



Resolution 1: Amending “Chairman” to “Chair” in all Documents

- Whereas, Alpha Gamma Delta is a Women’s Fraternity, that accepts eligible individuals who identify as a woman.
- Whereas, the last line of the Alpha Gamma Delta Purpose states “...that those who know me may esteem Alpha Gamma Delta for her attainments, revere her for her purposes and love her for her Womanhood”, we should be proud to be women.
- Therefore, be it resolved that all references to the word chairman in Articles VI, VII, X, XII and Standing Rule 9 of the *Alpha Gamma Delta Constitution and Standing Rules* be amended so that they read
- ‘the Chair’ instead of ‘the Chairman’
- And, be it resolved that any other references in the Governing Documents be amended from ‘chairman’ to ‘chair’ in accordance with these changes to the *Alpha Gamma Delta Constitution and Standing Rules*.

RATIONALE:

1. Alpha Gamma Delta is a Women’s Fraternity that extols its womanhood and thus we should not use masculine language.
2. Today, many groups shorten the language to gender-neutral terms such as “Chair” or chairperson.
3. This change in language would embrace consistency across all levels of the Fraternity and ensure compliance amongst all collegiate chapters, alumnae chapters/clubs and house associations

SUBMITTED BY:

Durham Region Alumnae Chapter

International Council Response:

International Council unanimously supports this resolution. This change matches our current practice.