

# press release

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**To:** Gamma Alpha Omega Membership

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In 2010, our Sorority changed our nondiscrimination policy to include gender expression and gender identity to include anyone who identified as a female. In recent weeks, our Sorority continues to be a pioneer through inclusive and innovative practices. At the most recent House of Delegates meeting at the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, our national, regional, and chapter leadership adopted LGBTQ+ inclusive language and terminology in all National Governing documents.

Led by the Vice President, Street, it was motioned and approved to include gender non-conforming language in our Sorority documents as well as an article for inclusion. She/her/hers pronouns and vocabulary, such as woman, women, sister(s), sisterhood, alumna(e), etc. are still used when referring to current and prospective members of our Sorority. This article will include those who identify as gender non-conforming or who undergo a gender transition after Activation. They are eligible and included in the use of she/her/hers pronouns and will be referred to individually as an "Individual", or collectively as the "Individuals." The article also prohibits chapters from refusing an individual for membership due to gender identity and prohibits the termination of membership based solely upon gender identity.

Gamma Alpha Omega is a Latina founded, multicultural sorority founded at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. For more information about Gamma Alpha Omega, please visit [www.gammaalphaomega.org](http://www.gammaalphaomega.org)

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