



## **ZETA ZETA AVIATORS CLUB**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **Preamble**

For the betterment of ourselves and our community through the accomplishment of the Vision and Purpose of Zeta Zeta Aviators Club, a Fraternity established on January 17, 2018 in Bristow, Virginia, we as Aviators shall abide by the following Constitutional Articles in the realization of our founding tenets towards those ends.

#### **Article I NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this Fraternity shall be the “Zeta Zeta Aviators Club”, written in short as “Zeta Zeta”, “Zeta Zeta Alpha”, “ZZA”, or “Aviators Club”.

#### **Article II PURPOSE AND VISION OF ORGANIZATION**

1. The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to express love for creation at all costs, to cultivate radical positivity and outlook, and to promote unity, rowdiness, righteous motivation, intrinsic understanding, more lasting friendships, and perseverance among its members, as guided by its three Tenets as reality and aspirations:
  - a. Rowdy Boys Only;
    - Aspiring to live defiantly and with intestinal fortitude.
  - b. Detentioners Only;
    - Aspiring to fight for justice within and without process and procedure, at all cost.
  - c. Aviators Only;
    - Aspiring to see tomorrow as one looks to the moon and envisions the potential and positive trajectory of what can and should be.
2. The vision of this Fraternity shall be to look to the stars and keep walking.

## Article III MEMBERSHIP

1. **Membership in this organization will not be restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, gender identity, gender expression, sex, or age, excepting the exclusion of minors under the age of 18.**
2. Qualified for membership are those over the age of 18 submitted for consideration by two active Aviators and approved by at least one President.
3. All members retain the following Rights:
  - a. The right to full membership upon Initiation without any payment of dues or fees;
  - b. The right to vote on any and all matters pertaining to the Aviators Club;
  - c. The right to participation in all Aviators Only spaces and activities;
  - d. The right to opt in or out of participation in spaces and activities while retaining full membership.
4. An **active** member, or **Aviator**, is a member who has undergone the Initiation Ceremony, and has not rescinded their membership. Aviators are Aviators for life.
5. An **associate** is one who has acknowledged an alignment with Zeta Zeta Aviators Club, but does not wish to undergo the Ceremony.
6. In order to be recognized as an **Aviator**, one must:
  - a. Express interest in joining and undergoing the Initiation to an active member;
  - b. Have been in detention, or otherwise performed a righteous act of defiance;
  - c. Be approved by at least one of the Presidents and two active members, one or both of whom may be a President;
  - d. Be invited into membership;
  - e. Pledge to Zeta Zeta Aviators Club in accordance with the *Ritual* as performed by an appointed active member;
  - f. Undergo the Initiation in accordance with the *Ritual* as performed by an appointed active member.
7. **Aviators** may:
  - a. Post on the collaborative joint Zeta Zeta projects;
  - b. Partake in Aviators Only group chats;
  - c. Access Zeta Zeta restricted blog posts and materials;
  - d. Be elected or appointed as officers;
  - e. Vote in all internal matters as the voting body;
  - f. Recruit potential new members;
  - g. Take part in and invite others to open Zeta Zeta activities and events.
8. Membership may be rescinded under the following conditions:

- a. At the self-request of a member;
- b. For flagrant infringement upon the rights of other members;
- c. For morally indefensible acts.

9. Membership may be rescinded in the following manner:

- a. If the member in question is requesting to leave the Aviators Club, they may do so and have it ratified by the Presidents with no vote, without possibility of veto.
- b. The member in question or another **active** member may propose the revocation of another member's Aviatorship to the voting body.
- c. If another **active** member is requesting a membership be revoked, it must be seconded and submitted to the Presidents, Vice President, and voting body for consideration.
  - i. The voting body must reach a 3/4 majority via secret ballot in order to revoke a membership.
  - ii. All officers must fully and openly concur.
  - iii. The striking of the member from Zeta Zeta records shall be ratified by the Presidents.

#### Article IV CHAPTERS

1. *Chapter Location:* Chapters shall be established at the home or mailing address of the Chapter Presidents unless otherwise specified.
2. *Chapter Names:* Each Chapter shall be named after a letter or combination of letters of the Greek alphabet, in alphabetical order, starting with the Alpha Chapter.
3. *Chapter Requirements:* A new Chapter may be voluntarily established after the prior chapter has reached 25 members or more, with a minimum of 5 founding members, for the following purposes:
  - a. So that a Chapter may operate at an academic institution or other physical premises;
  - b. So that a Chapter may operate with a reasonable degree of independence outside of the State or Nation of the previous Chapter;
  - c. For the purpose of organizing members towards a more amicable state of equilibrium.
4. *Chapter Rights:* Each Chapter in good standing shall have equal rights.
5. *Notification for Initiation:* No Chapter shall initiate any person until the Grand Council has been notified and has given unanimous consent.
6. *Chapter Constitution:* Each Chapter shall use the Zeta Zeta Aviators Club Constitution as their Constitution.

7. *Chapter Bylaws:* Each Chapter shall adopt the Alpha Chapter Bylaws as the interim Bylaws until they have drafted their own and received approval from the Grand Council.
8. *Provision of Badge and Paraphernalia to Initiates:* Each Chapter of the Fraternity shall supply each Initiated member, at the time of initiation, with the Initiation Pin, Certificate of Initiation, and other paraphernalia as determined by the Chapter Bylaws.

## Article V GRAND COUNCIL

1. The following shall be the Offices of the greater Zeta Zeta Aviators Club, and shall function as Grand Council:
  - a. The two *Co-Presidents* shall be responsible for presiding over meetings, organizing collaborative projects and Zeta Zeta events, ratifying changes to official Zeta Zeta documentation (Constitution, Ritual, Bylaws), and approval of both potential Aviators and their method of Tufore reception. Presidents hold the power of veto, and may be appealed to and thereby grant pardons or dismissals of punitive actions taken by the Sergeant-at-Arms.
  - b. The *Vice-President* shall be responsible for digital presences in format and content, for oversight of the individual Chapters, encouragement of other Officers in their roles, and shall take over for all Presidential duties should a President not be available to perform them.
  - c. The *Secretary* shall be responsible for maintaining a record of minutes for Zeta Zeta proceedings, maintenance of a record of membership, correspondence within and without the Fraternity, ordering or fabricating new Aviator materials, administration of the Aviators club website, and spearheading communication between the Chapters and the greater Fraternity.
  - d. The *Treasurer* shall be responsible for oversight of Zeta Zeta transactions, drafting and maintaining the budget, maintenance of finances, and solicitation of funds for Zeta Zeta and all its events, projects, publications, materials, and operating expenses as well as organizing mutual aid funds for Aviators in need.
  - e. The *Sergeant-at-Arms* shall be charged with the maintenance of order during meetings and in group chats, the welcoming of the new Aviator into Zeta Zeta as head of Rituals, and enforcing the Constitution, Bylaws, and Code of Conduct in a judicious and fair manner.
  - f. The *Historian* is responsible for recording the activities and history of Zeta Zeta Aviators Club, and for writing, editing, collecting submissions for, publishing, and disseminating a Fraternity annual publication.
2. Officer candidates must be Aviators.

3. Aviators may hold more than one Office as necessity dictates.
4. Officer terms are from January 1 to December 31 in a given year.
5. Aviators may serve a maximum of 4 consecutive terms in any one office, with the exception of the Office of the Presidency.

## Article VI ELECTIONS

1. Officer Elections may take place annually in the month of December, and when necessary.
2. The window for nominations shall be announced before each election, at least 7 days before the window begins. The window for nominations shall not be shorter than 15 days.
  - a. Self-nomination is permitted.
3. A quorum shall be defined as 50%+1 of the Aviators Club.
4. A quorum must be present for the vote to be valid.
5. The method of voting shall be a secret ballot, performed in-person in paper form, or using online methods. The vote cannot be reconsidered except as certified by all officers and affirmed by at least 2 other Aviators.
6. Unless an outgoing officer is unable, outgoing officers shall instruct and guide newly elected officers in their duties for 4 weeks into the new officer's term.

## Article VII IMPEACHMENT OR RESIGNATION

1. **Should an elected officer fail to perform the responsibilities or abuse the privileges of their elected position, the officer shall be subject to impeachment and removal from their office.**
2. An officer may resign from duties at self-request without possibility of veto.
3. An officer may be impeached upon a vote with 3/4 majority and ratification from President or Vice President for flagrant infringement of the Constitution, the Bylaws, the rights of other members, or otherwise morally indefensible acts.
  - a. The exception to this rule is the impeachment of the Offices of the President and Vice President, which requires a 3/4 majority vote and ratification by all elected officers.
  - b. Vacated positions shall be filled via emergency vote, with a 1 week minimum notice before the window to nominate. The window to nominate shall not be less than 10 days .

## Article VIII MEETINGS

1. ZZA meetings shall be held, when possible, online, however in-person meetings are also acceptable with certain conditions.
  - a. In-Person meetings must notify the rest of the voting body prior, or ask for contribution beforehand. Otherwise, meeting minutes may be distributed

to the voting body, and any necessary actions conducted in a later online meeting.

2. The Presidents preside over meetings.
  - a. The Vice President may preside over meetings in absence of both Presidents.
3. The Grand Council may hold separate meetings, but may not vote on any matter without the knowledge and approval to do so from the rest of the Voting Body.
4. Attendance is optional, however declining to attend upon notice of a meeting without stating intent to participate in its activities post-meeting is permission to relinquish possible votes.

## **Article IX FINANCE**

1. Dues are not permitted to be collected for any reason.
2. Any projects involving financial commitment must be funded entirely voluntarily.
3. The above shall be handled in the following manner:
  - a. Should an Aviator wish to invite others into a Zeta Zeta project involving the investment of money, it must be funded in equal part by all parties as default, unless another member offers to cover the cost for an Aviator who cannot otherwise afford it.
  - b. Should members seeking to participate in a Zeta Zeta Aviators Club project require it, the Treasurer shall establish and maintain a fund benefiting these members, which may be contributed to by all who can.

## **Article X AMENDMENTS**

1. The procedure for amending this constitution shall be as follows:
  - a. Amendment must be presented to all officers, who then must present it at a meeting with a quorum of all officers and  $50\%+1$  of the Voting Body present.
  - b. The vote shall be performed openly, in any method the meeting format allows.
  - c. Amendments must be approved by a majority of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of present members and a consensus of all officers.
  - d. Amendments shall then be ratified by the President/s.

## **Article XI RATIFICATION**

This Constitution shall be ratified by approval from all current officers and a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote from the Zeta Zeta Aviators Club.

**Constitution Ratified On:** March 5, 2018

SIGNED: The Opera Ghost  
*Co-President*

SIGNED: Kamille  
*Co-President*

**Amendments:**

**AMENDMENT I:**

Preamble: To add Preamble establishing purpose of this Constitution;  
Article I: To establish the Names of this Fraternity;  
Article II: To further clarify the Tenets of this Fraternity;  
Article III: To clarify the age minimum of 18 and establish members' Rights and Procedure for membership;  
Article IV: To establish procedure for Chapters;  
Article V: To clarify and establish elected roles in the Grand Council;  
Article VI: To establish procedure for Grand Council Elections  
Article VII: To establish procedure for impeachment of Presidents and Vice-President  
Article VIII: To amend language to match the rest of this Constitution;  
Article IX: To establish procedure for Aviators Club voluntary funding;  
Article X: To amend language;  
Article XI: To amend language.

**AMENDED ON:** August 7, 2021

**AMENDMENT II:**

Article III: To expand the power of recruitment to all Aviators;  
Article IV: To establish the role of Treasurer in the Grand Council;  
Article IX: To clarify the procedure for fundraising.

**AMENDED ON:** May 3, 2024

SIGNED: MD CB  
*Co-President*

SIGNED: Kamille CB  
*Co-President*