

ARTICLE V

Transportation Policy

The safety and well-being of Alpha Omicron Pi members is of utmost priority. To ensure all members and guests have a safe and enjoyable experience, the following transportation policies are in effect for AOII-sponsored and co-sponsored events.

Section 1. General Policies.

- a. Alpha Omicron Pi allows several methods of transportation to and from AOII sponsored or co-sponsored events. The following methods may be utilized: walk, mass transit (chartered transportation or public transportation), and the use of personal cars (including designated drivers).
- b. Alcohol may not be consumed by AOII members or their guests on or in any mode of transportation, regardless of age.
- c. Transportation must go directly from the original point of departure (i.e. chapter house, lodge, dorm, campus parking lot) to the location of the function and directly back to the original point of departure.
- d. Alpha Omicron Pi members and guests shall obey all applicable motor vehicle laws, including, but not limited to, those concerning vehicle safety, vehicle operation, financial responsibility and/or automobile insurance, and the transportation and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Section 2. Walk.

- a. Chapter members will obey all state/province, local, and university laws as to where they may walk and as to walking with open containers of alcohol.
- b. Chapter members will walk on well-lit, public walkways.

Section 3. Mass Transit.

- a. It is strongly recommended that chapters of Alpha Omicron Pi use a form of mass transportation for AOII sponsored or co-sponsored events, particularly for events where alcohol may be consumed.
- b. Chartered Transportation. A chapter can utilize chartered transportation services including but not limited to chartered buses and limousines. If a chapter hires a vendor to transport members and guests, the vendor must meet the following requirements:
 - (1) Commercial Auto Insurance that provides coverage for transporting people and property for a fee.
 - (2) Commercial Auto Insurance that provides, at a minimum, primary coverage of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.
 - (3) A professional driver who has a current valid commercial vehicle operator's license in the state in which the driver is located.
- c. Public Transportation. A chapter can utilize public transportation services including but not limited to taxi, subway, campus bus, or city bus.

Section 4. Personal Cars.

- a. Operators shall ensure that vehicles are properly maintained, not overloaded, and are operated in a safe manner.

- b. Use of personal vehicles shall be strictly voluntary and the sole responsibility of the vehicle owner/operator. Financial responsibility laws generally impose responsibility for accidents on the driver or owner of vehicles.
- c. The Fraternity assumes no responsibility or liability and provides no insurance to drivers or owners of vehicles for accidents or injuries, or for any damages to vehicles not owned by the Fraternity that may be used in conjunction with Fraternity activities.
- d. The driver or owner of a personal vehicle is acting independently and not as an agent of the Fraternity at any time or for any purpose.
- e. The vehicle will have seatbelts for each passenger and the driver will require each vehicle occupant to use seatbelts.
- f. Drivers must have a current and valid unrestricted driver's license and adequate automobile insurance.

Section 5. Designated Drivers.

- a. Third party licensed and insured safe transportation is the preferred method. However, it is recognized that this is not always readily available in a certain location, or a reasonable or cost effective means of transportation for all chapter functions. If designated drivers will be used, then the following guidelines apply.
 - (1) Designated drivers must be members of Alpha Omicron Pi or members of the co-sponsoring organization who do not drink alcohol before, during, or after the event, and who only allow alcohol to be stored in the trunk/cargo area of their vehicle.
 - (2) Designated drivers can be used for AOII-sponsored or co-sponsored functions only.
 - (3) Designated drivers cannot receive monetary compensation (except for reimbursement for gasoline expenses), but can receive nonmonetary incentives such as points, excuses, etc.
 - (4) Designated drivers cannot be a specific group of people being singled out (i.e., new members only, only members under 21, sophomores only, etc.). They need to be volunteers or a random assignment.
 - (5) Drivers understand that they have undertaken additional personal liability for accepting this role as the designated driver.
 - (6) AOII prohibits the use of "Sober Sister," "Designated Driver," or similar-type programs for any non-AOII related social activities. No AOII member or new member, voluntarily or involuntarily, shall be asked, volunteer, and/or be required to "sit by the phone," or otherwise be "on call" to pick up AOII members and/or their guests while in attendance at any personal or non-AOII social function (i.e., local clubs/establishments, private parties, fraternity events, philanthropy events, etc.).
 - (7) Members and new members may not participate in university or student organization-sponsored designated driver programs in which their participation is required by virtue of their AOII membership (i.e. Panhellenic, Greek Council, GAMMA, BACCHUS, etc). If individual members choose to participate in designated driver activities on their own accord, such participation cannot be forced, coerced, persuaded or required.
 - (8) Participation in such university-sponsored and/or approved programs is the personal choice and liability of the individual member and cannot be attributed to Alpha Omicron Pi and/or the local chapter.