

Northeast Region Bylaws Proposed Amendments

ARTICLE BEING AMENDED	CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING State how ARTICLE is being amended	REASON FOR ARTICLE AMENDMENTS	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ State how ARTICLE will read, if adopted
ARTICLE I: NAME		<i>The name of the organization shall be the Northeast Region of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC), hereinafter referred to as Northeast Regional Association.</i>	Provide an introduction of the Northeast region as part of the National Alumnae Association Spelman College (NAASC).It provides the purpose and function of the association.	The name of the organization shall be the Northeast Region of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC), hereinafter referred to as Northeast Regional Association.
ARTICLE II: PURPOSE		<i>The National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC) is the official organization that supports Spelman College, a historically black college for women, through financial gifts, student recruitment, sisterhood, community service, and recognition of Spelman women. The Association provides, encourages and promotes growth and development of alumnae through leadership opportunities and partnership alliances. NAASC actively seeks to involve all former students and graduates in the fulfillment of its purpose.</i>		The National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC) is the official organization that supports Spelman College, a historically black college for women, through financial gifts, student recruitment, sisterhood, community service, and recognition of Spelman women. The Association provides, encourages and promotes growth and development of alumnae through leadership opportunities and partnership alliances. NAASC actively seeks to involve all former students and graduates in the fulfillment of its purpose.
		<i>In carrying out the direction of NAASC, the Northeast Region is committed to maintaining extraordinary sisterhood and service. The sisterhood among Spelman alumnae is far-reaching and transcends generations, traditions and continents. Many extraordinary stories of friendship, love and commitment exist among Spelman sisters and the Northeast Region is committed to sharing and celebrating these bonds in all that we do.</i>	Provides the Northeast Region's official purpose	In carrying out the direction of NAASC, the Northeast Region is committed to maintaining extraordinary sisterhood and service. The sisterhood among Spelman alumnae is far-reaching and transcends generations, traditions and continents. Many extraordinary stories of friendship, love and commitment exist among Spelman sisters and the Northeast Region is committed to sharing and celebrating these bonds in all that we do.
ARTICLE III: Membership		<i>Section 1: The Northeast Regional Association membership shall be comprised of NAASC members living in the Northeast Region geographic area and all established NAASC local chapters.</i>		Section 1: The Northeast Regional Association membership shall be comprised of NAASC members living in the Northeast Region geographic area and all established NAASC local chapters.
		<i>Section 2: State representation – The Northeast Regional Association consist of all NAASC members located in the following geographic areas: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, The District of Columbia and West Virginia (optional).</i>	Provides the Northeast Region's official membership and what geographic area incorporates the region	Section 2: State representation – The Northeast Regional Association consist of all NAASC members located in the following geographic areas: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, The District of Columbia and West Virginia (optional).
ARTICLE IV: Governing Documents		<u>Governing Documents</u>		Governing Documents
		<i>A. The constitution and by-laws of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC).</i>		A. The constitution and by-laws of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC).
		<i>B: The Northeast Regional Association shall adopt and be governed its By-Laws, which shall not conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws, or Policies and Procedures of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC). In the event these by-laws do not address a specific issue or are in conflict the NAASC By-laws takes precedence.</i>	Provides the governing documents needed for conducting business as the Northeast Regional Association.	B: The Northeast Regional Association shall adopt and be governed its By-Laws, which shall not conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws, or Policies and Procedures of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC). In the event these by-laws do not address a specific issue or are in conflict the NAASC By-laws takes precedence.
	C. All officers of the Northeast Regional Association and its affiliated chapters shall perform the duties of their office as described in <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</i> , current edition, in addition to any specified in these bylaws.		C. All officers of the Northeast Regional Association and its affiliated chapters shall perform the duties of their office as described in <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</i> , current edition, in addition to any specified in these bylaws.	

ARTICLE IV: Structure		Section 1: Elected Regional Officers		Section 1: Elected Regional Officers
		A. The elected regional officers of the Northeast Regional Association shall be the Regional Coordinator, Regional Coordinator-Elect, Regional Recording Secretary, Regional Treasurer, Regional Delegates, Regional Members at Large and the Nomination Committee.	Specifies the official elected officers of the Northeast Region; the term of office and the transition and leadership change	A. The elected regional officers of the Northeast Regional Association shall be the Regional Coordinator, Regional Coordinator-Elect, Regional Recording Secretary, Regional Treasurer, Regional Delegates, Regional Members at Large and the Nomination Committee.
		B. Term of Office: The elected officers shall be elected at the Region's Biennial Meeting for a term of two (2) years by a majority of the vote. No elected officers may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.		B. Term of Office: The elected officers shall be elected at the Region's Biennial Meeting for a term of two (2) years by a majority of the vote. No elected officers may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.
		C. All officers will officially assume their roles as of January 1st of the succeeding year after the election. Transition will take place from the conclusion of the Regional meeting to allow all necessary documentation and financial changes to occur.		C. All officers will officially assume their roles as of January 1st of the succeeding year after the election. Transition will take place from the conclusion of the Regional meeting to allow all necessary documentation and financial changes to occur.
		Section 2: Duties of the Officers		Section 2: Duties of the Officers
		B. Regional Coordinator-Elect		B. Regional Coordinator-Elect
		1. The Coordinator-Elect, at the expiration of the term(s) of the Coordinator, shall become the Regional Coordinator.	Currently the region doesn't have the position in its complement. This position would allow for easier transition. It would be a benefit especially with the new regional conference program at the national level to have the position available to transition to coordinator for continuity	1. The Coordinator-Elect, at the expiration of the term (s) of the Coordinator, shall become the Regional Coordinator.
		2. She shall serve as Coordinator Pro Tempore of the Region in the event of the absence, incapacity, resignation or death of the Coordinator of the unexpired term.		2. She shall serve as Coordinator Pro Tempore of the Region in the event of the absence, incapacity, resignation or death of the Coordinator of the unexpired term.
		3. She shall be a member of the Regional Executive Committee		3. She shall be a member of the Regional Executive Committee
		4. She shall perform other duties as assigned by the Regional Coordinator.		4. She shall perform other duties as assigned by the Regional Coordinator.
	ARTICLE VIII: Nominations, Qualifications and Elections		ARTICLE VIII: Nominations, Qualifications and Elections	
	A. Eligibility to serve as Regional Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect, a candidate shall;		A. Eligibility to serve as Regional Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect, a candidate shall;	
	3. Certify having background knowledge in organizational leadership, management, communication, interpersonal skills, problem solving\decision making skills, delegation/managing work skills, fundraising, recruitment, training, alumnae giving,and parliamentary procedures.	Current by-laws only specified background for the other elected officers	3. Certify having background knowledge in organizational leadership, management, communication, interpersonal skills, problem solving\decision making skills, delegation/managing work skills, fundraising, recruitment, training, alumnae giving,and parliamentary procedures.	
	E. Eligibility for Regional Member-at-Large. To be eligible to serve as regional Member-at-Large, a candidate shall:			
	1. Shall Be a resident of an area where there is no chapter.	1. Shall Be a resident of an the Northeast Region geographical area where the nearest chapter is a two more hours commute.	By specifying a distance provides clarity. A two or more hour commute is not beneficial if your travel to and return home is possibly double the time for the meeting or the event	1. Be a resident of an the Northeast Region geographical area where the nearest chapter is a two more hours commute.
	2. Shall have been a member of the Association for at least two consecutive years immediately before the beginning of the term for which nominated;	2. Shall Have been a member of NAASC the Association for at least two consecutive years immediately before the beginning of the term for which nominated;	Current wording didn't specific whom the word association was referring to	2. Have been a member of NAASC t for at least two consecutive years immediately before the beginning of the term for which nominated;
		3. The Northeast Region may elect up to three (3) regional members at large.	Clarifies how many eligible positions	3. The Northeast Region may elect up to three (3) regional members at large.
		Section 3: Election Committee		Section 3: Election Committee
		The election committee shall consist members of appointed by the Regional coordinator . No candidate running for an office shall be eligible to serve on the Election Committee. The duties of the committee shall be to prepare the ballots, supervise the election, check the credentials of the voting members, count the ballots, and report the results at the meeting. Voting shall be by ballot and conducted in accordance with the regulations formulated by the Regional Executive Committee. A majority shall elect.	Currently not addressed in the current by-law; however, it is a vital committee for the region at the bi-annual business meeting	The election committee shall consist members of appointed by the Regional coordinator . No candidate running for an office shall be eligible to serve on the Election Committee. The duties of the committee shall be to prepare the ballots, supervise the election, check the credentials of the voting members, count the ballots, and report the results at the meeting. Voting shall be by ballot and conducted in accordance with the regulations formulated by the Regional Executive Committee. A majority shall elect.

		Standing Rules		
Standing Rules		Section 1. NAASC Dues		
	a. An alumna shall pay unified dues to the National Association by June 30th and elect to the fiscal year to which it applies in written form.	a. An alumna currently not designated as a Lifetime paid in full NAASC member shall pay unified annual dues to the National Association NAASC by June 30th of each year to be considered a NAASC financial member for the fiscal year. and elect to the fiscal year to which it applies in written form.	Specifies what is a NAASC financial member	a. An alumna currently not designated as a Lifetime paid in full NAASC member shall pay annual dues to the n NAASC by June 30th of each year to be considered a NAASC financial member for the fiscal year.
	b. A percentage paid by each alumna to the National Association shall be disbursed to her region for the purpose of continuing the regional program.	b. Twenty percent of the dues A percentage paid annually by each alumna living in the Northeast Region geographical area to the National Association NAASC shall be disbursed to her the region quarterly for the purpose of continuing the regional program.	Provides definition on the percent, from whom, and how often received	b. Twenty percent of the dues paid annually by each alumna living in the Northeast Region geographical area to the NAASC shall be disbursed to the region quarterly for the purpose of continuing the regional program.
	Section 2. Chapter Dues	Section 2. Chapter Responsibilities Dues	Change dues to responsibilities	Section 2. Chapter Responsibilities
	a. Each chapter shall establish its own local dues structure and may be responsible for collecting and depositing National dues within five business days of dues receipt. National dues shall be forwarded to the Association within 10 business days or upon bank clearance of funds whichever occurs first, submitted with the dues transmittal form.	a. Each chapter shall establish its own local dues structure and may will be responsible for collecting and depositing National dues within five business days of dues receipt. National dues shall be forwarded to the NAASC Association within 10 business days or upon bank clearance of funds whichever occurs first, submitted along with the dues transmittal form montly.	All dues received by the chapter should be deposited within five business days. In alignment with the NAASC guidelines though dues should be submitted monthly with the appropriate dues transmittal form	a. Each chapter shall establish its own local dues structure and will be responsible for collecting and depositing -dues within five business days of dues receipt. National dues shall be forwarded to the NAASC with the dues transmittal form monthly.
		b. Each chapter shall adopt and be governed by its chapter's by-laws, which shall not conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws, or Policies and Procedures of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC). In the event these by-laws do not address a specific issue or are in conflict the NAASC By-laws takes precedence.	Provides guidance to the chapters on what they are required to do regarding governing documents	b. Each chapter shall adopt and be governed by its chapter's by-laws, <i>which shall not conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws, or Policies and Procedures of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College (NAASC). In the event these by-laws do not address a specific issue or are in conflict the NAASC By-laws takes precedence.</i>
	c. Each chapter must submit all required documentation and financial obligations to the NAASC and Regional Coordinator to maintain its compliance status as a chapter.	c. Each chapter must submit all required documentation and financial obligations to the NAASC and Regional Coordinator to maintain its compliance status as a chapter.		