

Northeastern - 2009 Provincial Council Meeting

HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail policy recommendations and a Bylaw amendment that has been proposed to the Northeastern Provincial Council for consideration.

Per Section O, Policy 12 of the National Fraternity Policies and Procedures, Provincial Councils establish the Regions and their boundaries within their respective Province. During years in which a Congress convenes following July 1, the Provincial Vice President will assume jurisdiction and leadership of the new region until a Regional Vice President is elected at Congress (or after). Provincial boundary changes are a Bylaw change and require a vote of the Grand Chapter if the Northeastern Province passes this proposal.

Ritual proposals from the Board of Directors are in a separate document.

- Bylaw amendments must achieve a 2/3 majority vote at Congress to pass.
 - Any language with ~~striketroughs~~ would be deleted if the proposal or amendment passes.
 - Any language listed in **bold** indicates language that would be added if the amendment or proposal was adopted.
 - Language in *italics* is included occasionally for explanatory purposes.

EXAMPLE:

~~Bylaws~~ - would be deleted

Bylaws - would be added

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

PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1 – Recommendation to the Northeastern Provincial Council

Submitted by:

Northeastern Provincial Boundary Task Force
(Suzanne Swire, Amanda Romine, Victoria Beatty)

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation:

Proposes that the regional boundaries be redrawn in order to optimize the level of support that chapters receive from their elected leaders. The current number of regions remains the same, at six (6). Boundaries were redrawn to balance the chapters which must be supported by each Regional Vice President to conduct chapter visits (see Proposed Regions below). (Chapter names with asterisks indicate they have moved from another region -- see the legend at the end of this section.)

PROPOSED REGIONS:

Region #1: New England

Gamma	Boston University
Theta Iota	University of Connecticut
Lambda Tau	Bentley University
Nu Sigma	Roger Williams University
Xi Phi	University of Massachusetts – Boston
Xi Psi	Bryant University
Pi Rho	University of Massachusetts – Amherst

New England Region, to comprise the chapters in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island.

Region #2: Eastern

Alpha	New York University
Alpha Gamma	Pennsylvania State University – State College
Beta Nu	University of Pennsylvania
Beta Xi	Rider University
Zeta Eta	St. Peter's College
Zeta Pi	St. Joseph's University
Eta Xi	Philadelphia University
Mu Omega	The College of New Jersey

Eastern Region, to comprise the chapters in New Jersey, New York City (south of Interstate Highway 84), **the state of Pennsylvania south and east of the intersection of Interstate Highway 84 and Interstate Highway 81, south and east of the intersection of I-80 and US-15, and all points south and east of US-22** ~~southeastern and central Pennsylvania (east of Route 219 and south of Interstate Highway 80).~~

Region #3: Capital

Chi	Johns Hopkins University
Epsilon Kappa	Shepherd University
Iota Kappa	James Madison University
Iota Rho	Howard University
Mu Tau	George Mason University
Xi Rho	George Washington University
Omicron Chi	Frostburg State University
Omicron Omega	University of Delaware

Capital Region, to comprise the chapters in Delaware ~~Maryland~~, **the state of Maryland east of US-522**, the District of Columbia, ~~the northern half of~~ Virginia (north of Interstate Highway 64), and eastern West Virginia counties of Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson.

Region #4: Niagara

Alpha Kappa	University at Buffalo
Zeta Psi	University at Albany
Theta Upsilon	Siena College
Kappa Lambda	Binghamton University
Xi Tau	Syracuse University
Omicron Rho	Cornell University

Niagara Region, to comprise chapters in New York **north of Interstate Highway 84 (except chapters in New York City), and the state of Pennsylvania east of SR-219, and north of I-80 to the intersection of I-81 and I-84, and all points north of I-84 northeastern Pennsylvania (north of Interstate Highway 90 and east of Route 219), and Quebec.**

Region #5: Steel Valley

Lambda	University of Pittsburgh
Nu	The Ohio State University
*Alpha Gamma	Pennsylvania State University – State College
Beta Pi	Kent State University
Theta Kappa	University of Akron
Theta Rho	Duquesne University
Mu Pi	Pennsylvania State University – Behrend College
Nu Upsilon	West Virginia University
Omicron Tau	Ohio Dominican University
**Omicron Chi	Frostburg State University

Steel Valley Region (changed name from Greater Allegheny 2/19/06), comprise the chapters in the **state of Ohio east of SR-13, east of SR-79, east of I-71 (including Cuyahoga county) and north of I-70; the state of West Virginia east of Interstate Highway 77, except for the counties of Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson; the state of Pennsylvania west of US-15 and west of US-522, but south of I-80, and all points west of SR-219 and the state of Maryland west of US-522 northeastern Ohio (all points north and east of Columbus, Ohio), western Pennsylvania (south of Route 322 and west of Route 219); and West Virginia (east of Interstate Highway 77 and west of Route 219).**

Region #6: East Central

***Nu	The Ohio State University
Alpha Theta	University of Cincinnati
Alpha Omicron	Ohio University
Alpha Upsilon	Miami University
Epsilon Tau	University of Dayton
Theta Lambda	Xavier University
Theta Pi	Bowling Green State University
Xi Upsilon	Marshall University
***Omicron Tau	Ohio Dominican University

East Central Region, to comprise the chapters in Ohio **north and west of the intersection of I-71 (except for the county of Cuyahoga) and SR-13, west of SR-13, west of SR-79, and all points south of I-70 west and south of Columbus,** and western West Virginia (west of Interstate Highway 77).

- *Moved from Eastern Region.
- **Moved from Capital Region.
- ***Moved from Steel Valley Region.

If adopted, the new regions would be as follows:

Region #1: New England

Gamma	Boston University
Theta Iota	University of Connecticut
Lambda Tau	Bentley University
Nu Sigma	Roger Williams University
Xi Phi	University of Massachusetts – Boston
Xi Psi	Bryant University
Pi Rho	University of Massachusetts – Amherst

The states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island.

Region #2: Eastern

Alpha	New York University
Beta Nu	University of Pennsylvania
Beta Xi	Rider University
Zeta Eta	St. Peter’s College
Zeta Pi	St. Joseph’s University
Eta Xi	Philadelphia University
Mu Omega	The College of New Jersey

New York City (south of Interstate Highway 84). The state of Pennsylvania south and east of the intersection of Interstate Highway 84 and Interstate Highway 81, south and east of the intersection of I-80 and US-15, and all points south and east of US-22 in the state of Pennsylvania. The state of New Jersey.

Region #3: Capital

Chi	Johns Hopkins University
Epsilon Kappa	Shepherd University
Iota Kappa	James Madison University
Iota Rho	Howard University
Mu Tau	George Mason University
Xi Rho	George Washington University
Omicron Omega	University of Delaware

The state of Delaware. Northern Virginia (north of Interstate Highway 64). The District of Columbia, and eastern West Virginia counties of Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson. The state of Maryland east of US-522.

Region #4: Niagara

Alpha Kappa	University at Buffalo
Zeta Psi	University at Albany
Theta Upsilon	Siena College
Kappa Lambda	Binghamton University
Xi Tau	Syracuse University
Omicron Rho	Cornell University

The state of Pennsylvania east of SR-219, and north of I-80 to the intersection of I-81 and I-84, and all points north of I-84. The state of New York north of Interstate Highway 84.

Region #5: Steel Valley

Lambda	University of Pittsburgh
Alpha Gamma	Pennsylvania State University – State College
Beta Pi	Kent State University
Theta Kappa	University of Akron
Theta Rho	Duquesne University
Mu Pi	Pennsylvania State University – Behrend College
Nu Upsilon	West Virginia University
Omicron Chi	Frostburg State University

The state of Ohio east of SR-13, east of SR-79, east of I-71 (including Cuyahoga county), and north of I-70. The state of West Virginia east of Interstate Highway 77, except for the counties of Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson. The state of Pennsylvania west of US-15 and west of US-522, but south of I-80, and all points west of SR-219. The state of Maryland west of US-522.

Region #6: East Central

Nu	The Ohio State University	The state of Ohio north and west of the intersection of I-71 (except for the county of Cuyahoga) and SR-13, west of SR-13, west of SR-79, and all points south of I-70. The state of West Virginia west of Interstate Highway 77.
Alpha Theta	University of Cincinnati	
Alpha Omicron	Ohio University	
Alpha Upsilon	Miami University	
Epsilon Tau	University of Dayton	
Theta Lambda	Xavier University	
Theta Pi	Bowling Green State University	
Xi Upsilon	Marshall University	
Omicron Tau	Ohio Dominican University	

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

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

The Regional Boundary task force recommends that the proposed changes go into effect at the conclusion of the 47th Grand Chapter Congress in Washington D.C., so as to coincide with the installation of newly elected leadership. Nominations for office and elections for the next biennium would be to support the new regional structure.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- The Provincial Vice President requested a review of chapter distribution within regions, and appointed a task force to perform the analysis and submit a recommendation to the Provincial Council
- The new regional boundaries will better take into account demographic similarities of chapters, as well as the historical center of gravity of volunteer leaders
- Geographic density as well as travel times were taken into account when proposing new regions

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- 2nd regional realignment in 4 years
- Perceived lack of stability in regions

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

Fraternity guides (Pledge manuals, etc) and the web site would need to be updated to represent these changes. Cost of web site changes is limited to the time it takes to implement the changes. The task force recommends that Fraternity publications not be reprinted on account of this change, but be modified at such a time as the next reprint.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed

PROPOSAL 2 – Bylaw Amendment

Requires 2/3 vote by GCC to pass.

Submitted by:

Northeastern Provincial Boundaries Task Force
(Suzanne Swire, Chair; Amanda Romine; Victoria Beatty)

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

To allow the entire Cincinnati Metropolitan area to be administered by one Province and one Region.

Article II, Section 11. parts a. and b. of the Bylaws now read:

- a. Northeastern Province** -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Ohio, West Virginia, northern Virginia (Iota Kappa and Mu Tau chapters and the Northern Virginia alumni chapter) and the provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario in Canada.
- b. Southern Province** -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia (except Iota Kappa and Mu Tau chapters and the Northern Virginia alumni chapter).

Article II, Section 11. parts a. and b. of the Bylaws would read:

- a. Northeastern Province** -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Ohio, **the Cincinnati metropolitan area counties located in Kentucky (Kenton, Campbell, and Boone)**, West Virginia, northern Virginia (Iota Kappa and Mu Tau chapters and the Northern Virginia alumni chapter) and the provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario in Canada.
- b. Southern Province** -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (**except the Cincinnati metropolitan area counties Kenton, Campbell, and Boone**), Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia (except Iota Kappa and Mu Tau chapters and the Northern Virginia alumni chapter).

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission (may not exceed 100 words if ultimately submitted for Grand Chapter consideration)

The schools on the Kentucky side of the Cincinnati area can be more easily served by East Central leadership due to their proximity and demographic similarities. This will affect possible expansion to Northern Kentucky University which is located 7 miles from Cincinnati, as well as

existing chapters in Cincinnati at University of Cincinnati and Xavier University. This will also allow alumni who live in Northern Kentucky to be eligible to run for RVP, while they were previously ineligible despite close proximity to several chapters.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

During or immediately following Grand Chapter Congress, since no existing chapters' region or province will be changed.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

This will allow all chapters and alumni volunteers in the Cincinnati metropolitan area to be within one region and one province. This will generate a larger base for volunteers and will create more opportunities for expansion and regional events.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Will require education and some editing in Fraternity publications.

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

There would be the cost of editing maps and Fraternity publications, though the Manuals for Pledge Education are reprinted each year.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed