual convention for participation.
- G. Membership
 1. Assist in the formation of new chapters and growth of current local chapters.
 2. Render assistance to any chapter if requested.
- H. Memorial
 1. Conduct the memorial services at the MU State Convention.
 2. Request that information concerning deceased members be sent to the chairman no later than April 1.
 3. Send the memorial service program information to the MU State President no later than April 1.
- I. Music

Provide music for the MU State convention as requested by the President.
- J. Philanthropic

Promote the participation in philanthropic projects.
- K. Professional/Personal Development
 1. Provide professional/personal opportunities to membership.
 2. Keep a file on qualified presenters for demonstrations, programs, and workshops.
 3. Provide information on education profession via the Kappa Kappa Iota web page.
- L. Scholarship
 1. Evaluate applicants for the MU State Scholarship, the outstanding applicant being recommended to receive the Christine Reeves Mercer or the Nannie M. Whitten Scholarship with the scholarship name being alternated each year.
 2. Evaluate applicants for the Imogene M. Hardon Campus/Collegiate Kappa Scholarship.
 3. Report committee recommendations for MU State Scholarships to the State Executive Committee for approval during their first official meeting at the MU State Convention.
 4. Present Scholarship Awards as programmed.
 5. The Executive Committee has complete charge of the Scholarship fund.
- M. Special Projects
 1. Recommend methods of fund raising to the MU State Executive Committee for consideration at its fall meeting.
 2. Provide for execution of the approved projects.

Section 5- MU State Nominating Committee

- A. The MU State Nominating Committee, consisting of three members in good standing from different chapters, shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the State convention for the ensuing year.
- B. The nominating committee shall report to the MU State President a slate of proposed nominees for MU State office by March 1. The candidates for MU State office shall be announced by the MU State President in a newsletter to Local Chapter Presidents by March 20 to inform the members prior to the State Convention.

ARTICLE XI- NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- A. MU State shall send an elected member (or elected alternate for the elected member) to the National Nominating Committee Meeting at the National Convention.
- B. That member shall have attended two (2) out of the last five (5) National Conventions prior to the present one.
- C. The same member shall not be sent to the committee more than two (2) years in succession.
- D. A state that does not have a qualified elected delegate or alternate in attendance at the National Nominating Committee Meeting shall forfeit its representation on the committee for that year's meeting.
- E. Members are responsible for all expenses incurred to attend the National Nominating Committee Meeting.
- F. MU State President shall read at the State Convention the names of MU members eligible to serve as Delegate/Alternate to the National Nominating Committee.
- G. The Delegate and Alternate are nominated from the floor and elected at the State Convention.

ARTICLE XII- ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHAPTERS

Section 1- Organization

New chapters shall be organized under the direction of a local chapter, a state chapter, or the National Chapter.

Section 2- Charter

- A. The organizing officer shall sign and forward a copy of the charter membership list to the following:
 - 1. National Headquarters
 - 2. National President
 - 3. State President
 - 4. State Treasurer

- B. MU State shall purchase the \$10.00 charter, payable to the National Chapter, for each new local chapter.
- C. MU State shall provide each new local chapter with MU State Bylaws and Standing Rules, MU State Local President's Packet, and National Standing Committee Guidelines.

Section 3- Bylaws

The bylaws of Local and State Chapters shall not conflict with the National Bylaws.

Section 4- Forms and Procedures of Initiation

- A. Kappa Kappa Iota materials are to be secured from the National Headquarters.
- B. Procedures of initiation as set forth in the Initiation and Installation Books shall be used in all state and local chapters.
- C. New chapters shall be furnished one copy of each of the following by National Headquarters:
 - 1. National Bylaws, National Standing Rules and National Standing Committee Guidelines
 - 2. Initiation and Installation Books
 - 3. National Handbook
 - 4. Order forms for Kappa Kappa Iota Merchandise
 - 5. Membership Manual

ARTICLE XIII- INSIGNIA

The insignia of Kappa Kappa Iota shall consist of a yellow-gold circle set with pearls surrounding a center containing the five (5) petals of a violet upon which the Lamp of Learning is inscribed. The letters K K I on the lower three (3) petals represent Kappa Kappa Iota.

ARTICLE XIV- MEETING OF THE MU STATE CHAPTER

Section 1- Annual Meeting

The meeting of the MU State Chapter shall be at the call of the State President. At least one meeting shall be held each year, the time and place to be designated by the State Executive Committee.

Section 2- Other Meetings

MU State may hold other meetings at the call of the State President.

Section 3- Quorum

The quorum of the State Chapter shall consist of a majority representation by the Local Chapters.

Section 4- Delegate Strength

- A. A convention is a body of delegates selected from and by the members of each local chapter to represent the members at annual and biannual business meetings of a national society. (*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*)
- B. Voting delegates to the MU State Chapter shall include the following:
 - 1. One vote for each Past National President in attendance
 - 2. One vote for each elected MU State officer
 - 3. One vote for the Immediate Past State President for the term of her successor
 - 4. One vote for each Local Chapter President or an elected alternate
 - 5. One additional vote for each (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of a chartered local chapter.
 - 6. One vote for each State Committee Chair
 - 7. Two (2) delegates from each chartered Local Chapter
 - 8. One additional delegate for a chapter with twenty (20) or more members.
- C. Representation in the MU State Chapter shall be forfeited if dues or fees are in arrears.

Section 5- Philanthropic Project

MU State Kappa Kappa Iota may endorse a national philanthropic project after it has been presented at the National Convention and voted upon by the delegates. The State Executive Committee may recommend a philanthropic project.

ARTICLE XV- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the MU State Chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the special rules of order of the organization.

Section 1- Eligibility

The MU State President shall appoint a Parliamentarian each year according to Article VIII, Section I.

Section 2- Duties

The MU State Parliamentarian shall:

- A. Act as advisor to the President on parliamentary procedures
- B. Attend all called meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Annual Meetings.

Section 3- Order of Business

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll call
- C. Reading of minutes of previous meeting; approval
- D. Treasurer's report
- E. Report of Standing Committees
- F. Report of Special Committees
- G. Special Orders
- H. Unfinished business
- I. New business
- J. Adjournment

ARTICLE XVI- LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1- Application of Members

- A. Any member may invite a person to attend a meeting based upon the eligibility requirements of the local chapter.
- B. It shall be the duty of the Chapter President to report to the State President immediately after initiation the names, addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers of the new member(s).

Section 2- Local Chapter Report

- A. Each local chapter shall report promptly through its treasurer the names, addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers of the members initiated, members dropped from the roll, and the names of those members who have died during the preceding year.
- B. The local chapter report shall be sent to the State President by April 1.
- C. Each local chapter president shall report to the State President immediately after election the names, addresses, zip codes and telephone numbers of the newly elected officers by May 15.

Section 3- Local Officers

- A. All chapters shall have officers comparable to those of the State Chapter
- B. A nominating committee of not less than three members shall be elected from the floor by members present at the March meeting. This nominating committee shall present a list of candidates at the April meeting for election. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The consent of all nominees must be obtained.
- C. Local officers shall be elected annually during the month of April.
- D. Newly elected officers shall be installed during the month of May.
- E. Local officers shall assume duties at the time of installation.

Section 4- Bylaws

- A. No provisions in the Bylaws of any local chapter shall be in conflict with the Bylaws of the National and State Chapters.
- B. A copy of the State Bylaws shall be given to the new officers at the time of their installation.

Section 5- Meetings

- A. Local chapters should have monthly meetings during the school year. Meetings may be held during vacation if desired.

Section 6- Dues

Local dues shall be set by the individual chapter.

Section 7- Expenses

- A. Local chapters are encouraged to pay the expenses of the Local President to the MU State meetings.
- B. Local Chapters are encouraged to help pay the expenses of the delegates to the National Convention.

Section 8- Dissolution

In event of the dissolution of a local chapter, the charter and all materials shall automatically be returned to the State Chapter.

ARTICLE XVII- AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of registered certified delegates at the Annual Convention provided notice of the proposed amendments shall have been read at the previous annual convention or submitted by written notice to each chapter at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the vote being taken. Any revisions, amendments, or additions shall be considered at the time they are received and presented, if appropriate.

ARTICLE XVIII- STANDING RULES

Standing Rules shall be those rules and regulations in harmony with the Bylaws and which clarify and implement the Bylaws. Standing Rules shall be established, rescinded, or amended by a simple majority of registered certified delegates at the annual convention.

ARTICLE XIX- DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, this organization shall not conduct any activities prohibited (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under the applicable provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, transfer all of the assets of the corporation to such an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes which at the time qualify for exemption under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or of the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code as the Board of Directors shall determine.

These MU State Bylaws were adopted at the April 2020 Mu State Convention and approved by the National Kappa Kappa Iota Bylaws Committee in April 2021.

These MU State Bylaws were updated and adopted at the April 2023 Mu State Convention to align with the National Bylaws.

In 2024, the MU State Bylaws were required to be submitted to National Bylaws Committee due to the National President rotation visit being in Mississippi. Minimal editorial changes were recommended by the National Kappa Bylaws Committee. The editorial changes were made, and final approval occurred by the National Kappa Bylaws Committee in April 2024.

When the National President rotation visit occurs within the state, the Mu State Bylaws are required to be submitted to the National Bylaws Committee for review.