

# **Alpha Epsilon Omega**

## **Constitution**

### **Preamble**

We the Founders of Alpha Epsilon Omega (AEO), believe that there is a need for a democratic fraternal organization both for the chapters and for the members, and in order to secure a closer brotherhood and to give permanence to a central organization, do hereby form and establish this constitution.

### **Article I Name of Student Organization**

The organization shall be called Alpha Epsilon Omega at UCSD.

### **Article II Principal and Purpose**

Section 1: Principal

The principal of AEO shall be as outlined in the Motto.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of AEO shall be as outlined in the Creed.

### **Article III Nonprofit Statement**

Alpha Epsilon Omega at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

### **Article IV Membership**

Section 1: Composition

There shall be three categories of membership in AEO; Colligate Brother, Fellow Brother, and Honorary Brother.

Section 2: Eligibility

Membership is open to those men who are dedicated to the Creed of Alpha Epsilon Omega and to the fulfillment of the Armenian Dream as outlined in the Creed. All Eligible members must fulfill the following to become members.

- i. Colligate Brother: Any person who is in attendance and in good standing at any school where a chapter of AEO is chartered, and has been initiated according to the Traditions Manual.
- ii. Fellow Brother: Any graduate or matriculate of a university or college, who was a Colligate Brother at the time of graduation or matriculation.

- iii. Honorary Brother: Honorary membership shall be given to those persons who have shown outstanding service to AEO and to the Armenian people.

## **Article V Frequency of Organization Meetings**

Alpha Epsilon Omega conducts weekly meetings planned based on agenda and schedule for each week.

## **Article VI Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers**

Only registered UCSD students may hold office in this organization. Only registered UCSD students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

### Section 1: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall include the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Pledge Master, and Senator.

### Section 2: Qualifications for Holding an Office

All officers of the chapter must be Collegiate Brothers in good-standing with AEO. To be elected President, one must currently hold or previously have held an Executive Board Position.

### Section 3: Officer Duties

- i. President: To serve as Chairman of the Executive Board. To serve as the presiding officer at all regular and special chapter meetings (except at meetings where charges for the purpose of impeachment of the president will be voted on).
- ii. Vice President: To serve as a member of the Executive Board. To perform all presidential duties in the absence of the President.
- iii. Treasurer: To serve as a member of the Executive Board. To receive all funds of the chapter and keep an accurate record thereof.
- iv. Secretary: To serve as a member of the Executive Board. To keep accurate minutes of all chapter meetings, make these available to all AEO Brothers, and make sure that all meeting minutes are archived with a copy submitted to the Board of Directors.
- v. Pledge Master: To serve as a member of the Executive Board. To ensure the coordination of the pledge program with other chapter activities.
- vi. Senator: To serve as a member of the Executive Board. To represent the chapter at AEO Senate. To accurately represent the wishes of the chapter, regardless of self-interest.
- vii. Social Director: to coordinate all internal publicity, between their respective Chapter and other Chapters.

- viii. Philanthropy Chair: to organize and coordinate all philanthropic activities and philanthropic fundraisers.

#### Section 4: Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

Each officer shall be responsible for training his successor and turning over all records and materials in an up-to-date condition within the first two weeks of the new term. Elections take place at the end of the Spring Quarter, and newly-elected officers assume their positions after Spring quarter in the month of June.

### **Article VII Risk Management**

Alpha Epsilon Omega at UCSD is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Alpha Epsilon Omega at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

### **Article VIII Insignia**

#### Section 1: General

All Insignia of AEO shall be approved by the Tribunal with due regard to the history and traditions of AEO as outlined in the Traditions Manual.

#### Section 2: Colors

The colors of AEO are navy blue and silver. AEO also uses the colors of the flag of the Republic of Armenia.

#### Section 3: Symbols

The symbols of AEO may be used according to the Traditions Manual and are limited to the following:

- i. The Brotherhood Symbol: shall be composed of the Armenian Eagle, which holds a sword on the left, and the Armenian Lion, which holds a scroll on the right.
- ii. The Eternity Symbol: shall be composed of twelve arcs twisted clockwise with alternate colors of navy blue and silver, and shall have a silver border.
- iii. The Fellowship Symbol: shall be composed of the Eternity Sign with wings like that on the Armenian Eagle and the Armenian Lion.
- iv. The Triumvirate Symbol: shall be composed of three swords forming a triangle which surrounds the Eternity Symbol, the Armenian Eagle, and the Armenian Lion.
- v. The Crest: shall be composed of a shield with a pointed top and pointed base, divided into four sections. The upper right section is charged with the

silver fist on a field of navy blue. The upper left section is charged with the Armenian Eagle on a field of navy blue. The lower right section is charged with the Armenian Lion on a field of navy blue. The lower left section is charged with the silver scroll on a field of navy blue. The Eternity Symbol is superimposed in the middle of the shield. A five-pointed crown is placed on top of the shield. On the crown are the Greek letters of Alpha, Epsilon, and Omega in red, blue, and orange respectively. Three swords are placed underneath the shield. The first sword points down from the North West to the South East, and has the Armenian Eagle on the handle. The second sword goes down from the North East to the South West and has the Armenian Lion on the handle. The third sword goes up from the South to the North, through the crown and has the Eternity Symbol on the handle. A red banner is draped from the tips of the two swords on the bottom, bearing the Armenian phrase “ՀԱՅԿԱՍՏԱՆԻ ԲՆԱԿԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՐԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՎ ԵՐԵՄԻԱՆ ԿՈՆՏԱՆՍՏԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՐԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՎ ԵՐԵՄԻԱՆ ԿՈՆՏԱՆՍՏԱՆՈՒՄԻ”.

- vi. The Seal: shall be composed of the Eternity Symbol surrounded by the Armenian words “ՀԱՅԿԱՍՏԱՆԻ ԲՆԱԿԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՐԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՎ ԵՐԵՄԻԱՆ ԿՈՆՏԱՆՍՏԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՐԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՎ ԵՐԵՄԻԱՆ ԿՈՆՏԱՆՍՏԱՆՈՒՄԻ” on top and “ՀԱՅԿԱՍՏԱՆԻ ԲՆԱԿԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՐԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՎ ԵՐԵՄԻԱՆ ԿՈՆՏԱՆՍՏԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՐԱՆՈՒՄԻ ԵՎ ԵՐԵՄԻԱՆ ԿՈՆՏԱՆՍՏԱՆՈՒՄԻ” on the bottom.

**Section 4: Jewelry**

All Pins, Badges and Rings must be purchased from the Central Body, and shall be limited to the following:

- i. The Brother Badge: shall be made in the likeness of the Brotherhood Symbol placed on top of a rectangle bearing the Greek letters of Alpha, Epsilon, and Omega superimposed on the Eternity Symbol.
- ii. The Eternity Pin: shall bear the likeness of the Eternity Symbol.
- iii. The Fellowship Ring: shall be made in the likeness of the Fellowship Symbol.

**Section 5: Flags and Banners**

All Flags and Banners must be purchased from the Central Body, and shall be limited to the following:

- i. The Armenian Flag: shall be that officially used by the Republic of Armenia.
- ii. The Brotherhood Flag: shall consist of a navy blue field with the Brotherhood Symbol in silver superimposed in the middle.
- iii. The Eternity Flag: shall consist of a navy blue field with the Eternity Symbol in silver superimposed in the middle.
- iv. The Fellowship Flag: shall consist of a navy blue field with the Fellowship Symbol in silver superimposed in the middle.
- v. The Triumvirate Flag: shall consist of a navy blue field with the Triumvirate Symbol in silver superimposed in the middle.
- vi. Letters Banner: shall consist of a navy blue field with the Greek Letters of Alpha, Epsilon, and Omega in silver superimposed in the middle.

vii. Crest Banner: shall consist of a navy blue field with the Crest in silver superimposed in the middle, and “ALPHA EPSILON OMEGA” superimposed at the bottom of the crest.

Section 6: Other Insignia

All other insignia may only be used only if approved by the Tribunal, with due regard to the history and traditions of AEO as outlined in the Traditions Manual.

## **Article IX Ritual**

Section 1: Ceremonies

The installation of pledges, initiation of members, and other ritualistic ceremonies of AEO shall be conducted as outlined in the Traditions Manual.

Section 2: Amendments

Honorary Brother: Honorary membership shall be given to those persons who have shown outstanding service to AEO and to the Armenian people.

## **Article X Structure**

Section 1: General

AEO shall be composed of chapters coordinated by the Central Body consisting of the Board of Directors, Senate and the Tribunal.

Section 2: Central Body

The Central Body shall have, as provided in the Constitution and the By-Laws, the power to control the establishment of colonies, the admission of chapters, the withdrawal of chapters, the structure of the chapters, the method of acquiring pledges, the method of acquiring members, the admission of members, the resignation of members, the expulsion of members, the rituals, the use of insignia, and shall have, as provided in the By-Laws, general supervisory authority over the day do day duties and finances of the chapters.

Section 3: Chapters

All powers not expressly delegated, by the Constitution and the By-Laws, to the Central Body are reserved to the chapters.

## **Article XI Amendments**

Section 1: Procedure

The Senate, whenever two thirds of all senators deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the constitution.

Section 2: Approval

Amendments to this constitution shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the Constitution, when ratified by all the chapters of AEO and the Tribunal.

Section 3: Restrictions

No amendment shall affect the use and quality of all insignia and literature of AEO. Also, no amendment shall deprive any member or chapter of their suffrage in any way.

**Article XII Jurisdiction**

The Alpha Epsilon Omega Constitution constitutes the policies, ideals, procedures, and regulations by which AEO operates. The Constitution is the ultimate authority over all Alpha Epsilon Omega members and chapters and by which all members and chapters must comply. The By-Laws, chapter constitutions and other documents only serve as a supplement to the Constitution, and cannot alter, bypass, or go against the Constitution.

**Article XIII Ratification**

This constitution shall become the official governing document of Alpha Epsilon Omega upon a majority vote by all the members of Alpha Epsilon Omega.

In witness we the Triumvirate subscribe our names to this constitution, ratifying it as the one and only constitution of Alpha Epsilon Omega.



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