

Western – 2022 Provincial Council Meeting

HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail a Bylaw amendment submitted to the Western Provincial Council for consideration. Any amendment that passes will be considered at the 2022 Special Grand Chapter Congress in July. 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 VIII, Section 4

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DATE: December 17, 2021

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

This recommendation is intended to ensure that all Regional Vice Presidents come from the region that they serve, if possible. In addition, this special election process is designed to mirror the regular election procedures more closely. In the case of a tie vote, it helps to ensure that the new Regional Vice President is someone who received votes from the chapters in the region. Furthermore, if multiple individuals are willing, able, and qualified to run for the position that the selected individual is one of the eligible candidates.

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

ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Section 4. Vacancies --- Should a vacancy occur in the office of Regional Vice President, the Provincial Vice President shall have the duty of appointing an interim Regional Vice President to serve pending a special election in the Region. The special election shall be conducted by the Provincial Vice President within sixty (60) days of notification of the vacancy. SHOULD THERE BE TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES WITH NONE RECEIVING A MAJORITY OF VOTES, A SECOND VOTE OF THE TWO CANDIDATES WITH THE MOST VOTES SHALL BE ADMINISTERED TO ALL CHAPTERS IN THE REGION. SHOULD THE SECOND VOTE FAIL TO RESULT IN AN ELECTED REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, THE PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT SHALL SELECT ONE OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE REVOTE AS THE NEW REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT. Should the special election fail to result in an elected Regional Vice President, THERE BE NO CANDIDATES FOR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, the Provincial Vice President may then appoint a Regional Vice President to fill the remainder of the term. The appointee may reside outside the regional borders.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

At the conclusion of the 2022 Grand Chapter Congress.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Would ensure that, if available, chapters are served by a Regional Vice President residing in the region.
- Would ensure that chapters are given a fair chance to have their voices heard.
- Keeps procedures closer to those used for a Grand Chapter Congress election.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Provincial Vice Presidents may feel that the available individuals are not fit for the role of Regional Vice President.
- Current language allows for flexibility and continuity in cases where no one was available at time of Grand Chapter Congress as it allows for the interim to continue serving the region.

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

- Possible costs with administering a revote. Lower travel costs associated with a local Regional Vice President.

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Passed

Passed as amended

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BYLAW PROPOSAL 2 – Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3, and Bylaws Article IV, Section 5

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

This proposal moves the election of Regional Vice Presidents to the Provincial Council Meetings in odd numbered years.

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

ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Section 3. Election and Tenure of Office --- All Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in good standing in their respective regions at ~~the Grand Chapter Congress~~ **THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS.** They shall take office immediately upon adjournment of the next Grand Chapter Congress and shall serve for a period of two (2) years and until their successors are elected and duly qualified. Regional Vice Presidents may serve four (4) consecutive elected terms. **IN THE EVENT THAT AN ELECTION AT THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING DOES NOT RESULT IN A WINNER, A SECOND ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE NEXT GRAND CHAPTER CONGRESS.**

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5. Election and Tenure of Office --- All Grand Officers, except the Collegians of the Year, **THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS,** and the Executive Director, shall be elected at the Grand Chapter Congress. The Grand President and the Vice President-Finance shall be elected by the Grand Chapter. The Provincial Vice Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in their respective Provinces. The Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in their respective Regions **DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS.** All Grand Officers, except the Collegian of the Year and the Executive, shall take office immediately upon the final adjournment of the Grand Chapter Congress at which they are elected and shall serve for a period of two (2) years and until their successors are elected and duly qualified. No Grand Officer shall serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive full terms with the exception of Provincial Vice Presidents and the Regional Vice Presidents who may serve four (4) consecutive full terms. Any election to fill

a vacancy covering a partial term will not be considered in ascertaining the number of consecutive terms. The Collegians of the Year shall be selected as prescribed by the Board of Directors and the Laws of the Fraternity and shall serve a two (2) year term as designated by the Board of Directors.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

At the conclusion of the 2022 Grand Chapter Congress.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Moves the election of the Regional Vice President to a more localized event, potentially allowing a greater number of constituents to attend the speeches and Q&A. Gives the RVP-elect several months to prepare for their terms by attending training sessions and building their team of District Directors and Assistant District Directors, so that chapters begin the next biennium with volunteers in place.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Potential negative impact on team dynamist within the Provincial Leadership team as RVPs will be elected months before the Provincial Vice President and may have opportunities to bond as a group during that time.

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

Staff time may be required, as Provincial Council agendas will need to be adjusted. There could be opportunities for virtual caucuses prior to council meeting and virtual training sessions between the council meetings and Grand Chapter Congress. Depending on subsequently created and approved policies for implementation there may be additional hosting or lodging expenses to be incorporated into Provincial Council meeting budgets.

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Passed

Passed as amended

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CMP Guide Proposal – CMP Guide

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: January 11, 2022

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

At the January 2020 board meeting, R20-7 was approved to add “Maintain 20 Dues Paying Members” credit to the Accredited Tier of the Chapter Management Program (CMP) with an effective date of July 1, 2021.

While this addition was well-intentioned to encourage chapters to comply with the national guideline of having 20 or more members, there are many reasons why a chapter may not have 20 members by the time Fall Dues are due. This can include Spring graduation, withdrawal from school, or members participating in Co-Op, Internship, or Study Abroad Programs. The CMP requirement does not allow the chapter time to recruit additional members during that academic year. Smaller schools are immediately put at a disadvantage because of this CMP requirement as they are not given the opportunity to grow before they are penalized which may result in a loss of motivation.

Delta Sigma Pi has prioritized Membership Growth as one of our strategic initiatives and communicated via email by the Central Office Chapter Services Team to our collegiate chapters. This recommendation supports the effort of the Central Office Chapter Services Team in prioritizing this initiative to ensure that at least 90% of collegiate chapters have at least 30 active members. It has already been communicated that small-size chapters could potentially initiate 20 new members over the 2021-2022 fraternity year to reach its ideal chapter size and to further break national Delta Sigma Pi member records. The recommendation also supports the effort of volunteer leaders to support the chapter’s recruitment and retention efforts to build and grow the chapter semester-to-semester to support this strategic initiative.

Additionally, two other versions of this recommendation have been submitted to be discussed and voted with the goal of immediate implementation (the 2021-2022 fraternity year) at the January 28-30, 2022 board meeting. Please see the appendix of this recommendation for reference to these different versions in consideration of this current recommendation presented to the delegates of the Western Provincial Council..

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Chapter Management Program (CMP) Guide Maintain 20 Dues Paying Members (pg. 21)

Description of Submission: Chapters should maintain a membership size that allows them to operate and grow with ease. National policy requires minimum collegiate chapter membership to be 20 students.

How to Submit: Credit is awarded automatically based on maintaining 20 dues paying members on the reported chapter roster through the year. All chapters will have approved credit at the start of the year. Credit will switch to “not approved” if **WHEN THE NUMBER OF SPRING DUES ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ON THE CHAPTER ROSTER, PLUS ALL SPRING INITIATES, TOTALS LESS THAN 20** at any time after fall dues are due the number of dues eligible students on the chapter roster drops below 20.

Due Date: June 30 **Responsibility:** VP-Chapter Operations should monitor.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

The 2022-2023 CMP year.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Supports the strategic priorities set by the fraternity, specifically the Membership Growth initiative, attracting and retaining diverse students, alumni, and community leaders.
- Encourages chapter growth to reach the 20 minimum in the Fall/Winter AND Spring terms to ensure a healthy chapter size by the Spring semester/term.
- Provides for greater flexibility and allows smaller chapters an equal opportunity to meet the minimal requirements per the CMP policy.
- Avoids demoralizing a chapter at the beginning of the CMP year by an unrecoverable miss for having less than 20 dues-paying members.
- Implementation is relatively easy as it would be essentially moving the benchmarking date from the fall dues due date to the spring initiation reporting due date, which is currently already coded in the current CMP module.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Possibility of chapters not taking the 20 dues-paying member guideline seriously until the Spring term.

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

\$500 to update CMP systems.

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Passed

Passed as amended

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