

Northeastern - 2006 Provincial Council Meeting

HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail the Bylaw amendments and Ritual proposals that have been proposed to the Northeastern Provincial Council for consideration. Those Bylaw amendments and Ritual proposals passing (by majority vote) will go on to other Provincial Councils for discussion (as timing permits) and ultimately to Grand Chapter Congress in 2007 for consideration.

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

- Bylaw amendments must achieve a $2/3$ majority vote at Congress to pass.
- Ritual proposals must achieve a $3/4$ majority vote at Congress to pass.

PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1 – Bylaw Amendment

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Date: January 3, 2006

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

To allow policies and procedures to be set by the Grand Chapter Congress.

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission

This would give the chapters a direct voice in the governance of the fraternity covered by policies and procedures.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Immediately following Grand Chapter 2007, as this is the earliest date it could be approved.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Should a chapter feel strongly that a particular policy or procedure is not in the best interest of the chapters, this would allow the chapter the opportunity to change the policy through a vote of the chapters, and not have to rely on a vote of the national officers who may have instituted the policy in the first place. This would provide a “check and balance” to the national officers power to govern the fraternity, and make certain the chapters voices are being heard in the governance of the fraternity.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

The Board of Directors may lose some flexibility in how it governs the fraternity.

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

More proposals may have to be considered at Grand Chapter Congress. Such proposals would have to follow the current procedure for being considered by Grand Chapter (proposed by a chapter, considered and approved by a Provincial Council, then considered by the Grand Chapter).

PLEASE NOTE: Should this proposal be approved, the maker would suggest the policies approved by the Grand Chapter would be in effect until the next Grand Chapter Congress, where they could be changed by either the Grand Chapter Congress or the newly elected Board of Directors thereafter.

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Passed as amended

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PROPOSAL 2 – Recommendation to the Board of Directors

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

Increase the amount charged to collegiate chapters for the GCC travel fund.

Increase the charge to chapters for the travel fund from \$400 per biennium to \$800 per biennium.

Also, provide chapters with an estimated Congress costs. Room rates are known in advance, and registration fees can be based on the previous congress numbers. These costs estimates should be provided to the chapters at the same time the invoice is sent.

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission

Despite the fact that Grand Chapter Congress attendance is mandatory for all chapters, many brothers and chapters are precluded from attending Grand Chapter Congress, because of the high cost of attending this event. The current travel fund of \$400 does not even cover the cost of expenses for a single brother for the week at congress. By doubling the current annual charge to collegiate chapters, the travel fund should almost completely cover a single brother's registration and hotel expenses.

Estimated Congress charges

225 - 1 registration

625 - (1 room @ 125/night for T-S)

300 – 1 plane ticket

1150

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

July 1, 2006

Ease of tracking increase and changes.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

By raising the amount charged for the travel fund, chapters are forced into saving for Congress which should increase the number of chapters in attendance for those chapters who traditionally haven't been able to afford it.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Changes to Central Office accounting system to:

1. Charge more for the fund.

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

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PROPOSAL 3 – Provincial-based Policy Change

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

Change the name of the Greater Allegheny Region to The Steel Valley Region

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission

To create a new image and unity for the Region that was created by combining chapters from the old East Central, Allegheny and Niagara Regions by eliminating all traces of the old region names from the new region name. This will create the image of a brand new region with a new culture rather than the impression that chapters from Ohio and Erie, PA will be joining the Allegheny region. This name was chosen as the majority of the cities within the region came to be as a result of the Steel Industry.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Upon conclusion of the Northeastern Provincial Council Meeting on February 19, 2006.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Increased unity among the chapters in the Region by creating the image and culture of a brand new region. Currently, several chapters feel like they are the outsiders coming in and will be forced to inherit the culture of the old Allegheny Region instead of creating one unique to the new region. In addition, the proposed name makes it easy to locate the Region geographically and does not refer to a specific state or nickname for a state.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

All pledge manuals and other official documents that list the Region names will need to be updated again. The new region name will be different from the name listed in the current pledge manuals. However, new manuals are printed annually anyways so this isn't that big of an issue in that regard.

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

Staff time to change the official documents which are all in PC files which makes it very simple. New pledge manuals are printed every year so the change can be made for the 2006-2007 editions at no cost.

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PROPOSAL 4 – Recommendation to the Board of Directors

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

Recommend the extension of Fall LEADs to a full weekend (full day Saturday, roundtable or other leadership/education activities Sunday) event including an evening social event.

This optionally could be implemented as a two-part registration, where some brothers could choose to register for a one-day session or for a full weekend.

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission

Brothers from around the province are traveling, some from great distances, to attend the LEADs and as a result are coming in on Friday nights and not leaving until Sunday morning. Feedback from previous LEADs further enforce this idea as it has repeatedly been requested that Fall LEADs format be more like spring Provincials LEADs. For many, it is already a full weekend spent so the extension of Fraternity events seems to be an effective use of brothers' time and a logical step.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Recommended date would be the first Fall LEAD after this recommendation is accepted.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

A full weekend LEAD would further maximize brother's educational opportunities, interactions with fellow brothers/networking, and fun for all brothers in attendance.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

The negative aspects would be the financial considerations that this recommendation would entail.

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

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RITUAL PROPOSAL 1 (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

To remove the optional “money question” from Part One of the initiation Ritual

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission

This line of questioning can easily be misused and constitute hazing, tells us little about a candidate for membership, and infers one can buy his way into Delta Sigma Pi based on how much he donates to a “Brother in need”.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Immediately following Grand Chapter 2007, as this is the earliest date it could be approved.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Will help insure our initiation remains professional and not cause undue stress and anxiety on our initiates.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

None

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

Expense of replacing Ritual books. (NOTE: Last printing done in 2002 was \$8,440.00.)

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