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September 6, 2017

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RE: Endorsement of the proposed Austin, TX Chapter of Lambda Alpha International

Dear Mr. Gragg:

It has been an honor to work with the leadership of the proposed Austin, TX Chapter to see their efforts reach the stage where the Chapter is now requesting approval of a Charter Chapter from the LAI Board of Governors. In my opinion, the proposed Chapter has fully met all of the requirements necessary for the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors to consider granting a Charter to the Austin, TX Chapter.

#### **Requirement 1 – Signed Affiliation Agreement**

The proposed Chapter has submitted the required signed Affiliation Agreement. The Affiliation Agreement is dated August 10, 2017 and is being presented for endorsement by the Board at its September 2017 meeting in Vancouver.

#### **Requirement 2 – Draft Chapter By-Laws**

The proposed Chapter adopted its Draft Chapter By-Law and forwarded it to LAI along with its Petition for a Chapter Charter. The Draft By-laws are consistent with the LAI's Standard Chapter By-laws and the Affiliation Agreement.

#### **Requirement 3 – Election of Pro-Tempore Officers**

The proposed Chapter held a Chapter Organizational Meeting and the Pro-Tempore Officers elected by the Chapter Steering Committee are:

President – James M. (Jim) Nias  
Vice President – Randy A. Williams  
Secretary – Randy A. Williams  
Treasurer – James M. (Jim) Nias  
Programs Chair – Jim/Randy Co-Program Chair

#### **Requirement 4 – Nomination of at least 10 At-large Members**

The proposed Chapter currently has 10 At-large Members (Eight of which were approved by the Executive Committee on 8/17/17) and has identified several additional highly qualified candidates for consideration and induction following the formation of the Chapter.

### **Endorsement Summary**

- The At-large members have been meeting together on a regular basis for a year and have successfully conducted a number of well-attended programs. One of the more noted meetings was a cocktail “Introduction to LAI” event held at Jackson Walker LLP on May 25, 2017.
- The active steering committee has been led by Jim Nias and Randy Williams each of whom has agreed to be active in a responsible role in the proposed Chapter.
- The proposed Chapter plans to induct additional members and continue to offer relevant program meetings on a regular basis and strive to become a contributing Chapter of LAI.

Therefore, it is with great honor and satisfaction that I fully endorse the Austin, TX Chapter to the LAI Executive Committee and Board of Governors for the approval and presentation of a Lambda Alpha International Chapter Charter.

Sincerely,

LAI Central Regional Vice President

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**LAMBDA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL  
STANDARD CHAPTER BY-LAWS  
AUSTIN-CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER**

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# LAMBDA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL STANDARD CHAPTER BY-LAWS AUSTIN-CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER

## WHEREAS:

It is deemed necessary, desirable and expedient to provide for an organizational structure for the local study and discussion of land economics.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

These presents shall constitute the By-laws of the Austin-Central Texas Chapter of Lambda Alpha International.

## ARTICLE I PURPOSE

Lambda Alpha International (“**Lambda Alpha**” or “**International**”) is a not for profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, United States of America, formed and operated for the purposes set forth in its General By-laws, including the advancement of land economics. Local chapters established by Lambda Alpha afford members of LAMBDA ALPHA in local areas a suitable instrumentality for close cooperation to achieve the basic objectives of LAMBDA ALPHA. The rules governing the establishment, alteration, dissolution, composition, powers and duties of This Chapter are set forth in the General By-laws of Lambda Alpha, the Chapter Affiliation Agreement and these By-laws.

## ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

As used in these By-laws, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates that another meaning is intended:

The term “**LAMBDA ALPHA**” means Lambda Alpha International, an Illinois not for profit corporation.

The term “**Local Chapter**” means any one of the several local chapters of LAMBDA ALPHA which has been established by the International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA.

The term “**Member**” means any individual who has been given membership status in LAMBDA ALPHA and has not resigned from membership.

The term “**This Chapter**” means the Austin-Central Texas Chapter of LAMBDA ALPHA.

### **ARTICLE III ESTABLISHMENT, ALTERATION AND DISSOLUTION OF THIS CHAPTER**

- Section 1. **Establishment of This Chapter.** This Chapter has been created by and exists solely by reason of the Charter granted to it by the International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA.
- Section 2. **Alteration of Territorial Jurisdiction.** The International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA may, in its sole discretion and at the request of This Chapter, alter the territorial jurisdiction of This Chapter in accordance with the provisions of the General By-laws of LAMBDA ALPHA.
- Section 3. **Dissolution of This Chapter.** The International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA may, in its sole discretion, revoke the Charter of This Chapter.
- Section 4. **Assignment of Name.** This Chapter established by the International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA has been given an identifying name to indicate the jurisdiction of This Chapter.
- Section 5. **Conflict.** Except as hereinafter provided, any provision contained herein which conflicts or is inconsistent with the General By-laws of LAMBDA ALPHA as established from time to time shall be void and of no force or effect.

### **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. **Qualifications for Membership.** The selection of new Members of This Chapter shall be conferred upon persons who have made an outstanding or noteworthy contribution to the advancement of the science of land economics, or to a better understanding of the principles of land economics or to the practical application of such principles in the development, redevelopment, preservation or better utilization of the world's land resources. Membership in LAMBDA ALPHA is open to men and women of every race, creed and color and This Chapter shall not adopt an Operating Regulation or policy that restricts membership on the basis of race, creed or color. Each initiation to membership in LAMBDA ALPHA shall be made in accordance with the general initiation procedure for membership provided by LAMBDA ALPHA from time to time.

Candidates for LAMBDA ALPHA membership shall have a minimum of ten (10) years duration of professional practice in a field of or related to land economics.

Despite the foregoing, in rare cases where a candidate has made outstanding and noteworthy contributions in less than the required ten (10) years duration of professional practice, a chapter may submit his/her dossier to the International Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee of Lambda Alpha



International and the decision of the Executive Committee regarding membership shall be final.

- Section 2. **When Membership in This Chapter is Required.** Each Member of LAMBDA ALPHA whose principal place of business and/or residence is located within the territorial jurisdiction of This Chapter shall be a Member of This Chapter.
- Section 3. **Classification of Membership.** Membership in This Chapter and in LAMBDA ALPHA is divided into five classifications: Active Members, Inactive Members, Retired, Emeritus and Honorary Members. All active Members of This Chapter and LAMBDA ALPHA are divided into three classifications, Regular Member, Member-at- Large and International Fellow of LAMBDA ALPHA all as defined in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this By-law. The membership classification of each Member of This Chapter shall be determined by, and shall correspond to, the classification of such Member as established by This Chapter, subject to the General By-laws of LAMBDA ALPHA.
- Section 4. **Loss of Active Membership Status.** The following provisions shall be applicable in the case of non-payment of dues:
- (i) Members who had not paid International and/or local chapter dues for two (2) annual billing cycles and who are neither Emeritus nor Honorary Members shall be and the same are hereby moved into the category of an “Inactive Member” of LAI;
  - (ii) The International Secretary in conjunction with the Executive Director shall maintain an “Inactive Member” of LAI roster included in the password-protected area of the database. The Inactive Member roster shall be accessible to members in good standing;
  - (iii) The local chapter shall be responsible for annually updating and advising the LAI Executive Director on or before March 1 in every calendar year, its membership roster particularly identifying those members whose names are to be transferred to the “Inactive Member” of LAI roster;
  - (iv) The International Secretary in conjunction with the Executive Director shall review dues records and each fall, prior to creating dues invoices for the ensuing year, transfer to the Inactive Members of LAI database, the names of all such persons identified as Inactive Members;
  - (v) The Executive Director, on the direction of the International Secretary, shall send a letter to each Inactive Member delinquent in dues and shall specify how he/she can transfer

to Emeritus or Retired Member status or, choosing to remain inactive, now he/she may reinstate his/her membership onto the Active Member roster of Lambda Alpha International; and (vi) This Chapter shall not afford any of the rights and privilege of an Active Member while a member remains an Inactive Member.

## **ARTICLE V ATTACHMENT OF MEMBERS TO THIS CHAPTER**

- Section 1. **Attachment of Members to This Chapter.** Although a Member whose principal place of business is not located within the territorial jurisdiction of any Local Chapter need not be a Member of any Local Chapter, any such Member may be attached by the International President of LAMBDA ALPHA to This Chapter for certain administrative purposes.
- Section 2. **Attachment of Members to This Chapter.** The rules governing the attachment to This Chapter of a Member whose principal place of business is not located within the territorial jurisdiction of This Chapter shall be determined in accordance with the rules adopted from time to time by the International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA.

## **ARTICLE VI CHAPTER ROSTER**

- Section 1. **Preparation of Roster.** This Chapter shall prepare and maintain a chapter roster which shall include the name and address of each Member of This Chapter. The roster shall also set forth the name of each member of This Chapter's Board of Directors, the name of each officer of This Chapter and the name of the chairperson and the members of each committee of This Chapter.
- Section 2. **Publication and Distribution of Roster.** This Chapter shall provide its roster of its Members, officers and directors to the International Executive Director of LAMBDA ALPHA forthwith upon any change thereto to the end that both This Chapter and LAMBDA ALPHA maintain current and accurate records of membership.

## **ARTICLE VII CHAPTER MEETINGS AND QUORUMS**

- Section 1. **Regular Business Meetings of the Membership.** In each calendar year, This Chapter shall establish a program of meetings and activities and provide advice thereof to the members on its roster and to LAMBDA ALPHA.

Not less than ten days prior to each meeting of the Members of This Chapter, the Secretary of This Chapter shall provide written notice of such meeting to each

Member of This Chapter. All regular business meetings of the Members of This Chapter shall be open to all Members of This Chapter.

- Section 2. **Special Business Meetings of the Members.** A special business meeting of the Members of This Chapter shall be called by the Secretary of This Chapter upon receipt of a written request for such special business meeting signed either by the President of This Chapter or by at least ten percent of the Members of This Chapter.

Within seven days after receipt of any such written request, the Secretary of This Chapter shall schedule a special business meeting of the Members of This Chapter and mail a written notice thereof to all such Members. The written notice shall specify the date, the time, the purpose and the place of such special business meeting. The date selected by the Secretary for such special business meeting shall not be less than ten nor more than twenty days from the date of the mailing of said notice.

All special business meetings of the Members of This Chapter shall be open to all Members of This Chapter.

- Section 3. **Quorum Requirements.** A quorum for any regular or special business meeting of the Members of This Chapter shall consist of either fifteen percent of the Members of This Chapter, or five Members of This Chapter, whichever is greater.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **CHAPTER DUES AND FEES**

- Section 1. **Annual Chapter Dues.** This Chapter may require its Active and Retired Members to pay annual Chapter dues in an amount set by the Board of Directors of This Chapter. Inactive Members shall not be required to pay Chapter dues.
- Section 2. **Dues Payment Date.** Chapter dues for each calendar year shall be due and payable annually on a date specified by the Board of Directors of This Chapter derived in conjunction with LAMBDA ALPHA.
- Section 3. **Dues of New Members.** Chapter dues of a new Member for the calendar year in which he or she is admitted to membership may be pro-rated to the date of his or her admission to membership and shall be payable ten days after the new Member's receipt of a notice from the Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer of This Chapter advising him or her of the amount due.
- Section 4. **Waiver of Dues Payment.** The Board of Directors of This Chapter may from time to time suspend or waive, in whole or in part, the payment of annual Chapter dues by any Member of This Chapter whose circumstances have become such as to make it difficult or impossible for such Member to pay such dues.
- Section 5. **Chapter Special Assessments.** This Chapter may levy a special assessment upon its Members.

- Section 6. **Chapter Initiation Fees.** This Chapter may charge an initiation fee to a new Member of This Chapter.

## ARTICLE IX

### CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. **General Authority.** The government of This Chapter shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall exercise all of the power delegated to This Chapter by these Chapter By-laws, subject, however, to the restrictions upon such powers set forth herein.

- Section 2. **Composition of The Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall consist of elected members and ex officio members.

The immediate past President of This Chapter and each member of the International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA who is a member of This Chapter shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors. An ex-officio member who is a member of the International Board of Governors of Lambda Alpha shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors of This Chapter unless he or she is also an elected member of the Board of Directors and then he or she shall be entitled to cast only one vote.

The elected members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to office in accordance with the provisions of these Chapter By-laws. The number of elected members of the Board of Directors shall be determined by This Chapter in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which This Chapter is located, but in no event shall the total number of elected members of the Board of Directors be less than three.

The elected members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Active Members of This Chapter and each shall serve for a term of two years.

- Section 3. **Eligibility.** Any Active Member of This Chapter may serve upon the Board of Directors and shall be eligible for re-election as long as he or she remains an active member.

- Section 4. **Vacancies.** In the event that a vacancy occurs among the elected members of the Board of Directors, the President of This Chapter shall recommend a person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term for ratification at the next appropriate regular business meeting of the Members of This Chapter or at a special business meeting of the Members of This Chapter called for that purpose.

- Section 5. **Meetings.** In each calendar year, the Board of Directors shall schedule a regular business meeting of the Board of Directors at least three times annually.

- Section 6. **Notice of Meetings.** The Secretary of This Chapter shall provide a written notice of each meeting of the Board of Directors to each member of the Board of Directors not less than ten days prior to such meeting.
- Section 7. **Quorum.** A quorum for any business meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the voting members.
- Section 8. **Electronic Meetings.** If all the directors present at or participating in a meeting consent, a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee of the board may be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and a director participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. Any such consent shall be effective whether given before or after the meeting to which it relates and may be given with respect to all meetings of the Board of Directors and of committees of the board held while a director holds office.

## ARTICLE X

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

- Section 1. **General.** The officers of This Chapter shall include a President, a Vice President (or Vice Presidents), a Secretary and a Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), together with such additional officers as may be deemed appropriate by This Chapter. This Chapter shall designate one of its officers as the-President-Elect who shall be invited to attend LAMBDA ALPHA Board of Governors meetings as an *ex officio* member.
- Section 2. **Election of Officers.** The officers of This Chapter for each calendar year shall be confirmed for not more than a two year term at a general meeting of Members called for the purpose.
- Section 3. **Eligibility.** The officers of This Chapter shall be Active Members of This Chapter.
- Section 4. **Vacancies.** In the event that a vacancy occurs in any office of This Chapter (other than a vacancy in the office of the President), the President of This Chapter shall recommend a person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term for ratification at the next appropriate regular business meeting of the Members or at a special business meeting of the Members called for such purpose.
- Section 5. **Duties of the President.** The President shall preside at all regular and special business meetings of the Members of This Chapter and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of This Chapter and shall carry out the policies and programs adopted and approved by the Board of Directors. The President may also make appointments to Chapter committees in accordance with vacancies and the rules set forth in Article XII of these Chapter Bylaws.

Section 6. **Duties of the Vice President.** The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or disability. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Vice President by the Board of Directors or the President.

The Vice President shall succeed to the office of the President in the event of the President's death or resignation. In the event that This Chapter shall have more than one Vice President, This Chapter shall through its Board of Directors and on the advice of the Past President specify the order in which each Vice President will succeed to the office of the President in the event of the President's death or resignation.

Section 7. **Duties of the Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings at all regular and special business meetings of the Members. The records of This Chapter relating to the proceedings at Members' meetings shall be available for inspection by any Member of This Chapter who shall desire to inspect such records.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The records of This Chapter relating to the proceedings at meetings of the Board of Directors shall, upon written request, be open for inspection by any Member of This Chapter who shall desire to inspect such records, except that proceedings relating to admission to membership may be disclosed only with the consent of the Board of Directors.

Immediately after they are prepared, the Secretary shall forward to the International Executive Secretary of LAMBDA ALPHA a copy of This Chapter's record of the proceedings at such regular and special business meeting of the Members, if any, and the minutes, if any, each regular and special business meeting of the Board of Directors.

In the event that the Secretary shall be absent from any regular or special business meeting of the Members or of any regular or special business meeting of the Board of Directors, the President or other presiding officer shall appoint an appropriate Member to serve as Secretary pro tem.

The Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Chair shall prepare and maintain This Chapter's roster of This Chapter. The Secretary shall also have custody of This Chapter's Charter, Affiliation Agreement, seal, minute book and non-financial records and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.

At the expiration of his or her term of office, the Secretary shall turn over to his or her successor This Chapter's Charter, Affiliation Agreement, seal and minute book and all files and records of This Chapter in the custody or control of the Secretary whose term is expiring.

Section 8. **Duties of the Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall prepare and submit to the Board of Directors a financial statement as of the close of the prior year and a proposed operating budget for the current year. The Treasurer shall receive all monies collected by This Chapter or by any officer or other party on behalf of This Chapter and shall deposit such monies in a bank or other financial institution designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall also make disbursements of monies received by the Treasurer upon receipt of vouchers properly signed and countersigned. If the office of Secretary and the office of Treasurer are not combined, vouchers shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of This Chapter. If the offices of Secretary and Treasurer are combined, vouchers shall be signed by the President and countersigned by such other officer as may be designated. Prior to the issuance of any voucher for the expenditure of funds such expenditure shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special business meeting. For the purposes of this section, an expenditure authorized by a duly approved Chapter Budget shall be deemed to have been approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular or special business meeting.

The Treasurer shall give written notice to the Active and Retired Members of This Chapter concerning the payment of their Chapter dues. International dues and initiation dues collected by This Chapter owing to Lambda Alpha shall be remitted to the International Executive Director within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Immediately after the expiration of his or her term of office, the Treasurer shall turn over to his or her successor all bank accounts, funds, assets, books of account and other financial records of This Chapter in the custody or control of the Treasurer whose term is expiring.

Section 9. **Historian.** If This Chapter chooses to have the office of Historian, the Historian shall preserve and keep all matters of historical interest to This Chapter, retain copies of all addresses delivered before This Chapter, act as librarian and shall perform such other duties in connection therewith as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors or the President. The Historian shall also be This Chapter's representative on the International Archives Committee of LAMBDA ALPHA which gathers literary materials authored by Members.

Section 10. **Scribe.** If This Chapter chooses to have the office of Scribe, the Scribe shall be responsible for the public relations activities of This Chapter and all newsletters and other communications concerning its activities and the activities of the members. The Scribe shall act as This Chapter's liaison with the International Scribe of LAMBDA ALPHA and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

If the same person holds the offices of both the Historian and the Scribe, such person shall perform the duties set forth above for both such officers.

Section 11. **Other Officers.** If This Chapter provides for other officers, such other officers shall perform such duties as may be prescribed.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **CHAPTER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1. **Composition of Nominating Committee.** This Chapter may create a Nominating Committee which may consist of an ex officio member and not less than two or more than six appointed Members. The ex officio member of the Nominating Committee shall be the immediate past President of This Chapter, who shall serve as chairperson of the Nominating Committee and shall be a voting member. The appointed Members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. **Duties of Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee of This Chapter shall prepare a slate consisting of:

- (a) At least one candidate for each office of This Chapter; and
- (b) At least one candidate for each vacancy upon the Board of Directors to be filled; provided, however, that if This Chapter requires the Nominating Committee to select two or more candidates for any office, or require the Nominating Committee to nominate more than one candidate for each vacancy upon the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall comply with such requirement.

Section 3. **Report of Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee of This Chapter shall make its selections, prepare an appropriate report and forward this report to the Secretary of This Chapter not less than twenty days prior to the business meeting of This Chapter at which the slate is to be considered. A copy of the report of the Nominating Committee or any nominations to the Board of Directors shall be provided by the Secretary to each Member of the Board of Directors not less than ten days prior to the date of the business meeting of This Chapter at which the slate is requested to be ratified.

Section 4. **Additional Nominations.** Additional nominations for membership upon the Board of Directors and additional nominations for any of This Chapter's offices may be made by the timely filing of a petition signed by either five percent of the total membership of This Chapter, or three Members of This Chapter, whichever is the greater. To be effective, each such nominating petition must be submitted to the Secretary of This Chapter at (or prior to) the business meeting of the Members at which the slate is requested to be ratified.

Section 5. **Election of Officers and Directors.** At the business meeting of the membership at which ratification of the slate is requested, the Members of This Chapter shall receive the report of any Nominating Committee and any petitions making



additional nominations for any office or additional nominations for a vacancy upon the Board of Directors.

Except as hereinafter provided in this Section, the Members shall then proceed to ratify:

- (i) The officers of This Chapter for the succeeding term; and
- (ii) The elected Members of the Board of Directors whose terms are to commence; provided, however, that if This Chapter requires that such be made by means of a mail vote, or if the appropriate quorum is not achieved by such regular business meeting of the Members, then and in either such event the officers and directors to be elected shall be elected by a mail vote conducted by the Secretary as soon as practicable after such regular business meeting.

Section 6. **Notification.** Immediately after the completion of the ratification of officers and directors, the Secretary of This Chapter shall notify the Members of This Chapter and the International Executive Secretary of LAMBDA ALPHA as to the name and address of each officer and director of This Chapter.

## ARTICLE XII

### CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Section 1. **Nominating Committee.** This Chapter shall provide for a nominations process or a Nominating Committee in accordance with the rules set forth in Article XI of these Chapter By-laws.

Section 2. **Standing Committees.** This Chapter shall create the three standing committees or Chapter officer responsibilities hereinafter described and shall take all steps necessary to maintain such committees or officer responsibilities in accordance with the rules set forth in these Chapter By-laws. This Chapter may also create and maintain such other committees as it shall deem appropriate.

The three required standing committees or officer responsibilities of This Chapter shall be:

- (a) Chapter Membership Committee or Membership Officer to promote member recruitment;
- (b) Chapter Education Committee or Programs Officer to plan This Chapter's activities;
- (c) Chapter Public Relations Committee or Public Relations Officer to promote This Chapter.

The size of the Committees or the work of the appointed Officers shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors as circumstances warrant during the term of the Board.

- Section 3. **Special Committees.** The President of This Chapter may create such special committees as he or she may deem appropriate. In making any appointment to a special committee, the President shall specify both the tenure of the members and the duties to be performed. The tenure of the members of a special committee may not exceed the term of the president who appoints such members.
- Section 4. **Subcommittees.** Each committee of This Chapter may have one or more subcommittees which shall report to it.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **RESTRICTION UPON THE POWERS OF THIS CHAPTER**

- Section 1. **General Limitation Upon This Chapter's Powers.** All actions taken by This Chapter that are not required, authorized or permitted by the express terms of these Chapter By-laws shall be voidable by the International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA.

Despite the foregoing, This Chapter may specify and provide for rules, practices and procedures distinct to This Chapter as are provided for in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law and are not otherwise expressly prohibited herein.

- Section 2. **Restriction Upon Committing LAMBDA ALPHA.** This Chapter shall not commit LAMBDA ALPHA to any financial obligation or to any other obligation whatsoever unless such commitment is authorized in advance by the International Board of Governors or the International Executive Committee of LAMBDA ALPHA.
- Section 3. **Restriction Upon Speaking for or Acting in the Name of LAMBDA ALPHA.** This Chapter shall not speak for or act in the name of LAMBDA ALPHA without the prior approval of the International Board of Governors or the International Executive Committee of LAMBDA ALPHA.
- Section 4. **Restrictions Upon Speaking for or Acting in the Name of This Chapter.** Since LAMBDA ALPHA is a not for profit corporation that has been classified by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States as such, it is imperative that neither LAMBDA ALPHA nor any of its Local Chapters act in a manner that will jeopardize its status for tax purposes.
- Section 5. **Restriction Upon Use of This Chapter's Funds.** All funds of This Chapter shall be used to carry out the purposes of This Chapter as set forth in Article I of these Chapter By-laws and no funds of This Chapter shall be diverted from such purposes

for the personal benefit of any Member or other individual. In the event of the dissolution of This Chapter, all funds of This Chapter shall immediately be transmitted to LAMBDA ALPHA. In such event, all such funds shall first be used to retire any indebtedness of This Chapter and the balance of such funds shall then be retained by LAMBDA ALPHA and used for its corporate purposes.

- Section 6. **Restriction Upon This Chapter's Letterheads, Banners and Public Relations Materials.** All of This Chapter's letterheads, banners and public relations materials which use a logo shall incorporate the LAMBDA ALPHA key which has been adopted as the official logo of LAMBDA ALPHA.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTER BUDGETS AND CHAPTER OPERATING AND SPECIAL RESERVE FUNDS**

- Section 1. **Annual Budget.** At its regular meeting in January or February each year, the Board of Directors shall consider the proposed operating budget prepared by the Treasurer and adopt an operating budget for the current year.
- Section 2. **Chapter Operating Fund.** This Chapter shall establish and maintain an operating fund that is sufficient, in its judgment, to cover the operating budget of This Chapter.
- Section 3. **Special Funds.** This Chapter may segregate on its books a portion(s) of the Chapter treasury for such purpose(s) as it may deem appropriate.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **CHAPTER OPERATING REGULATIONS**

- Section 1. **Establishment of Local Chapter Operating Regulations.** In addition to the matters identified in Article XIII, Section 1 hereof, This Chapter may, following the adoption of these Chapter By-laws, adopt Chapter operating regulations not contrary to this Bylaw that set forth the make-up of its Board of Directors, the number and functions of its officers, the number and functions of its committees, the manner of conducting elections, the amount of its annual dues and the manner in which Chapter business (other than Chapter business regulated by these Chapter By-laws) is conducted.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **AMENDMENT TO THE CHAPTER BY-LAWS**

- Section 1. **Requests to Amend Chapter By-laws.** This Chapter may, at any regular business meeting or special business meeting called for this purpose, amend these By-laws subject to the laws of its local jurisdiction. Any such amendment or addition to Schedule "B" hereof shall forthwith be forwarded to the Executive Director of Lambda Alpha for review and consideration.

Section 2. **Authorization.** At its sole discretion, the International Board of Governors of LAMBDA ALPHA may, at any regular or special business meeting of the Board, alter, amend or repeal Local Chapter By-laws, or comment upon Local Chapter variances or new Chapter By-laws. If any of the foregoing are initiated by the Board of Governors, written notice of proposed action shall be given to the affected Local Chapter at least thirty days prior to the date such action is considered by the Board of Governors.

Enacted and adopted this date.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 in the State of Texas, USA.

Austin-Central Texas Chapter.

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*James M. Nias*  
President

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*Randy A. Williams*  
Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned does hereby certify that:

1. I am the duly elected and acting secretary of the Austin-Central Texas Chapter of Lambda Alpha International; and
2. The foregoing By-laws, comprising 12 pages, constitute the By-laws of said Chapter as duly adopted by action of the Members of said Chapter duly taken on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017; and
3. The foregoing By-laws comply with the standard By-laws of Lambda Alpha International dated November 20, 2009, as the same may be amended, including variances awarded by the International Board of Governors of Lambda Alpha International.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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*Randy A. Williams*  
*Secretary*

**SCHEDULE “A”****CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Active Member, LAMBDA ALPHA/Local Chapter:** A member who currently pays LAMBDA ALPHA AND LOCAL CHAPTER DUES.

**Active Member, LAMBDA ALPHA At-Large:** A member who currently pays LAMBDA ALPHA At-Large dues.

**Inactive Member;** A member who does not currently pay dues. Such inactive members do not have the option to be an active member of a local chapter.

**Retired Member:** A member of LAMBDA ALPHA who, regardless of years as an Active Member, has retired from significant income-producing involvement in work associated with land economics. Determination of retired status rests solely with the individual; and, a member who is in fact retired, but wishes to do so may continue to have Active Member status by paying active member dues.

**Emeritus Member:** A member who has maintained active status for twenty (20) years, has served in leadership positions at the Chapter or International level; and has retired from professional work associated with land economics. A nomination for Emeritus status may be made by vote of a Chapter’s Board and/or by the International Board. The International Board of Governors shall ratify all Emeritus elections. There shall be no International or Chapter dues required for Emeritus Members.

**Honorary Member:** An individual who by the nature of his or her professional background is not otherwise eligible for nomination and initiation into LAMBDA ALPHA but who, by his or her contributions to the furtherance of the mission of LAMBDA ALPHA deserves recognition; Honorary membership may be nominated by a local chapter or by petition of twenty active at-large-members of LAMBDA ALPHA and elected by the International Board of Governors. Honorary members are not required to pay dues.

**International Fellow of LAMBDA ALPHA:** An active member whose efforts have significantly advanced the purposes, organization, or growth of LAMBDA ALPHA. Only the International Board of Governors shall confer fellowship and no more than two fellowships shall be conferred in each calendar year. The title of International Fellow is additive to any other category of membership except Honorary.

**SCHEDULE “B”**

**(Chapter Specific Rules, Practices and Procedures)**

**Reserved for future consideration**