Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority
Policy and Position Statements (2008)

Revised by:
Carol Mooney, Alpha Lambda
Christina Covington, Alpha Lambda

The information contained in this document is proprietary to Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority. No part of this document may be used by or shared without the express written permission of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority.
## Table of Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>National and General Sorority Policy Statements</strong></td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Freedom of Association Policy</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sorority Rights Policy</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Volunteer Governance Policy</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Panhellenic Conference Policy</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NPC Unanimous Agreements Policy</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trademarks Policy</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University/College Recognition Policy</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Little Sister and Big Brother Groups Policy</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alpha Sigma Tau Sweetheart Policy</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Discrimination Policy</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sexual Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conflict of Interest Policy</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Environmental Conservation Policy</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Risk Management Policy Statements</strong></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FIPG Policy</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General Risk Management Policy</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Substance-Free Policy</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alcohol Abuse Prevention Policies</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hazing Prevention Policy</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weapon-Free Policy</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sober Driving and Party/Event Monitor Policy</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Communication Policy Statements</strong></td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internet and Related Technologies Policy</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Policy Statements

The purpose of Alpha Sigma Tau is to promote the ethical, cultural, and social development of its members. The Sorority offers membership programming with an emphasis on academic achievement, community service, leadership development, and personal growth opportunities. Alpha Sigma Tau offers numerous scholarships, grants and loans to its members through the Alpha Sigma Tau National Foundation.

Policy Statements – National and General Sorority

Freedom of Association Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority was founded, November 4, 1899 at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan as an organization for women and maintains its membership as such. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority defines freedom of association as the right to choose with whom to associate and to maintain the existence of that association as single-sex. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority supports and defends its right to exist as a single-sex organization through appropriate interactions, policies and procedures.

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority shall not be abrogated by any government agency or action, in accordance with the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority supports the efforts of the United States Congress to protect the rights of students to voluntarily associate in single-sex organizations.

Sorority Rights Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority maintains its right to be self-determining in its operations; development and implementation of its governing documents; management of its finances; selection, integration, education, and retention of its membership; and in its position on all internal policies, procedures, and operations. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority is a private women's association under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Alpha Sigma Tau creates and implements procedures and educational programs to support its purpose and policies.

Volunteer Governance Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority believes that the volunteer leadership of its members drives the future of its Sisterhood. Except where otherwise provided in the National Constitution or Bylaws, the elected National Council officers possess the ultimate responsibility and authority for Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority. The volunteer staff and employed staff of the Sorority implement the purpose, goals, strategies and operational objectives to maintain a healthy, vibrant and thriving organization.
National Panhellenic Conference Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority will maintain its membership in the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and support NPC's endeavors to the betterment of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, fraternity women, and women. The purpose of NPC is to promote the common interests of women’s fraternities and to improve the conditions of women's fraternities, fraternity members, colleges and universities.

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority collegiate chapters must become members of and maintain membership in the college Panhellenic association at their host institution.

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority alumnae chapters must become members of and maintain membership in the alumnae Panhellenic associations in their area.

NPC Unanimous Agreements Policy

All National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements and Resolutions are to be followed.

Trademarks Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority prohibits the unauthorized use of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority trademarks. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority protects its name, symbols, and other registered trademarks of the Sorority. “Alpha Sigma Tau” (including “A”, in its Greek letter form) and the symbols of Alpha Sigma Tau National Sorority are registered with the federal government as protected trademarks of the Sorority.

University/College Recognition Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority believes that the sorority experience is closely bonded to the mission and purpose of the higher education community. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority endeavors to be officially sanctioned and recognized by host institutions where we have sponsored collegiate chapters or colonies. Should circumstances arise whereby the host institution’s obligations for recognition contradict or intrude upon the Sorority governance and operations, Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority must determine its future relationship with the host institution.

Little Sister and Big Brother Groups Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority prohibits the creation of and support of auxiliary or “big brother” groups by its collegiate chapters. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority prohibits Alpha Sigma Tau members from participating in or supporting auxiliary or “little sister” groups for men’s fraternities. Alpha Sigma Tau prohibits any member from participating in or having activities with any little sister or big brother group. Participation in auxiliary groups jeopardizes the single-sexed organization status of all sororities and fraternities.
Alpha Sigma Tau Sweetheart Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau permits members to accept an honorary designation from a fraternity as long as there are no monetary or activity requirements and the Alpha Sigma Tau member is not classified as an associate member of the fraternity in any manner. An example is a sweetheart.

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau permits collegiate chapters to have sweethearts. The Sweetheart of Alpha Sigma Tau is an honorary designation for a gentleman who exhibits behavior beyond reproach, respects the Sorority and its members, supports the ideals and purposes of the Sorority, and supports the chapter in its endeavors. Each chapter can have no more than two sweethearts at one time. The bestowing of this honor may not require financial or activity requirements. The honoree may not have “big sisters”, “little sisters”, or a “family” within the chapter. The sweetheart may wear only the letters of Alpha Sigma Tau.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority maintains an environment free from all forms of discrimination.

Membership: For membership selection purposes, only women who meet and maintain the requirements and obligations as set forth by the Sorority shall be eligible for membership. Membership criteria are based on six fundamental standards: scholarship, leadership, community service, character, personal development, and financial responsibility. Potential members are extended an equal opportunity to seek membership in the Sorority. Members are extended an equal opportunity to maintain membership in the Sorority.

Employment/Volunteer Placements: Applicants for employment or volunteer placements are extended an equal opportunity to seek a position and progress in their field of endeavor with the Sorority based upon their qualifications, past performance, experience and membership standing.

Sexual Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority maintains an environment free from sexual abuse and harassment. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority does not tolerate or condone any form of sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members or employees, whether physical, mental or emotional. This includes any physical actions which are demeaning to or violate women or men. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority does not tolerate or condone any form of harassment on the part of its members or employees, including but not limited to, harassing statements regarding race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, political preferences, place of origin, or residence.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority volunteers and employees recognize a shared responsibility to ensure that they conduct themselves in an unbiased manner and serve the purpose of the
Sorority. Thus, it is the responsibility of the members, employees, and the Sorority to guard against conflicts of interest, which might compromise the integrity and objectivity of the Sorority at all levels. The Sorority continually demonstrates its commitment to the ethical principles that guide the Sorority and establishes a process to safeguard Sorority, member, volunteer, and employee integrity and objectivity so that Sorority interactions can benefit the organization, the Greek community, and society in a positive manner.

Definition: A conflict of interest exists if a member, volunteer, or employee uses her or his position or authority's, volunteer's, or employee’s position or authority may be used to influence or makes decisions that lead to any form of financial or personal gain for her/his interest or that of that member, volunteer, or employee or for his or her immediate family.

Policy: Members, volunteers, or employees must immediately disclose any actual, potential or apparent conflicts of interest situations to the National Council, who shall be responsible for resolving those situations and reporting the resolutions, and who will report on the resolutions in the Minutes of National Council for the meeting at which it was discussed. The Sorority's legal counsel may be sought for an opinion that is consistent with this policy and all federal and state laws.

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority requires that a member recuse herself from the discussion and vote regarding issues to be voted upon by the National Council or a committee in which a member has an outside relationship, vested interest, or could benefit from financially or personally.

Environmental Conservation Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau maintains and upholds its obligations to the environment and society by being an eco-friendly organization. The Sorority encourages its members, chapters, associations and Headquarters to reduce, reuse, recycle and incorporate environmentally conservative technologies and practices into all operations and activities.

“Green” Policy:

As Alpha Sigma Tau collegiate members are leaders on their respective college/university campuses and Alpha Sigma Tau stands for contributing to the progress of mankind, it is the policy of Alpha Sigma Tau to make a commitment to programs that will provide for a better environment. As members of a socially responsible group dedicated to improving the world around us, collegiate members will make an effort to be "green" through participation in chapter community service activities, initiation and/or participation in beautification projects at chapter houses, or on campus, and involvement in recycling plans. Policies for chapter houses, chapter rooms, shared chapter spaces, and chapter events to find better ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle will be reviewed and implemented.
Policy Statements – Risk Management Policies

All members of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority are responsible for upholding the ideals and values of our organization and setting themselves to a higher standard of responsible behavior and action.

FIPG Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority belongs to and follows the risk management policies of the Fraternity Information Program Group (FIPG). The Sorority believes that through mutual participation in FIPG, the fraternity system as a whole may reduce risk to the national organizations, local chapters and associations, and individual members. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority believes that by working together as a fraternity system we can strengthen the enforcement of risk management policies.

General Risk Management Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority believes that comprehensive National policies and education programs are critical to managing risk and risky behavior. The officers and staff of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority are committed to educating our members on how to manage risk and risky behavior. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority develops and implements policies and educational programming to reduce risk and liability on the National Organization, local collegiate chapters and alumnae associations, and individual members.

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority collegiate chapters/colonies, alumnae associations, and members must adhere to all local, county, state, and federal laws, university/college regulations, FIPG policies, and Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority risk management policies.

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau collegiate chapters and colonies are required to present and review Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority Risk Management Policies and FIPG risk management policies to all collegiate members. All initiated collegiate members must sign the Policy Statement Contract each fall certifying that they have participated in education or programs to understand the policies and will abide by the regulations of the Sorority. New members must sign the Membership Conduct Agreement prior to the Pin Pledging Service certifying that they have participated in education or programs to understand the policies and will abide by the regulations of the Sorority. Alumnae members must be knowledgeable of all current Policy Statements when attending Sorority functions. To that end, Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority makes available the risk management policies via the Alpha Sigma Tau National Homepage.

Substance-Free Policy

Policy: Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority does not attempt to tell our members not to drink nor does the Sorority enforce a "prohibition" policy on our chapters. Members of legal age are entitled to their right as 21-year-olds to consume alcohol in an appropriate and responsible manner, just not on Sorority property.
Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority maintains living environments free from all controlled substances or alcohol. Controlled substances and/or alcohol may not be manufactured, stored, served, consumed or present in any officially sanctioned Alpha Sigma Tau housing.

Alcohol may be served to consenting, legal adults at Sorority social functions not held on Sorority property that follow FIPG risk-management and Sorority guidelines. Controlled substances are those usually referred to as illegal drugs listed under the federal Controlled Substances Act (http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/agency/csa.htm).

Alcohol-free and substance-free housing means there will be no consumption or storage of alcohol on property owned and/or leased by the Sorority. Annex houses, undeveloped property, and houses rented by individual members for use by the Sorority are subject to alcohol-free and substance-free policies. Social events held on Sorority property may not involve alcohol or illegal drugs. If a collegiate chapter wishes to have alcohol at a social event, that event must take place at an approved third-party location (e.g., restaurant, club, lodge/hall). All chapter functions are still expected to meet the standards of the Sorority and FIPG risk management policies.

Membership: Any member of the Sorority who illegally uses, possesses, manufactures, distributes, or sells controlled substances or alcohol may be dismissed from Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority.

Employment/Volunteer Placements: The Sorority prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance or alcohol on Sorority premises or while conducting Sorority business off Sorority premises. Violation of this policy may result in immediate termination of employment/placement.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Policies

General Policy
Substance abuse is the maladaptive pattern of drug and alcohol use that may lead to social, occupational, psychological, or physical problems.¹

The alcohol and substance abuse prevention policies apply to all collegians, alumnae, parents, and guests when on Alpha Sigma Tau property or attending an Alpha Sigma Tau sponsored or co-sponsored social event on non-Sorority property.

Policy: Collegiate chapters and colonies that desire to have alcoholic beverages at an Alpha Sigma Tau function must comply with all local, state, and federal laws; college or university requirements; and Alpha Sigma Tau and FIPG risk management policies regarding alcohol.

In the event of any discrepancies between Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority risk management policies and college/university, local, state, federal laws or FIPG polices, the latter laws or policies must

---

¹ Stedman's Concise Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions, 4th Edition, 2001, Editor John J. Dirckx, MD
prevail, unless Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority policies are more stringent, in which case Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority policies must prevail.

**Mandatory Attendance at Events Where Alcohol is Served Policy**

Alpha Sigma Tau chapters or colonies may not designate events or functions where alcohol is consumed or served as mandatory or required functions for any member.

**Alcohol Education Policy**

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority maintains a healthful environment and educates its members on the appropriate legal and responsible use of alcohol. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority believes in the cultural and social development of its members, and develops and implements National policies and National educational programs to train members on the responsible and legal use of alcohol and the effects and consequences of alcohol abuse and illegal use.

Each Alpha Sigma Tau collegiate chapter or colony must annually sponsor, co-sponsor, and/or attend an alcohol abuse prevention event. Ninety percent of the chapter membership, both initiated and new members, must attend.

**Alcohol-free and Controlled Substance-free Philanthropic Service Events Policies**

An Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority-sponsored or co-sponsored philanthropic or service event must be alcohol-free and substance-free. The philanthropic or service event may not be held at a location where alcoholic beverages are sold, distributed, or available during the event.

**Alcohol-free and Substance-free Recruitment Events Policy**

**Policy:** Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority recruitment activities must be alcohol-free and substance-free. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority believes that membership selection is a process requiring clear and unimpaired decision-making by both potential new members and members. Membership selection must be based on the ideals of the Sorority. Alpha Sigma Tau members must abide by all NPC Unanimous Agreements and local college Panhellenic written regulations regarding alcohol consumption during structured recruitment.

**Policy:** Alpha Sigma Tau members attending recruitment activities may not consume alcohol within 24 hours before or after the days on which bids are distributed and accepted.

**Alcohol-free and Controlled Substance-free New Member Educational Events Policy**

**Policy:** Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority new member educational events, activities, and programs must be alcohol-free and substance-free. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority believes that the education of new members is based on the ideals of the Sorority, requiring clear and unimpaired thinking and judgment. New members may attend official social functions of the Sorority.
**Policy:** Alpha Sigma Tau members may not consume alcohol within 24 hours before or following Initiation.

**AlphaSigma Tau Sorority Insignia and Alcohol Use Policy**

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority prohibits collegiate/colony chapter members or alumnae from abusing alcohol or being in a location where alcohol abused while wearing, using utensils with (cups, glasses, pitchers, etc.), or in the presence of Alpha Sigma Tau insignia, ritual regalia, or the Sorority’s Crest.

**Alcohol Funding Policy**

**Policy:** Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority collegiate chapters or colonies shall not use chapter funds to purchase alcoholic beverages. Chapter funds are defined as funds collected through dues, fees or assessments. This also includes funds collected by an individual or members of the Sorority on behalf of the membership for the purpose of purchasing alcohol. Individual members of legal drinking age may purchase alcohol for their own personal use.

**Policy:** Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority strictly prohibits any chapter of the Sorority from selling alcohol. Chapter members shall not participate in any activity or action that creates the impression that the chapter is selling alcohol. Examples, include but are not limited to, charging admission to parties, passing the hat, selling drink tickets, selling empty cups, having vending machines which dispense alcohol, or by using any other direct or indirect means of collecting monies from persons attending chapter functions. Individual members of legal drinking age may purchase alcohol for their own personal use.

**Policy:** Alpha Sigma Tau prohibits any collegiate chapter or colony from co-sponsoring a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the co-sponsoring chapters, groups or organizations. Individual members of legal drinking age may purchase alcohol for their own personal use.

**Policy:** Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority collegiate members may not hold philanthropic, social or fundraising events in bars/taverns where alcohol is served or in conjunction with any alcoholic beverage company, manufacturer, distributor, or retailer (such as a bar, restaurant, tavern, festival, etc.).

**Social Event Policy**

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority requires planning, good judgment and compliance with all local, state, county and federal laws, university/college regulations, and Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority and FIPG risk management policies when sponsoring a social event. An Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority-sponsored social event is defined as: “any function where members are present in a significant number; an event that a reasonable observer would associate with Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority; an event where Alpha Sigma Tau member(s) have issued oral or written invitations in the name of Alpha Sigma Tau; or a function financed or organized by Alpha Sigma Tau, where the purpose of
the event is for social purposes (excluding recruitment, membership development, new member education functions, etc.). Non-members may have been invited to attend."

In the event of any discrepancies between Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority risk management policies and college/university, local, state, federal laws or FIPG polices, the latter laws or policies must prevail, unless Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority policies are more stringent, in which case Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority policies must prevail.

All collegiate chapters and colonies must strictly follow the Social Event Planning Procedure.

Social Events with Non-Recognized Organizations

Alpha Sigma Tau chapters and colonies are prohibited from sponsoring or co-sponsoring social events with organizations that are not recognized or are suspended by the college/university or their national organization.

Hazing Prevention Policy

General Policy

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority and the fraternity system prohibit any form of hazing. Alpha Sigma Tau believes in the development and education of its members through positive, meaningful, honorable and enjoyable experiences. Alpha Sigma Tau requires its members to exercise good judgment and exceptional taste in all activities. Collegiate chapters and colonies must view the new member education period as a time of fun and togetherness for the entire chapter or colony, so that a new member can easily recognize and accept all of the benefits and responsibilities of membership in Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority.

Hazing is detrimental to the basic human rights of each individual, is illegal, and is detrimental to the future of the fraternity system. Alpha Sigma Tau prohibits any collegiate chapter and its new, initiated, and alumnae members from initiating or participating in any hazing activities with Alpha Sigma Tau, other clubs or organizations, or with any person.

Definition: Hazing is any act, action, intention, or creation of a situation which is detrimental in any manner to individuals or groups; causes mental anguish or physical discomfort; endangers the life or well being of individuals or groups; causes potential bodily harm; and/or violates the values, purposes, and ideals of the Sorority and the fraternity system.

The three categories of hazing are:

1. Subtle/Evasive: Actions which violate the values and mutual trust of members and usually take advantage of the disparity in the relationship between the new member/rookie member and initiated member/alumnae member. Forms of subtle/evasive hazing often include delay or restriction in wearing Sorority insignia and letters, humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, and/or embarrassment.
2. Harassment: Actions which cause mental anguish or physical discomfort. Forms of harassment hazing often include verbal abuse, unwanted sexual stimulus, servitude, sleep deprivation, interrogations/drills/line-ups, required abstinence from normal cleanliness; purposeful over-scheduling, and any other action not reasonably associated with the education of new members on Alpha Sigma Tau values and activities (use special door or stairs, answering the phone on a specific ring); and

3. Hazardous/Dangerous: Actions which endanger life or have the potential of causing bodily harm. Forms of hazardous hazing include forced or uninformed consumption of alcohol or other drugs; branding/tattooing/burning; paddling/hitting or other forms of assault; required mistreatment of other persons or animals; destruction of property; exposure to extreme weather, abduction/abandonment/bondage, nudity; and forced participation in illegal activities.

Prohibited hazing activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Scavenger hunts, treasure hunts, kidnap;
2. Road trips, drop offs, abandonment;
3. Providing alcohol or other drugs and encouraging the consumption of alcohol or other drugs;
4. Blindfolding;
5. Public acts of humiliation, stunts, dress ups, wearing conspicuous apparel;
6. Games, unauthorized ceremonials, or activities which degrade, humiliate, scare or threaten;
7. Servitude;
8. Paddling in any form;
9. Interrogations or verbal abuse; and/or
10. Physical and/or psychological fatigue, shock or terror.

Letters Policy: New Members of the Sorority may wear any style, format or color of letters or Alpha Sigma Tau insignia. No chapter or member may delay or restrict a member in wearing Sorority insignia and letters. New members may not wear the initiated member Badge or the Crest until they are initiated members.

Education Policy: Each Alpha Sigma Tau chapter or colony must annually sponsor, co-sponsor or attend a hazing prevention education event. Ninety percent of chapter members must attend.

All Alpha Sigma Tau new members must complete the on-line hazing prevention training course.

Weapon-Free Policy

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority maintains an environment free of weapons, firearms, and ammunition. Members may not possess or use weapons, firearms, or ammunition on Sorority property or at Sorority events.
Sober Driving and Party/Event Monitor Policy

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority members, representing Alpha Sigma Tau, may NOT participate in sober driver or party/event monitor programs sponsored by the campus, college Panhellenic or other organizations, representing Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority.

Sober driver and party monitor programs where chapter members participate bring liability to the Sorority, Nationally and locally, and to the individual members who participate in these activities. Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority encourages chapters to employ transportation, security and third party vendors to transport, control and/or monitor Sorority social events.

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority encourages its members to exhibit responsible behavior at all social occasions, and to maintain personal and organizational dignity, and to avoid risky or illegal situations. Prior to the event, Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority requires chapters to educate members and their guests on appropriate behavior and risk-management practices at Sorority events and to understand personal and organizational consequences should they choose not to abide by the policies of the Sorority.
Policy Statements – Communications Policies

Internet and Related Technologies Policy

This policy applies to the Alpha Sigma Tau Internet, which is defined as the public and private sides of the Alpha Sigma Tau Homepage, any collegiate chapter or alumnae association Web site, any individual Web sites which reference Alpha Sigma Tau or use Alpha Sigma Tau marks, any public Internet Web sites, including chat rooms and photo storage sites, where members identify themselves as Alpha Sigma Tau members, and any e-mails or instant messaging services referencing membership in Alpha Sigma Tau.

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority is the rightful owner of the name "Alpha Sigma Tau," the Greek letters ###, the Crest, and the Badge. These marks have acquired a secondary meaning and have engendered good will associated with them, which Alpha Sigma Tau must protect and maintain in order to preserve its intellectual property rights.

Impermissible Use

1. The Alpha Sigma Tau Internet may not be used for any purpose, which is illegal, immoral, unethical, dishonest, damaging to the reputation of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, inconsistent with the Purpose of the Sorority, or likely to subject the Sorority to liability. Impermissible uses include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a. Harassment
   b. Libel or slander
   c. Fraud or misrepresentation
   d. Unauthorized copying or transmission of copyright-protected items
   e. Use of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority's trademarks, logos, insignia, or copyrights without prior approval
   f. Use of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority's membership information for commercial purposes or personal benefit
   g. Posting or sending obscene, pornographic, or offensive material
   h. Posting or sending material that does not comply with the mission or values of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority

2. Posting pictures or content on general Internet Web sites can constitute impermissible use and therefore, discretion should be used in posting to such sites. Pictures or content that are found on general Web sites which depict possible violations of national risk management policies by collegiate chapters or its members will be referred to the National Council.

Chapter and individual Web sites must:

1. Comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws, university policies, Panhellenic rules, Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority National Policies, and these requirements.
2. Contain the required Web site content as specified within these guidelines.
3. Portray the image of the chapter/association and Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority in a positive manner. For example, photographs, text, or graphics must not be defamatory or depict or reference vulgar or offensive material, foul language, nudity, criminal activity, alcohol, or drugs.

4. Use the Sorority’s correct terminology as found within Alpha Sigma Tau Style Guide.

5. Not refer to and/or publish ritual materials or other confidential information.

6. Not be used for personal, commercial, political, or religious purposes, including product endorsements: or other advertisements.

7. Adhere to Visual Identity Guidelines to ensure consistency with the National Organization.

8. Limit the posting of personal information in consideration of the personal safety and privacy concerns of members.

9. Not violate the rights of other copyright and trademark owners. Permission must be obtained from the owner prior to using material protected by copyright or trademark law.

10. Include the disclaimer on the Web site as stated within these guidelines.