



## Fraternity Standards for Alumnae Groups

In accordance with the guiding principles of Article II of the Delta Gamma Constitution, “the objects of this Fraternity shall be to foster high ideals of friendship among women, to promote their educational and cultural interests, to create in them a true sense of social responsibility, and to develop in them the best qualities of character,” the Delta Gamma Fraternity Standards for Alumnae Groups have been established.

Within the Fraternity Standards there are core alumnae group elements that groups must meet to be in good standing with the Fraternity. These elements can also be considered as the bare minimum needed to function as an alumnae group. The seven core Fraternity Standards are bolded below.

Delta Gamma alumnae groups shall meet these Fraternity Standards:

### OPERATIONS

- Alumnae group officers communicate regularly with all alumnae in their assigned zip codes through a variety of communication channels (i.e. mail, email, social media, website, etc.).
- Group tasks in Anchorbase are current and updated in a timely manner.
- **Bylaws approved by the Regional Alumnae Specialist (RAS)/Alumnae Development Consultant (ADC) are approved by alumnae group vote and uploaded to Anchorbase > Operations > Tasks > Alumnae Bylaws by June 15 in years Model Bylaws are revised.**
- Alumnae group business is conducted as outlined in their bylaws.
- **Hold, promote and document events.**
  - **Chapters are required to hold at least six events open to the full membership of the alumnae group.**
  - **Associations are required to hold at least three events open to the full membership of the alumnae group.**
  - **Founders Day should be one of the required events.**

### COMMUNITY

- Alumnae group’s online presence (website, social media, etc.) is positive, accurate and aligned with the Delta Gamma’s Social Media Policy (found on the DG library) and Article II.
- Group members communicate and have a positive working relationship with Fraternity/Foundation visitors, advisers, house corporation members, regional team members and Executive Offices staff.

- Promote volunteer service opportunities and support the Foundation both locally and internationally.
- Group donates to the Foundation annually, either through a fundraiser or alumnae group funds, directing a portion of their gift to a local sight-related 501(c)(3) organization if desired.

## ALUMNAE GROUP CULTURE

- Integrate ritual into alumnae group culture respectfully and participate in ongoing, informal rituals.
- Group officers plan a variety of events that are inclusive of all members, seeking feedback from members on programming interest.

## LIFELONG MEMBERSHIP

- Alumnae group supports collegiate chapter(s) on a local or remote basis through participation in rituals, events and/or financial support. Support is documented in Anchorbase > Operations > Tasks > Outreach and Financial Contributions to Collegiate Chapter.
- Outreach to previously involved, but not currently engaged alumnae occurs at least once per fiscal year.
- **Have the required number of per capita dues paid members annually:**
  - **20 or more members to qualify as an alumnae chapter**
  - **10-19 members to qualify as an alumnae association**
  - **50+ year members who have paid local dues can count toward this requirement**

## RECRUITMENT

- **Have the required number of local dues paid members annually:**
  - **20 or more members to qualify as an alumnae chapter**
  - **10-19 members to qualify as an alumnae association.**
- Alumnae group officers welcome members new to their area utilizing the New in Town report in Anchorbase > Roster > Reports > DGs New to Town or by any other means they become aware of new to town members.
- Alumnae group follows the Alumna Initiate Process.

## FINANCE

- **Group officers complete annual IRS tax filing and upload submission in Anchorbase > Finance > Tasks > Alumnae Group Tax Filing by November 15.**
- **Group officers pay all applicable fees and invoices to the Fraternity and Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) by deadline set by Executive Offices.**
- Group officers must pay per capita and local dues to remain in office.
- Group officers actively encourage and publicize opportunities for their members to pay both local dues and per capita dues.

## LEADERSHIP

- Alumnae group officers collaborate with their Regional Alumnae Specialist (RAS) or Alumnae Group Development Consultant (ADC) on goal setting and development opportunities including meeting formally at least two times per fiscal year.

- Alumnae chapter president (or designated delegate) attends Delta Gamma Convention and all required General Sessions as their chapter's voting delegate.
- Alumnae group officers participate in required Fraternity training and leadership opportunities.
- **Group is required to have sufficient officers to cover the areas of responsibilities outlined in the Fraternity Constitution.**
  - **Chapters must have a president and at least three officers.**
  - **Associations can have no fewer than two officers including the president.**
- Group officers must complete a volunteer service agreement in Anchorbase > Roster > Tasks > Fraternity or Foundation Local Volunteer Service Agreement to remain in office.