

ARTICLE II

Alcohol Policy

As a member of the Fraternal Information and Programming Group (FIPG), Alpha Omicron Pi's policies are consistent with those of FIPG. AOII policies are in place to demonstrate care for and the education of our members, create safer environments, and reduce risk at AOII events where alcohol is present.

Section 1. General Policies.

- a. All federal, state/province, and local laws and university regulations regarding the possession, consumption, sale, and/or provision of alcohol shall be obeyed by all collegiate chapters and individual members without exception. Chapters shall use Alpha Omicron Pi's BYOB or Third Party Vendor Event Planning Guides as a resource for planning all AOII sponsored events with alcohol present. BYOB is defined in the FIPG Guidelines as one (1) six-pack of 12-ounce beers or one (1) four pack of wine coolers brought by a member or guest who is legally able to consume an alcoholic beverage.
- b. All events with alcohol will require public or private transportation, or personal car use if beyond walking distance. Additional transportation requirements can be found in the Book of Policies, Article V, Transportation Policy.
- c. No members shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in "drinking games." The definition of drinking games includes, but is not limited to, the consumption of shots of alcohol, liquor, or alcoholic beverages, the practice of consuming shots equal to one's age, "beer pong," "century club," "dares," or any activity involving the consumption of alcohol which involves duress or encouragement related to the consumption of alcohol.
- d. In case of emergency, the chapter should follow AOII's Crisis Management Procedures.

Section 2. Chapter Facilities and Chapter Events.

There will be no alcohol on or in Alpha Omicron Pi owned or leased property or university owned property that may be identified as, maintained by, or designated for the use of Alpha Omicron Pi. This policy applies to collegians, alumnae, parents and guests.

Section 3. Chapter Event.

- a. An event will be considered sponsored by the AOII chapter if any officers, individual members, or a group of members formally or informally participate in planning, promoting, or executing the social events on behalf of the chapter.
- b. Alcohol cannot be associated with the following AOII chapter events:
 - (1) There shall be no consumption of any alcoholic beverages within 24 hours before or after bid day and initiation.
 - (2) No alcohol shall be present at or associated with any recruitment activities. No recruitment activities associated with any chapter may be held at or in conjunction with a tavern or alcohol distributor (a tavern is defined as an establishment generating more than half of its annual gross sales from alcohol).
 - (3) There shall be no consumption of any alcoholic beverages at any new member program or activity of the chapter. This includes, but is not limited to, activities associated with "big sister/little sister" events.

- (4) No alcohol shall be present at any philanthropic or fundraising activity sponsored or co-sponsored by a collegiate chapter.
- c. Alpha Omicron Pi sponsored event(s) include but are not limited to:
 - (1) Any activity bearing an Alpha Omicron Pi identity.
 - (2) Any event hosted in or on Alpha Omicron Pi owned, leased, designated, or maintained property.
 - (3) Any event a reasonable, objective observer would associate with the Fraternity.
 - (4) A function resulting from a written, electronic, or oral invitation in the name of Alpha Omicron Pi.
 - (5) A function organized or administered in whole or in part by Alpha Omicron Pi funds.
 - (6) A function financed through chapter donations or collections (i.e. “pass the hat”).
- d. All AOII sponsored events with alcohol will adhere to the following:
 - (1) No function at which alcohol will be available shall be designated as required or mandatory for any collegiate member of Alpha Omicron Pi.
 - (2) Collegiate chapter’s event themes, advertising, memorabilia, web summaries, or artwork (i.e. t-shirts, banners, programs, web pages, social media posts) will be in good taste and appropriate and will not feature or suggest alcohol.
 - (3) No open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the chapter without specific invitation, where alcohol is present are permitted.
 - (4) Chapter members may not rent rooms for private parties before, during, or after the event, or arrange for any overnight accommodations, except in the case of emergency circumstances, whereby an overnight stay may be required with due regard for the health, safety, and welfare of members. If such an emergency should occur, approval must be obtained from a member of the Alumnae Advisory Committee.
 - (5) Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.
 - (6) Anyone who is intoxicated will be denied transportation to an Alpha Omicron Pi sponsored event and/or entrance to the event.
 - (7) Anyone who leaves the premises of an Alpha Omicron Pi sponsored event at which alcohol is served will not be readmitted.
 - (8) Sober monitors are required.
 - (9) IDs must be checked.
 - (10) At a BYOB event, a check in system for the alcohol brought is required.
 - (11) There will be a start time and an end time for the event.
 - (12) All venues must be insured a minimum of \$1,000,000 of general liability insurance.
 - (13) Third party vendors must be properly licensed by the appropriate state/ province and local authorities.

Section 4. Funds.

- a. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased or acquired, directly or indirectly, through the chapter funds.
- b. No alcoholic beverages for members or guests of an event may be coordinated or purchased by any collegiate or alumna member or adviser in the name of or on behalf of either the chapter or the Fraternity.
- c. The purchase and/or use of a bulk quantity of common sources of alcoholic beverages (i.e. kegs, cases, or party punch) is prohibited.

- d. Chapters cannot purchase alcoholic beverages through chapter donations or collections.

Section 5. Co-Sponsored Events.

- a. No chapter may co-sponsor a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.
- b. No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor or tavern (as defined in this policy) at which alcohol is sold, given away, or otherwise provided to those present.
- c. Chapters are prohibited from holding events with organizations that are not recognized by the college or university.

Section 6. Role of Alumnae and Advisers.

- a. No alumnae members or advisers, collectively or individually, shall purchase, serve, or sell alcohol to any minor.
- b. Alumnae and/or advisers may serve as chaperones at AOII social events. When in this role, they are to supervise the event as sober monitors. They should not check IDs, distribute wristbands, or serve in the capacity of bartender or sober driver.
- c. Alumnae who are attending the event as guests are permitted to drink in a responsible and mature fashion.

Section 7. Education and Documentation.

- a. It is the responsibility of every collegiate chapter to provide alcohol awareness education and support of the Alpha Omicron Pi Alcohol Policy for its members.
- b. Within the first three weeks of each academic semester/quarter, a program on alcohol awareness will be presented to the entire chapter with a member of the AAC present. These programs can be presented using local facilitators from the university or community. If the college or university organizes an alcohol awareness program for the campus, this can be considered an alternative to AOII's alcohol awareness program.
- c. Alpha Omicron Pi's Alcohol Policy will be read and discussed at the time of the program on alcohol awareness if AOII is presenting such program. If the chapter is attending a college or university planned program, the Alcohol Policy will be read and discussed at the next scheduled chapter meeting. All members in attendance will be given an opportunity to ask questions.
 - (1) Each member shall sign the Alpha Omicron Pi Alcohol Policy Statement after the program is presented, stating her understanding of and agreement to abide by the Alcohol Policy.
 - (2) The Vice President of Standards is responsible for keeping all signed copies of the Alcohol Policy Statement on file. The Vice President of Standards is also responsible for sending the signed Compliance Form, which confirms that all members have signed the Alcohol Policy Statement, to the assigned staff member at International Headquarters within the first three weeks of each academic semester/quarter.
- d. The chapter cannot host or participate in events where alcohol will be present until the signed Compliance Form is received by the appropriate International Headquarters staff member.
- e. If new members join the chapter after the original presentation, a second program is to be provided for all new members and their sponsors to attend.

- f. If members would like to further review the Alcohol Policy, they should refer to the Governing Documents of Alpha Omicron Pi.

Section 8. Reporting Violations.

- a. Every member of Alpha Omicron Pi has the responsibility to report immediately any violation of the Alcohol Policy either to the Chapter President or the Chapter Adviser, who will then notify the Network Specialist-Leadership/Network Specialist-Development, Network Director, and Assistant Director of Chapter Services/Assistant Director of New Chapter Development.
- b. An Incident Report must be submitted within forty-eight (48) hours of an incident occurrence or upon gaining knowledge of the incident. This report shall be completed either by the Vice President Standards, Chapter President, Chapter Adviser, or any other designated member of the Alumnae Advisory Committee.
- c. Incident Reports are to be submitted via fax or email to the chapter's assigned Network Specialist-Leadership/Network Specialist-Development, Network Director, and Assistant Director of Chapter Services/Assistant Director of New Chapter Development.

Section 9. Sanctions in the Case of Violations.

- a. An individual member who fails to comply with or report a violation of the Alcohol Policy is subject to international probation or suspension.
- b. An individual new member who fails to comply with or report the violation of the Alcohol Policy is subject to termination of her new member period.
- c. A collegiate chapter may be placed on International Monitoring or Probation for clear violations of this policy.
- d. A collegiate officer or a member of the AAC may be removed from office due to failure to enforce or report a violation of this policy.
- e. Alpha Omicron Pi reserves the right to impose disciplinary action on any individual, chapter, or entity that is in violation of this policy.