

Proposed Amendments to the EZAA Bylaws

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The current version of the EZAA Bylaws (Last Amended February 14, 2009) can be found on the EZAA Website at https://www.apoezaa.org/static/fd8809dea5be19b8bb20390c97265dc7/EZAA_Bylaws.pdf ([Direct Link](#))

I. Proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 1

Purpose:

Membership is currently extended to undergraduate students in their senior year, and only in the January preceding their graduation. This amendment would extend membership to any Active Brother in the semester in which they plan to complete their undergraduate program, in order to better support Brothers who are graduating early.

Current Language:

“Membership in this Association is open to all Alumni Members of Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. Membership is also open to all Active Members of Epsilon Zeta Chapter who are graduate or fifth-year students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Membership shall be granted to seniors the January prior to their graduation”

Amended Language:

“Membership in this Association is open to all Alumni Members of Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega; all Active Members of Epsilon Zeta Chapter who are graduate or fifth-year students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and all Active Members of Epsilon Zeta Chapter who are undergraduate students that expect to graduate at the end of the present semester.”

II. Proposed Amendment to Article IV, Section 2

Purpose:

Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws reads as follows (emphasis added):

*“Any Member may appeal the decision of **the chair**. Such an appeal will be upheld by a majority vote of the Active Members present and voting”*

The phrase “The chair” appears nowhere else in the bylaws. However, the description of the President’s duties in Article IV, Section 2 indicates that the President “presides at all Association and Executive Committee Meetings.”

This amendment explicitly adds chairship to the enumeration of the President’s duties. This clarifies the meaning of Article VI, Section 4, while also making chairship subject to the order of succession described elsewhere in Article IV.

Current Language of Article IV, Section 2:

“The President supervises and represents the Association, and sees that its duties and obligations are fulfilled; presides at all Association and Executive Committee Meetings; and appoints and removes all non-elected officers and committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees. If the President is temporarily unable to carry out these aforementioned duties, the order of succession is listed in Article IV, Section 1.”

Amended Language of Article IV, Section 2:

(Difference has been bolded for visibility.)

*“The President supervises and represents the Association, and sees that its duties and obligations are fulfilled; presides **as chair** at all Association and Executive Committee Meetings; and appoints and removes all non-elected officers and committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees. If the President is temporarily unable to carry out these aforementioned duties, the order of succession is listed in Article IV, Section 1.”*