



April 24, 2021

Dear CAUAA Members,

In 2020, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee undertook a review of the *Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association, Inc., Amended May 18, 2018*. The committee received several suggested amendments and revisions which were reviewed, edited for clarity, and organized for presentation to the Board of Directors and to the membership.

The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed each proposed amendment, and then decided on a recommendation to the membership regarding whether the amendment should be approved or not approved. Some proposed amendments were tabled and will be considered at the Fall Annual meeting. This was due to the need for discussion with the University and/or further evaluation of the impact of the proposed change.

Attached for your review and consideration are the proposed amendments that will be presented for a vote at the 2021 Spring meeting. Each proposed amendment identifies the current text, the proposed text, a rationale for the proposed amendment, and the Board of Director's recommendation. Each proposed amendment will be voted on separately.

For quick reference, a summary of the attached proposed amendments is presented in the table at the end of this letter.

In accordance with *Article XIV – Amendments and Revisions*, each amendment must receive two-thirds of the votes cast by members present at the meeting for an amendment to be approved. Approved amendments take effect immediately following adjournment of the meeting.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Gayle Beyah at [cauaaparliamentarian@gmail.com](mailto:cauaaparliamentarian@gmail.com).

In Service to the Panther Nation,

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**Constitution and Bylaws Committee Members**

Sondra Brooks '81, '85  
Ermina Hill '83  
Tanya Martino '04  
Rae Warner '98, '16

Article	Summary of Proposed Amendments	Board of Directors Recommendation to Membership
ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP	Amends Section 1 title. Adds new Section 2 to define the specific membership classes. Adds new Section 3 to define privileges for each membership class. Adds new Section 4 about membership dues. Adds new sections 5 and 6 to explain membership obligation and termination.	Approve
ARTICLE V-CHAPTERS	Adds text to clarify provisions that pertain to chapters and affiliates. Adds new section that establishes a new officer requirement.	Approve
ARTICLE VI-FINANCES	Adds new section for conducting external audits/reviews.	Approve
ARTICLE VIII-BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Adds text to clarify meeting requirements of the Executive Committee.	Approve
ARTICLE IX-ELECTION OF OFFICERS	Adds new text to clarify procedures for write-in candidates	Approve
ARTICLE X-MEETINGS	Proposes to replace Annual Meeting with Fall Meeting throughout document.	Approve
ARTICLE XI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS - (PRESIDENT)	Adds text to clarify which committee chairs are appointed by the President.	Approve
ARTICLE XI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS - (TREASURER)	Adds text to specify the Treasurer as Chair of the Budget Committee.	Approve
ARTICLE XI-DUTIES OF OFFICERS - (PARLIAMENTARIAN)	Adds text to specify the Parliamentarian as Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.	Approve
ARTICLE XII-STANDING COMMITTEES - (BUDGET)	Adds text to specify the Treasurer as Chair of the Budget Committee.	Approve
ARTICLE XII-STANDING COMMITTEES - (CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS)	Adds text to specify the Parliamentarian as Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.	Approve
ARTICLE XII-STANDING COMMITTEES - (PROGRAM)	Adds text to specify the Vice President as Chair of the Program Committee	Approve
ARTICLE XIV-AMENDMENTS AND REVISION	Adds several new sections to establish a process for bylaw amendments.	Approve
ARTICLE XV - DISCIPLINE AND COMPLIANCE (AMENDMENT: May 18, 2018)	Proposes the repeal this article. Membership termination is addressed in a new section proposed for Article IV- Membership.	Approve