

Bylaws
Sigma Alpha Iota
Iota Lambda Chapter
University of Missouri – Columbia

Preamble

In compliance with its chartered rights and obligations, Iota Lambda Chapter shall be subject to the rules contained in the Sigma Alpha Iota Articles of Association, Bylaws, and revisions.

Adopted:	September	1941
Revised:	February	1948
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Article I – Name

We shall be called Iota Lambda, chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, International Music Fraternity. We are a student organization of the University of Missouri – Columbia.

Article II – General Provisions

- Section 1. General Policies and Procedures. Any Fraternity procedures or obligations, either chapter or individual, which are not specifically defined in these Bylaws, shall be handled in accordance with established procedures as prescribed in appropriate Fraternity publications.
- Section 2. Acronyms. Sigma Alpha Iota will be referred to as SAI
National Executive Board will be referred to as NEB
Chapter Procedures Manual will be referred to as CPM

Article III - Membership

- Section I. Eligibility requirements for membership
- A. To receive an invitation to membership, a woman must have completed at least 12 credit hours at an accredited university or educational institution.
 - B. The prospective pledge must have completed one or more college level courses in music.
 - C. To be initiated, a woman must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. These grades are to be turned in to the Vice President, Membership by official grade report.
 - D. A prospective member shall be responsible for securing a faculty recommendation to be turned in to the Vice President, Membership before she shall be formally pledged. The recommendations are to be secured from a professor of the woman's field of applied music.
- Section 2. Exceptions for active membership. The CPM states that "An initiated member will: remain an active member of the chapter throughout her undergraduate days" (2001, p18) To gain inactive status, a member must apply before the chapter executive board. Only under rare circumstances will a chapter member be granted more than one semester of inactive status in her undergraduate years. This is left to the discretion of the executive board.
- Section 3. Financial Obligations of membership
- A. All members must pay annual local and national dues to be in good financial standing.
 - B. Meetings, Fundraisers, and Service Projects are required events. Each member will be allowed 3 unexcused absences during a semester. For each subsequent absence a member will be given the choice between paying a fine or completing a service project, as decided by the executive board.
 - C. Individual members may see the Treasurer to set up a schedule of payments for Life Membership dues, or may choose to pay this before their graduation.
- Section 4. Voting Privileges of Membership
- A. Only members in good standing are privileged to vote on chapter business.
 - B. Quorum shall be designated as 2/3 of entire chapter membership.

Article IV – Officers

- Sections 1. Elected Officers
- President
 - Vice President of Membership
 - Vice President of Ritual
 - Recording Secretary
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Editor
 - Sergeant-at-Arms
- Section 2. Duties of Officers Duties of each office are outlined in the CPM.

- Section 3. Term length for offices Term of office shall be from April 1 through April 1. During the final months of the school year, new officers may receive training and assistance from their predecessors.
- Section 4. Vacancies in office. Vacancies in office will be filled as stipulated in the CPM.
- Section 5. Removal of officers. If for any reason, a member of the executive board is not fulfilling her duties, a member of the executive board may consult with the faculty advisor and the Province Officer. If both parties deem it appropriate, the officer may be voted out by a two-thirds majority of chapter members.

Article V – Nominations and Elections

- Section 1. Qualifications for election. To be elected to an office of SAI, a woman must be in good standing with the Chapter. Good standing shall include payment of all financial obligations, attendance at Chapter functions, and at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- Section 2. Nominations. Nominations for the offices listed in Article II, Section 1 may be made from the floor at the first meeting in March (or at a time appointed by the chapter President).
- Section 3. Elections. Election shall be by secret ballot at the meeting following that at which nominations are taken.

Article VI – Meetings

- Section 1. Chapter Meetings
- A. Meetings will be held once per week at a time designated by the executive board. One meeting per month will be a formal business meeting.
 - B. Quorum is designated as 2/3 of entire chapter membership.
- Section 2. Special Meetings
- A. President may call a special meeting.
 - B. She shall be advised upon when a special meeting will be necessary by the executive board.
 - C. She shall give chapter members 48 hours notice.
- Section 3. Advisory Committee The Advisory Committee shall consist of a full-time (75%) faculty advisor, and up to two more advisors at the discretion of the chapter. The Advisory Committee shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote of the Chapter at the regular election meeting in March in accordance with the Chapter Manual. If a member of the Advisory Committee resigns, a replacement may be elected at any formal meeting.

Article VII – Executive Board

- Section 1. Membership. The executive board shall be comprised of the elected officers of the chapter.
- Section 2. Responsibilities. Chapter executive board responsibilities are outlined in the CPM. The executive board is responsible for everyday upkeep of the chapter. Additionally, each member will oversee a committee as assigned by the president.
- Section 3. Quorum. A simple majority will be quorum.

Article VIII – Committees

- Section 1. Standing Committees
- A. The standing committees shall be Program/Musicale, Fundraising, Fraternity Education, and Service Committees.
 - B. Committee Chairpersons will be appointed by the president.
 - C. Chapter members may sign up to join each committee at the beginning of each year.
 - D. Duties of each committee shall be designated by the executive board in May.
 - E. Committee Chairmen will serve a term which coincides with the University of Missouri regular school year (August through May).

- Section 2. Special/Ad-Hoc Committees Additional committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the president. Executive board members will designate members of those committees.
- Section 3. Ex-Officio Committee Membership The President shall serve as an ex-officio member to all committees except for the Nominating Committee.

Article IX – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the chapter may adopt. Adjustments may be made as deemed necessary by the chapter executive board to allow more efficient meetings to take place.

Article X – Bylaws and Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed in writing at any regular meeting and voted upon at the next regular meeting. A two-thirds vote is required.

Article XI – Adherence to University Policy

- Section 1. Statement on Discrimination
SAI shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.
- Section 2. Compliance Clause
The constitution must have a compliance clause that states the organization will abide by regulations described in the M-Book, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state and local laws.