

Delegate and Alternate Orientation Agenda

52nd Grand Chapter Congress – Atlanta, GA 2019 version date: 7/30/19

Wednesday, August 14, 5:15-6:30 p.m. — Atrium BC, Atlanta Marriott Marquis

A. GRAND PRESIDENT

1) Welcome & Introduction of Key Individuals

2) Review Documents in Delegate Packet

B. CREDENTIALS CHAIR

1) Describe delegate seating process

- a. Thursday and Friday
 - Delegates seated in Greek order with alumni chapters amongst collegians
 - RVPs will be seated at one end of each row to assist in answering questions delegates may have (*RVPs do have speaking rights, but **not** voting rights*)
- b. Saturday - elections; delegates seated by province and region in Greek alpha order.
- c. Board (including PVPs) seated on the dais

2) Credentials Information

- a. Present roll of delegates as of 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14
- b. Distribute additions or changes to roll of delegates
- c. Obtaining credentials - ribbons and name badge required to be seated for business sessions
- d. Substitutions

C. NOMINATIONS CHAIR

1) Review Nomination and Elections Process (Policy N)

- a. Introduction of committee members.
- b. Campaigning
- c. Nominations received since July 1
 - Any subsequent nominations received (after the Nominations Committee report) will be presented as a supplemental report of the Nominations Committee. The

cutoff for additional nominations is 6:00 p.m. Thursday or the end of business on Thursday, whichever is later.

- d. Withdrawals - individuals in the Beacon who are not advancing as candidates.
- e. Caucuses
- f. Elections Voting Process (Saturday)

D. CHANCELLOR

1) Governance Issues

- a. Delegates are not bound by the votes on proposals taken at the Provincial Councils, but they are offered as informational guidance.
- b. Delegates are not bound by any votes on proposals held in their individual chapters, as new information may come to light during discussions at GCC that change your perspective on what is in the best interests of the fraternity.

2) Review Standing Rules (See Policy M.11.)

- a. Review agenda
 - Order of Old Business
Bylaw Amendment 2 - Election of Pledges (Board of Directors)
 - Order of New Business (discuss and approve any order changes)
Bylaw Amendment 1 - Recall of RVP (Board of Directors)
Bylaw Amendment 3 - Honorary Member Initiation (Board of Directors)
Ritual Proposal 1 - Single Ceremony (Board of Directors)
Ritual Proposal 2 - Inclusive Language (North Central)
Ritual Proposal 3 - Removal of Unnecessary Language (North Central)
Ritual Proposal 4 - Hands on Shoulders (Board of Directors)
- b. Debate
 - Each main motion has a 15 min debate period; can be extended for one additional 10 min period by 2/3 vote
 - No one individual speech (including yielding the floor) may exceed 2 min
- c. Speaking from the Floor
- d. Voting
 - 2/3 vote needed for all bylaw amendments and resolutions
 - 3/4 vote needed for all ritual changes
 - Abstention on Legislation: according to standing rules, abstentions are counted as “yes” votes; so if you abstain you are in effect voting yes.

- Abstention on Candidates - if there are 10 eligible and voting delegates and one abstains, there will be nine “counted” ballots, meaning five votes is necessary for a majority, and to win the election.
- PVP elections by acclamation if only one candidate

d. Transitional Rules

- Ritual becomes effective upon publication & distribution of new ritual books
- Bylaws become effective immediately upon adjournment of Grand Chapter Congress

e. Testimonials

- May be submitted at any time, but must be submitted to the Parliamentarian (via dsp.org/Testimonials) before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.

3) Business Meeting Basics

a. Items to have during Business Sessions (wifi will not be available - don't depend on accessing wifi to review proposals and other information)

1. Proposal/Amendments Book
2. Bylaws
3. Congress Policy & Procedures
4. Ritual Book
5. Standing Rules (in policies)
6. Agenda (in policies)
7. Congress Program

b. Placard recognition for motions and seconds

c. Review Robert's Rules basics (see handout)

- All amendments must be submitted to the Parliamentarian in writing before they can be considered.

d. Using microphones to speak to issues

- Line up at aisle mics; state your name and chapter.

4) Recommendations

- Made to Board at *any time (all year)* using prescribed format (recommendation form); not a Congress process.

E. GRAND PRESIDENT

1) Review Board Actions from Aug 11 Meeting

2) Board Position on Legislation

3) Provincial Leadership Meetings on Saturday after elections. New RVPs and PVPs will gather to:

- Cover legislation from GCC
- Address province with new leadership
- Small rooms, but if interested in attending, you may.

4) Closing Comments

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