

Understanding the Election Timeline and Voting Considerations in Electing the General President

1 OCTOBER 2022:

The General Office of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated will announce certified candidates for General President.

AUGUST 2023 TO NOVEMBER 2023:

Candidates continue to campaign.

1 OCTOBER 2022 TO WINTER 2023:

Candidates will campaign, attending District Conferences and chapter meetings and events, as well as share communications via various means.

SEPTEMBER 2023 TO NOVEMBER 2023:

One nominee from the official ballot will be elected by majority vote of the active membership during the election phase.

MARCH AND APRIL 2023:

Candidates will campaign at each of the five Regional Conventions, each of which will host a Candidates Forum. Candidates will also continue to campaign more broadly.

DECEMBER 2023:

The Elections Committee will certify elections results.

MAY TO JULY 2023:

Candidates continue to campaign.

JANUARY 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024:

General President-Elect sits on Board of Directors as Non-Voting Member.

JULY 2023

The ballot phase of the campaign takes place at the 116th Anniversary/97th General Convention in Dallas, Texas, where delegates select the top two candidates to advance to the official ballot.

1 JANUARY 2025

General President-Elect becomes General President.

Voting Considerations

The consistent arguments you will hear during the campaign are that a given candidate should receive your support because:

- He is from a given region, district, or chapter.
- He asked for a given brother's or chapter's support first and/or because "it is his time."
- He is "a brother's brother."
- He is the friend of the brother supporting him.

If you want to see Alpha address its most critical issues, you should vote for the candidate best able to lead on the issues and be informed about:

- The issues
- Candidate backgrounds
- Candidate platforms

A Chapter's membership size dictates how many delegates it has—more members, more delegates.

- You must be financially active with the General Organization (paid Grand Tax or are Life Members) and a local Chapter to have your voice heard.
- As a Chapter delegate, you have direct influence in determining which two candidates will appear on the final, General Election ballot for a vote.

On occasion, a District Director or Chapter President who has committed his support to a particular candidate may not want brothers who come under his leadership to be informed about the other candidates, and so he may not provide opportunities for brothers to engage with other candidates. If you want a more democratic process, you have to:

- Press the issue on getting candidates greater exposure in your district or chapter.
- Personally facilitate engagement between candidates and brothers in your district or chapter.