

# SOUTH CENTRAL PROVINCE LEGISLATION

## 2005 Provincial Council Meeting

### PROPOSAL 1

***Submitted by:***

South Central Provincial Leadership Team, c/o PVP Dawn Klinger, proposal written by RVP Cliff Reilly.

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***Summarization of the Proposal:***

The South Central Provincial Leadership Team proposes changing the way chapters earn CEI points for Section X, Fraternity Conferences and Events of the Chapter Efficiency Index Guide.

Currently, chapters must attend Grand Chapter Congress, the LEAD Provincial Conference and one of the following: a LEAD Conference, an Area Conference or a Regional Conference in a Congress fiscal year and the LEAD Provincial Conference and one of the following: a LEAD Conference, an Area Conference or a Regional Conference in a non-Congress fiscal year, in order to earn the 9 points for that CEI section.

We recommend that chapters earn the 9 available points as they attend the events (regardless of whether they attend all of them) by changing the policy in the Chapter Efficiency Index Guide as follows:

#### X. Fraternity Conferences and Events

All members (and pledges) are encouraged to attend Fraternity events including: Grand Chapter Congress, LEAD School, LEAD Provincial Conference, and area/regional conferences. Tracking of this category is done by the Central Office referencing registration and attendance lists for each of these events. ~~In the case of an area or regional conference, it is the responsibility of the Regional Vice President to submit an attendee list to the Central Office for tracking.~~ There is no online reporting to be done for this CEI section.

Due Date: Automatically awarded for chapter attendance (collegiate members and pledges), within 60 days of event or by June 30, as follows:

In fiscal years (July 1-June 30) including Congress, ~~attendance is required by~~ at least one chapter representative **should attend at** Grand Chapter Congress, LEAD Provincial Conference, and ~~one of the following:~~ a LEAD School, ~~an area conference or a regional conference.~~

In fiscal years (July 1-June 30) without a Congress, ~~attendance is required by~~ at least one chapter representative **should attend at** a LEAD Provincial Conference and ~~one of the following:~~ a LEAD School, ~~an area conference or a regional conference.~~

~~RVP must certify attendance at area or regional conferences.~~

***Explanation provided by submitter:***

The purpose for this proposal is to give credit to chapters as they participate in the nationally established conferences and especially to recognize the Chapters' Executive Committee and Leadership Teams for promoting and selling these conferences to their members, thereby encouraging participation and fostering fraternity goals.

If implemented, the proposal will encourage Chapters' Executive Committee and Leadership Teams to continually promote the nationally established conferences and get recognized for their efforts during their term in office. This will further help District Directors and Regional Vice Presidents to identify those leaders at the chapter who are potential future fraternity leaders after graduation.

***A brief cost analysis of the proposal is:***

The only foreseen cost is the time spent by the Central Office Staff to update the online Chapter Efficiency Index Guide and related documents on the dspnet.org website.

***Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date***

Immediately upon approval at the 2005 Grand Chapter Congress.

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## PROPOSAL 2

### *Submitted by:*

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### *Summarization of the Proposal:*

Amend the Bylaws Article II, Section 11c & d to move Southern Illinois-Edwardsville to the South Central Province from the North Central Province (where it resides now).

The new sections would read:

Section 11.c. North Central Province -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois (**except Eta Sigma Chapter**), Michigan, Indiana and the province of Manitoba in Canada.

Section 11.d. South Central Province -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas (except Gamma Phi chapter), Oklahoma, ~~and~~ Louisiana, **and Eta Sigma Chapter in the state of Illinois.**

### *Explanation provided by submitter:*

- The purpose of this proposal is to establish the Eta Sigma chapter at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville (SIUE) as part of the Gateway Region, in the South Central Province. Eta Sigma is currently in the Central Region, in the North Central Province. The SIUE campus is approximately 20 miles across the border from Missouri and would be supported much easier by the St. Louis area chapters and by the St. Louis Alumni Chapter than the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter, which is more than 240 miles away.
- SIUE is a part of the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area and by having Eta Sigma chapter as part of the Gateway Region; the chapter will be involved with the other local St. Louis Collegiate chapters.

### *A brief cost analysis of the proposal is:*

The only foreseen cost is the time spent by the Central Office Staff to update the online Bylaws, Pledge Manuals, and related documents.

### *Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date:*

Immediately following approval at the 2005 Grand Chapter Congress.

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**PROPOSAL 3-** *Note: This proposal will only be considered if Proposal 2 passes.*

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***Summarization of the Proposal:***

Amend the Policy and Procedures, Section O, Provincial Councils, Policy 12, North Central Province, section a, Central Region and Policy 12, South Central Province, section a, Gateway Region to include Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in the Gateway Region.

*Note: This recommendation is moot if R05-33 to place Southern Illinois- Edwardsville in the South Central Province is not approved.*

The new policy would read:

North Central Province

- a. Central Region, to comprise all the collegiate and alumni chapters in the southern portion of Indiana (south of US Highway 30--but not including the metropolitan Fort Wayne area) and the southern half of Illinois (south of US Highway 24 from the Indiana state line to US Highway 136 west to the Iowa state line—**but not including the Metro East area of the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area**).

Active collegiate chapters: Upsilon (University of Illinois), Alpha Pi (Indiana University), Delta Tau (Indiana State University), Epsilon Xi (Ball State University), Epsilon Omega (Eastern Illinois University), Iota Sigma (University of Evansville), Iota Chi (Illinois State University), Kappa Sigma (Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis), and Kappa Omega (Purdue University).

Inactive Collegiate Chapters: ~~Eta Sigma (Southern Illinois University)~~ and Lambda Omega (Quincy University).

South Central Province

- a. Gateway Region, to comprise the entire state of Arkansas; the eastern portion of the state of Missouri, bordered by Hwy 65 (south of Hwy 70), including the town of Springfield, MO and Hwys 41, 11 and 5 (north of Hwy 70) to the Iowa state border **and the Metro East area in Illinois, of the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area**.

Active Collegiate Chapters: Alpha Beta (University of Missouri-Columbia), Alpha Chi (Washington University), Beta Sigma (St. Louis University), Eta Nu (University of

Missouri-St. Louis), Iota Nu (Truman State University), and Kappa Omicron (Southwest Missouri State University).

Inactive Collegiate Chapters: **Eta Sigma (Southern Illinois University)** and Theta Nu (University of Arkansas).

***Explanation provided by submitter:***

- The purpose of this proposal is to establish the Eta Sigma chapter at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE) as part of the Gateway Region, in the South Central Province. Eta Sigma is currently in the Central Region, in the North Central Province. The SIUE campus is approximately 20 miles across the border from Missouri and would be supported much easier by the St. Louis area chapters and by the St. Louis Alumni Chapter than the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter, which is more than 240 miles away.
- SIUE is a part of the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area and by having Eta Sigma chapter as part of the Gateway Region; the chapter will be involved with the other local St. Louis Collegiate chapters.

***A brief cost analysis of the proposal is:***

The only foreseen cost is the time spent by the Central Office Staff to update the online Policy and Procedures, Pledge Manual, and related documents (as pertains to moving Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and noting province boundary changes).

***Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date***

Immediately following approval at the 2005 Grand Chapter Congress.

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## PROPOSAL 4

### *Submitted by:*

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### *Summarization of the Proposal:*

Amend section BB, Policy 2 of the Policy and Procedure Manual addressing Merchandise Sales at National Events to allow for sales at LEAD Schools.

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### **Policy 2. Sales of Items at Fraternity Events**

a) Collegiate chapters, alumni chapters, individuals or vendors desiring public selling space at **LEAD Schools**, LEAD Provincial Conferences or Grand Chapter Congress must pre-register with the Executive Director and pay exhibit fees set for each event by the Executive Director **and published to the chapters a minimum of six months in advance of each Fraternity Event**. Public space includes meeting rooms, hallways, restaurants, lobbies, etc.

~~b) Due to the limited time frame of LEAD schools, no sales of items will be allowed in the conference area, including any public spaces utilized for registration, breaks, or meals. The National Fraternity may, however, contract with one or more vendors for sales at LEAD schools. Additionally, the Provincial Vice President of the province in which the LEAD school is located may authorize the sale of one item as a provincial fundraiser, benefiting the cause of the Provincial Vice President's choosing.~~

e) ~~b)~~ Sales from private sleeping rooms or rented suites (not located in or near areas utilized for event functions including sessions, meetings, registration and meals) are allowable at any Fraternity event, without preregistering or paying exhibit fees, subject to the general use policies outlined in Policy 1.

~~d)~~ **c)** Regional and Area meeting licensing issues are at the discretion of the Regional Vice President and/or the Provincial Vice President.

### *Explanation Provided by the Submitter:*

- This supports chapter's efforts for fundraising opportunities.
- Fundraising is a key activity for chapters. The restriction of merchandise sales at LEAD schools impacts the success of those efforts. Fundraisers at events provide real application of marketing skills. The target market is identified; product is developed, and inventory is planned based on expected sales. Limitation on these opportunities conflicts with the business nature of DSP. In support of Section BB, Policy 1, and the chapters need for complete cost/benefit data, the requirement of a published registration fee/schedule has been added. Any fees associated with a fundraiser are needed in advance for the complete cost/price analysis process.

***Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date***

Six months prior to the first national event following the Grand Chapter Congress in Orlando, FL. This time frame allows the Central Office sufficient time to define and publish the rate schedule for exhibit space at national events.

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## **PROPOSAL 5**

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### ***Summarization of the Proposal:***

Trials have been used to deal with regretful circumstances when we have to discuss with a brother their lack of interest in the chapter. A new strategy to effectively and efficiently carry out the unfortunate process of holding brothers accountable is to create a Chapter Relations Board, consisting of five members elected to it by the chapter members themselves. The president would sit on the board along with one member of each class voted on the board by the members of that particular class. For example, the freshmen class would select one freshman delegate; the sophomore class would select one sophomore delegate, etc. This person would have to be trustworthy, dedicated, fair, and understand that matters discussed while they sit on the board must be kept confidential because it could potentially start rumors or tarnish someone's reputation. The board would deal with all matters currently addressed by EC. They would meet after each chapter meeting. Brothers that the board would need to speak with would be "called up" to standards. After each chapter meeting, those meeting with the CRB would wait outside the room and wait to get called in. After discussing the problem with the brother, the brother will be asked to step outside so that the board may deliberate. Whatever the board deems necessary- fine, suspension, or expulsion- will be in the chapter's best interest because the board is deciding on behalf of the brothers, being as they have been elected by their brothers and this duty has been entrusted upon them. This board also serves as an asset during recruitment. Many times, during voting for pledges, some brothers don't say everything that needs to be known about potentials. Sometimes, negative comments need to be known because the chapter has wasted many resources on people that have begun to pledge, and even initiated, then dropped and left us hanging. However, with CRB, the chapter does not need to know who said what and nobody's reputation is affected, whether they are given a bid or not. Only CRB will know, and they have taken an oath to keep silent about this information. Also, brothers will be encouraged to go up to CRB and say positive things about somebody the chapter would benefit from initiating.

### ***Explanation Provided by the Submitter:***

The creation of this board would be less time consuming for the chapter. The people on the board would have to dedicate their time to handle these situations, but the chapter as a whole will not be deterred with the implementation of CRB. As stated previously, trials are extremely time consuming and require weeks of time to conduct, and CRB can handle this problem in a matter of days. If CRB is confronted with a situation in which Nationals needs to be notified or there is uncertainty, CRB will contact Nationals and let the brother know the punishment as soon as CRB is given a reply.

The Chapter Relations Board would be more effective and efficient for all chapters. Often times, chapters are reluctant to proceed with trials due to time and lack of cooperation from both EC members and the charged brother. As these matters must be dealt with and disciplinary actions taken, CRB will motivate chapters to deal with such situations and improve the quality of membership in the Fraternity.

*A possible negative aspect of implementing the proposal is:*

Informing all chapters about CRB will be very challenging. As an EC member for two years, I have learned everything about EC through example by past EC members and those who held my offices before me. Because CRB is new, it will be difficult to explain how it is to be run without this example.

***Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date***

This proposal should be implemented before the installation of the next EC officers. This is so that all chapters may begin to improve their disciplinary actions and reap the benefits of the proposal.

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