

Northeastern – 2021 Provincial Council Meeting

HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail a Bylaw amendment submitted to the Northeastern Provincial Council for consideration. Any amendment that passes will be considered at the 2021 Grand Chapter Congress in August. Bylaw amendments must achieve a 2/3 majority vote at Congress to pass.

Proposals related to National Policy and Procedures may be discussed and voted upon by the Council, but ultimately all National Policy and Procedures are administered by the Fraternity's elected Board of Directors. The Board, of course, will take any recommendation passed by a majority vote of the Provincial Council very seriously.

- Any language with ~~strikethroughs~~ would be deleted if the proposal or amendment passes.
- Any language listed in ALL CAPS indicates language that would be added if the amendment or proposal was adopted.
- Language in *italics* is included occasionally for explanatory purposes.

EXAMPLE:

~~Bylaw~~ - would be deleted

BYLAW - would be added

Bylaw - would be an explanatory note offering more detail or interpretation

PROPOSAL

BYLAW PROPOSAL 1 – Bylaws Article II, Section 11, 12 & 15 and Article XVI, Section 6 & 7

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

The purpose of this proposal is to remove the location requirement for franchising Alumni Chapters. The Bylaws discriminate against potential Alumni Chapters that do not meet the “residing in one locality” requirement. This change allows for Alumni Chapter formation to include underserved alumni and provides alternatives for non-location-based chapters.

The locality requirement limits the creation of Alumni Chapters. It inadvertently discriminates against alumni that do not fit into the makeup of our current alumni chapters. It does not consider meeting alumni “where they are” in terms of personal interaction, the location and time of events, personal interest(s), and life stage.

Proposal Details (and/or exact Policy or Bylaw Language proposed -- use ALL CAPS for new language and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions.)

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

Section 11. Provinces --- The Chapters of this Fraternity shall be combined for the purposes of administration into the following five (5) Provinces:

- a. Northeastern Province --** To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of....

A chapter may request that it be assigned to a Province other than that provided above for reasons of geographic proximity to chapters in another Province or for other valid reasons. Such change shall be considered by the Board of Directors at the request of the chapter or upon recommendation of the Executive Director. **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL ASSIGN EACH NON-LOCATION-BASED ALUMNI CHAPTER TO A PROVINCE.**

Section 12. Regions --- The chapters within each Province may be combined geographically into Regions for the purposes of administration. The number of Regions and geographic areas covered by such Regions shall be determined by majority vote of the Provincial Council. **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL ASSIGN EACH NON-LOCATION-BASED ALUMNI CHAPTER TO A REGION.**

Section 15. Alumni Chapters --- An Alumni Chapter shall consist of Alumni Members as hereinafter defined, in good standing, ~~residing in one locality, and~~ to whom a charter has been granted as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XVI NEW COLLEGIATE AND ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Section 6. Eligible Groups for Alumni Chapters --- Petitions for the authorization of the establishment of an Alumni Chapter must be signed by at least ten (10) Alumni Members of this Fraternity, in good standing ~~and who reside in the locality in which it is proposed to establish such Alumni Chapter.~~ The petition must be approved by the Executive Director. Each Alumni Chapter shall maintain a minimum membership of at least ten (10) members at all times.

Section 7. Designation of Alumni Chapters --- The Alumni Chapters shall be called ~~after the locality in which they are situated or~~ by such ~~other~~ title as may be approved by the Board of Directors. No Alumni Chapter shall include the Greek letter designation of any Collegiate Chapter in its name and no Alumni Chapter shall restrict or limit its membership to alumni of any specific Collegiate Chapter or Chapters.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

- As soon as administratively possible upon conclusion of the 53rd Grand Chapter Congress.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Increases the number and variety of alumni chapters
- Brings more alumni under the national umbrella (official recognition vs. free agents)
- Helps underserved parts of the country
- Provides for topic-specific chapters (i.e., fundraising, history, professional development, brotherhood)
- Provides a grass roots approach based on alumni needs and interests
- Chapters covering large geographic areas chapters could be used as incubators for future Alumni Chapters of the current style
- Triggers move virtual content development
- Allows for greater use of fraternity assets and resources

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Cannibalization of current chapters
- Alumni chapters splintering into various demographics
- Affecting collegiate/alumni voting balance
- Will require updates to Policy and Procedures to incorporate bylaw changes

Provide a brief cost analysis of the Proposal/Recommendation (if applicable)

- No addition cost outside of normal administration of Alumni Chapters.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

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