



Alpha Phi Omega Int'l Phil., Inc.)
Commission on Membership) s.s.



CoMe Resolution No. 20080610-01

"RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE CONCERNED CHAPTER/ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING AUTHENTICITY OF MEMBERSHIP"

WHEREAS, the recent issues pertaining to the authenticity of membership, particularly, the cases of Psi and Delta Kappa Chapters have created discord within the institution and among its members;

WHEREAS, the issue of authentication of membership is a simple issue that should be determined by the chapter and/or alumni association from where a person asserting membership claims to have been initiated;

WHEREAS, the Art. VII, Section 6 of our Constitution and By Laws, specifically provides that:

"Section 6. Nature - The Commission on Membership shall be responsible for the formulation and implementation of all programs and policies pertaining to general membership and the expansion thereof."

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-quoted powers of the Commission on Membership and to ensure the right of the chapter/alumni association to authenticate and declare the membership of an individual as having been initiated within the said chapter, it is imperative that certain cases filed before the Commission on Membership regarding the authenticity of members be referred to the concerned chapter/alumni association for proper disposition.

RESOLVED, therefore, as it is hereby resolved that cases involving authentication of membership under certain conditions, should be referred to the concerned chapter and/or association subject to the following guidelines:

1. The list of members appearing in the RAPOR, duly authenticated by the chapter and alumni association concerned shall be substantial evidence of membership. Any complaint questioning the membership of a person whose name appears in the RAPOR, will be dismissed outright, unless there is substantial evidence showing that the inclusion of the respondent's name in the RAPOR was done by means of fraud e.g., the signatures of the GC, GLC and/or PC, PLC were falsified or the membership was not authenticated by the persons concerned and the complainant has evidence to prove his claim.
2. In case the name of the respondent does not appear in the RAPOR or the complaint is supported by substantial evidence of fraud, upon the filing of a complaint by a bona-fide member against a person questioning the membership of the latter, the Commission on Membership shall require the respondent to file an answer within 15 days from receipt, alleging the circumstance of his/her membership particularly, the chapter where he/she was initiated; his/her GC/GLC

and PC/PLC; batch mates, if any, and other chapter members who were present during his/her initiation;

3. After submission of respondent's answer, the same shall be forwarded to the chapter concerned for verification, authentication and declaration. The chapter shall be given 30 days to make such authentication and declaration, unless more time is needed, in which case, the said chapter shall file a motion for extension within the 30 day period, explaining therein the reason/s for the delay.
4. In case of conflict within the chapter as to the authenticity of the respondent, the hierarchy of rights for authentication shall be as follows:
 - a. The GC for Fraternity & GLC for Sorority at the time of Finals/Rituals;
 - b. The PC for Fraternity & PLC for Sorority at the time of Finals/Rituals;
 - c. The brothers and/or sisters who attended the Finals/Rituals rites and the batch mates, if any;
 - d. The brothers and/or sisters from another chapter/alumni association who attended the Finals/Rituals.
5. After submission by the concerned chapter/alumni association of its "authenticity report" to the Commission on Membership, the latter shall do the ministerial job of declaring the respondent a member or not, in accordance with the "authenticity report"

RESOLVED further that copy of this resolution be disseminated to all chapters and their respective alumni association for guidance.

Done this 10th day of June, 2008 at Quezon City, Philippines.

COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP

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