

Bennett Sisters,

Please find attached a copy of the Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules, which were revised on May 5, 2017 during the Bennett College National Alumnae Association Annual Meeting. I appreciate the time you invested over the past two years sharing your thoughts in order to make our organization even more effective. Below is a summary of the changes:

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND STANDING RULES**

- Require membership cards to be mailed out by March 31<sup>st</sup> and ensure provisions reflect that funds are mailed to the Treasurer and not the Financial Secretary.
- Make both the Executive and Finance Committees responsible for proposing changes to the amount of dues paid for each level of membership for approval by the general body.
- Add Alaska to the Pacific region and add the Virtual chapter to the Mid-Atlantic region.
- Make provisions consistent that Nominating Committee will be comprised of one representative from each region and selected at the annual meeting.
- Make clear that candidates for national offices must have paid both their national and local dues for two (2) consecutive years prior to nomination.
- Require two-thirds (2/3) of the members on the books mandatory to impeach an Officer.
- Eliminate electing at-large members to serve on the Executive Committee.
- Change Executive Committee meetings to twice a year.
- Delete requirement that the Executive Committee take the lead in making and executing the plans for the work of the BCNAA.
- Require the appointment of an Audit Committee in the event the BCNAA cannot find a CPA to audit its financial records during the odd numbered years.
- Clarify that cost of dues should be voted upon at an annual meeting by the majority of members present.
- Delete the section that requires the Finance Committee to submit, for approval, a proposed budget for BCNAA to the Executive Committee at its annual meeting.
- Name the Parliamentarian as the Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee and the Financial Secretary as the Chair of the Membership Committee.
- Include the cost of membership dues for each type of BCNAA membership in the Standing Rules.
- Delete the specific date by when ballots must be postmarked.
- Make clear that ballots must be received 30 days from when postmarked.

It has been my honor to serve at the pleasure of Bennett College and its alumnae. I look forward to supporting the vision of the new leadership and seeing Bennett College reach new heights.

Sisterly,

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Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Update