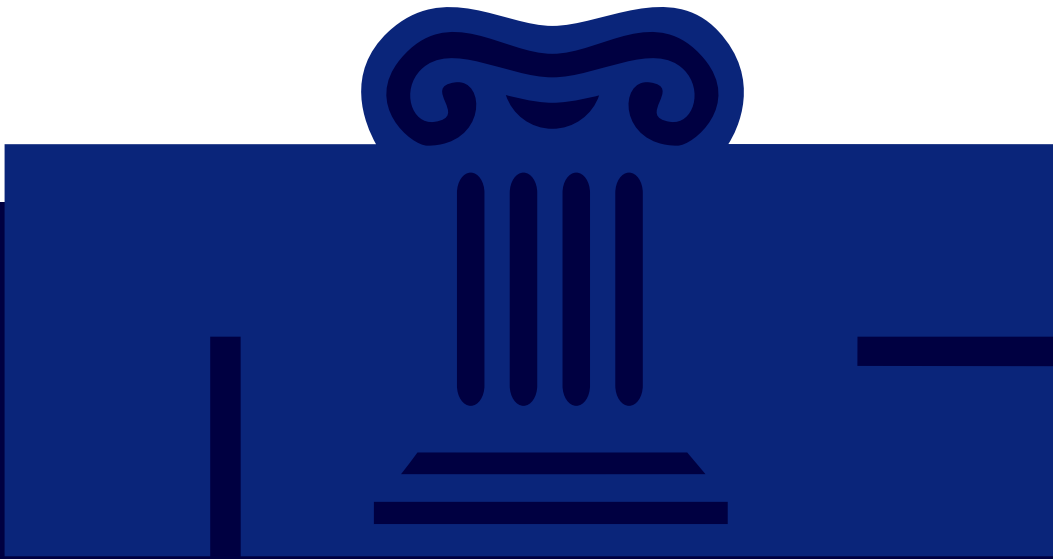


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OFFICER MANUAL



The information in this manual was compiled to assist Interfraternity Council (IFC) officers and leaders of the campus fraternity and sorority community focus their efforts to maximize their success.

Many IFC officers have experienced less than successful years by not having a focused set of goals and objectives for their term. Using the A Community of Excellence series of IFC officer manuals allows each officer to prepare himself for the demands of office, establish goals, and enjoy a successful term. This philosophy will prevent the IFC from spreading itself too thin and not fulfilling their officer obligations.

One way to maximize effectiveness of this information is to implement it during the officer transition period or at a new officer retreat. The A Community of Excellence Manuals will serve as a framework for each officer to begin thinking about the year and what they would like to do. Each person can then share their individual goals with the board and determine organizational benchmarks, and design implementation plans with the input of the fraternity/sorority community.

While the only term used in this publication is Interfraternity Council, the information is meant to be fully inclusive of fraternity/sorority communities led by Inter-Greek Councils and can be easily shared with NPC, NPHC, and NALFO, NMGC, NAPA and other organizations. This type of interfraternal cooperation will increase the likelihood of successful implementation and maintain positive relations between all elements of the fraternity/sorority community.

The staff of the North-American Interfraternity Conference would be happy to answer any questions you many have about using this manual or other NIC resources effectively. Please visit www.nicindy.org for further assistance.



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IFC Officer Manual: **President**



1. The IFC constitution supports the NIC standards and includes job descriptions with specific responsibilities for the president and other executive board members as well as qualifications for each officer.

IFC and chapter leadership change each year or more. New officers may or may not be aware of the NIC Standards as well as current policy statements and recommendations for behavior and action. Reaffirming these statements each term ensures that this information is being communicated to the general membership and used as a guide in planning and maintaining quality programs. The NIC Standards are included at the back of this manual and for more information see both www.nicindy.org and www.nicstandards.com.

NIC Standards

The leadership of the North-American Interfraternity Conferences member fraternities passed a set of standards that will propel fraternities to be who we say we are. These standards call upon fraternity and campus leadership to create some changes to today's fraternity and asks each member to live up to the highest standards of fraternity membership.

These standards are a true partnership opportunity between fraternities and campus communities to raise the bar for the fraternity experience. The 21st century fraternity will be built upon the solid values of each fraternity and will be a beacon of leadership within the campus educational environment. The standards embrace the common principles shared by all of our organizations. Academic success, service and philanthropy within our community, leadership development, and social skill development are the cornerstones of the standards. IFC plays a critical role in creating partnerships within the campus community and moving the Greek community forward.

The most relevant standards to the role and operations of IFC are:

• **Open Expansion / Establishing Chapters**

No NIC member organization is prohibited from selecting undergraduates for the purpose of establishing a chapter on campus

Your IFC is in a position unique to other student organizations on your campus. As an advocacy body, you have the responsibility to protect not only the rights of the fraternities on your campus, but the rights of non-fraternity men as well. Open Expansion is the policy of all NIC member fraternities and it means that the IFC and the NIC member fraternities on a campus always support another NIC member fraternity in their efforts to establish a chapter. This also means that chapters always vote yes if a vote on expansion is taken.

• **Open Recruitment**

Your IFC will support open recruitment and will not prohibit men who meet all academic eligibility requirements from participating in recruitment activities and joining a NIC member group.

As the representative body of all the fraternities on your campus, it is the duty of the IFC to ensure that there are no policies in place which restrict the ability of a chapter to recruit or a man to join an IFC member organization. This includes, but is not limited to the elimination of silence periods, rush fees, forced "touring" of all chapters, and restrictions placed on when invitations to membership can be distributed.