

Southern - 2011 Provincial Council Meeting

HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail a recommendation and two Bylaw amendments that have been proposed to the Southern Provincial Council for consideration. Ritual proposals are in a separate document. The Bylaw amendments and Ritual proposals will go on to Grand Chapter Congress in 2011 for consideration.

- 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.
 - 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 – Bylaw Amendment

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

To amend Bylaw Article VIII, Section 2 to allow Regional Vice Presidents to reside outside the Region but within a reasonable distance.

Current Bylaw:

Section 2. Qualifications for Office --- To be eligible for election or appointment, a Regional Vice President shall have been a member of the Fraternity for at least three (3) years at time of election or appointment, shall be an Alumni Member and shall reside within the Region.

Proposed Bylaw:

Section 2. Qualifications for Office --- To be eligible for election or appointment, a Regional Vice President shall have been a member of the Fraternity for at least three (3) years at time of election or appointment, shall be an Alumni Member and shall reside within the Region **or not more than fifty (50) miles outside of any border of the Region. Regional Vice President nominations for those residing outside of the Region made from the floor at Congress must receive written approval from the Nominations Committee prior to submitting the nomination.**

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

To expand the pool of volunteer leaders to include those residing within a few miles of the regional border. Specifically, to allow for those potential volunteers who live within a metropolitan area that is divided by a regional boundary (such as Memphis, Louisville, Cincinnati). Those volunteers would qualify to run for RVP in their own region, but may be significantly farther from those chapters than the other region's chapters directly across the border. Further, this would eliminate the need for an RVP to resign simply because he/she moves to another area of his/her current city.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Effective immediately following approval vote at Grand Chapter Congress.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

This will broaden the pool of potential volunteers and reduce vacancies in Regional Vice President positions. If desired, the Board of Directors could write Policy to dictate how and when the Nominations Committee should approve or deny requests.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Regional Vice Presidents may live a few miles farther from their chapters, but still a negligible difference.

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

There will be no cost associated with this change, as it would occur when bylaws are being reprinted and reissued anyway.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed

PROPOSAL 2 – Bylaw Amendment

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

From time to time within all Provinces, there are situations where the Fraternity cannot find a qualified Brother to fill the position of the Regional Vice President; thus, leaving the Region without leadership. This can have a negative impact on the chapters, leading to possible violations of bylaws, rules and regulations as well as financial obligations. Organizations need qualified leaders in certain positions to reduce any disruption or chaos. The Provincial Vice President by default assumes the Regional Vice President's position which creates a conflict for the time and effort of the Provincial Vice President. This proposal permits the Provincial Vice President to officially appoint an interim Regional Vice President.

Proposal Details (and/or exact Policy or Bylaw Language proposed)

Article VIII

Section 2. Qualifications for Office --- To be eligible for election or appointment, a Regional Vice President shall have been a member of the Fraternity for at least three (3) years at time of election or appointment, shall be an Alumni Member and shall reside within the Region, **except as specified in Section 4 of this article.**

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 the special election fail to result in an elected 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.**

****Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation***

The specified Region will continue to have a person in the leadership position; thus, continuing to manage and lead all collegiate and alumni chapters. This proposal will resolve a long standing situation when a vacancy cannot be filled.

****Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation***

Some Brothers may struggle with the concept of having a Regional Vice President not living inside their Region.

****Provide a brief financial analysis (cost and benefits) of the Proposal/Recommendation (if applicable)***

There should be no cost, just minimal time to update The National Bylaws.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Upon closing of the Grand Chapter Congress – August 2011.

*The National Fraternity reserves the right to provide additional information to the delegates in these categories.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed

PROPOSAL 3 – Recommendation to the Southern Provincial Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

The Southern Provincial Community Service Committee recommends the Province chapters elect to support, as our Provincial Community Service Initiative for the 2011-2013 biennium one of the two organizations:

Verizon HopeLine
Feeding America

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

To allow the chapters of the Southern Province to determine which charitable organization we will serve/support as the Southern Province Community Service Provincial Initiative.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Implementation would begin and end with the starting and ending dates of the fraternity calendar for the next biennium, 2011-2013.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

The reasons to continue supporting VHL are as follows:

- 1) supports numerous causes of domestic violence; every town, city, community has shelters, support lines, etc. that VHL supports through donations of refurbished phones and cash donations;
- 2) domestic violence is #1 growing crime in America;
- 3) chapters can do more than collect phones to assist, they can also do clothing drives for local/area shelters and other projects specific to individual shelter needs (allowing for chapters to create different events/activities geared more toward their membership);
- 4) We have an established relationship with VHL that is moving in a positive direction; we're receiving more support from them than ever before.

The reasons to support Feeding America are as follows:

- 1) Vast network of independent food banks all around the province/country providing our members the ability to reach out into their local community to help;
- 2) The need for food banks has grown exponentially over the past 2 years due to unemployment and foreclosures;
- 3) Chapters can get creative on ways to assist including serving food at local shelters, (similar to reason #3 above).

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

N/A

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

N/A

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed