

South Central - 2009 Provincial Council Meeting

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This document describes in detail any recommendations proposed to the South Central Provincial Council for consideration.

No Bylaw proposals were submitted.

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

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).

PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1 – Recommendation to the South Central Provincial Council

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation:

To adopt the following language for Policy 12 – Regions and Boundaries for the South Central Province pages 66-69 of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

a. Gateway Region, to comprise chapters in the eastern portion of Arkansas (east of U.S. Highway 71 from the Red River north to the Missouri state line to exclude all of the Fayetteville and Springdale metropolitan areas); 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; the St. Louis metropolitan counties of Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair in the state of Illinois.

Active Collegiate Chapters: Alpha Beta (University of Missouri-Columbia), Alpha Chi (Washington University), Beta Sigma (Saint Louis University), Eta Nu (University of Missouri-St. Louis), Eta Sigma (Southern Illinois University), Iota Nu (Truman State University), and Kappa Omicron (Missouri State University).

Inactive Collegiate Chapters: None

Alumni Chapters Franchised for 08-09: St. Louis

e. Southwestern Region, to comprise chapters in northern Texas excluding the section of Northwest Texas (north of U.S. Highway 380 from west of Interstate Highway 35 to the Texas state line) and excluding the section of Texas in the Mountain Time Zone (north of U.S. Highway 190 from the east coast of Texas west to Interstate Highway 10 and north of Interstate Highway 10 to El Paso).

Active Collegiate Chapters: Beta Iota (Baylor University), Beta Phi (Southern Methodist University), Delta Epsilon (University of North Texas), Delta Upsilon (Texas Christian University), Zeta Mu (University of Texas-Arlington), and Eta Theta (Angelo State University).

Inactive Collegiate Chapters: Delta Phi (East Texas State University).

Alumni Chapters Franchised for 08-09: Angelo Armadillo, Arlington Area Lone Star, Dallas Area, and Fort Worth Cowtown.

f. Tornado Alley Region, to comprise of chapters in the entire state of Oklahoma, Northwest Texas (north of U.S. Highway 380 from west of Interstate Highway 35 to the Texas state line), and the western part of Arkansas (west of U.S. Highway 71 from the Red River north to the Missouri state line to include all of the Fayetteville and Springdale metropolitan areas).

Active Collegiate Chapters: Beta Epsilon (University of Oklahoma), Beta Upsilon (Texas Tech University), Gamma Epsilon (Oklahoma State University), and Epsilon Zeta (Midwestern State University).

Inactive Collegiate Chapters: Beta Chi (University of Tulsa), Delta Theta (Oklahoma City University), and Theta Nu (University of Arkansas).

Alumni Chapters Franchised for 08-09: Oklahoma City Tornado Alley, Tulsa-Green County, and Wichita Falls-North Central Texas.

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

The purpose of the proposal is to re-draw the boundaries of what are currently the Southwestern Region and the Gateway Region. The proposed new boundaries essentially split the Southwestern Region into two more reasonably sized regions. Over the past ten years the Southwestern region doubled in size going from a region of nine chapters (eight collegiate and one alumni) to a region of eighteen chapters (ten collegiate, one colony, and seven alumni chapters). The Southwestern region continues to grow with there being several real possibilities for more colonies.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

July 1, 2009 - The beginning of the next fiscal year with regional vice presidents for the new regions to be elected at Grand Chapter Congress in August 2009 in Washington DC, pending approval at the South Central Provincial LEAD in February.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- By splitting the Southwestern region into two regions, it will allow another alumnus to step up and remain actively involved in supporting the Fraternity in an official capacity. Both RVPs must reside in the boundaries of their respective regions.
- Both RVPs will be able to better service their respective regions due to better geographical boundaries, allowing better allocation of time and resources to effectively manage and increase visits to their chapters within their respective regions.
- Currently all RVPs have a travel budget where they get reimbursed for travel to visit chapters (the current budget only covers a portion of expenses the rest are paid out of pocket). By splitting the region there will be travel savings due to better geographical boundaries. Of course the budget will remain about the same, it will just be split between the two RVPs. However each RVP will spend less out of pocket because travel expenses will be cut dramatically due to the RVP living closer to all chapters.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

None as this seems to be a win-win for all chapters affected.

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

The costs would be:

- The time it takes to update the policies and procedures manual, awards process and web site.
- Changing the maps of the provinces in the pledge manuals, these manuals are typically updated and printed annually, so small cost for graphic change time.
- Additional Regional Vice President expenses for Grand Chapter Congress covered by National Fraternity (approximately \$1,000).
- Additional Regional Vice President expenses for post-Grand Chapter Congress leadership training retreat in Oxford covered by National Fraternity (approximately \$750).
- Additional regional awards presented by National Fraternity annually (approximately \$350).
- Additional Regional Collegian of the Year award, scholarship and pearl and ruby badge (approximately \$600).
- Will affect funding per Regional Vice President within Provincial Budget allocated by the Provincial Council (less for each RVP)
- Will affect LEAD Provincial Conference budget expenses allocated to Regional Vice President attendance and travel.

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Passed as amended

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