

WESTERN PROVINCE LEGISLATION

2005 Provincial Council Meeting

PROPOSAL 1

Submitted by:

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Summarization of the Proposal:

Amend the Policies and Procedures, Section O. Provincial Councils; Policy 12; Western Province to make the Western Region into two new regions.

Remove "Section f. Western Region" in its entirety and add the following two new sections to replace it:

- f. **Sierra Nevada Region**, to comprise chapters in Northern California and Nevada east of a line beginning at the Monterey-Fresno County lines, north of a line beginning at the Tulare-Kern County lines, west of the Nevada-Wyoming State line and south of the California-Oregon State line.

Active Collegiate Chapters: Delta Pi (University of Nevada-Reno), Epsilon Theta (California State University-Chico), Epsilon Phi (California State University-Sacramento), Iota Phi (California State University-Fresno), Lambda Mu (University of the Pacific), and Nu Rho (University of California-Davis).

Inactive Collegiate Chapters: None.

Alumni Chapters Franchised for 04-05: Sacramento Valley.

Alumni Chapters Franchised for 03-04: Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada.

Alumni Chapters Franchised for 02-03: Fresno/Central Valley, Sacramento Valley, and Sierra Nevada.

Alumni Chapters Franchised 01-02: Fresno and Sierra Nevada.

- g. **Bay Area Region**, to comprise chapters in Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino Counties of California.

Active Collegiate Chapters: Rho (University of California-Berkeley), Gamma Xi (Santa Clara University), Gamma Omicron (University of San Francisco), Delta Omicron (San Francisco State University), Theta Chi (San Jose State University),

Inactive Collegiate Chapters: Zeta Rho (Menlo College) and Zeta Tau (Cal State University-Hayward).

Alumni Chapters Franchised for 02-03: Silicon Valley.

Alumni Chapters Franchised 01-02: Alcatraz and Silicon Valley.

New Bay Area Region outlined:



The rest is under the Sierra Nevada Region

Explanation Provided by the Submitter:

- The purpose of this proposal is to create two regions out of the current Western Region. The Western Region is a vast area with 11 chapters, one colony, one alumni chapter, and potential for future expansion. Due to the size and expansion opportunities, we believe it is best to split it into a manageable size. By dividing the region, it will enable more resources to focus on current and potential chapters. The average size of a region nationally is six.

- Besides the growth of the current region, creating two regions will also bring opportunities of having more award winners (ie: there would be two COY winners from the same pool of candidates instead of one). Chapters in the current region are competing against each other for the lower level awards (Regional) when they should be competing at a higher level (Provincial). The current region is being compared to other regions that only have six chapters putting them at a disadvantage when looking at national averages (such as CEI). Splitting the region will equal the playing field, providing for a real base for comparison.
- Having two regions will also give the chapter's greater access to their Regional Vice President's. Currently, 14 chapters (including alumni) compete for one person's attention. Creating a new region will also create a new RVP position cutting the time conflict in half. The proposed split puts five chapters and one colony in the Western Region and six chapters and one alumni chapter in the new Sierra Nevada region.

A possible negative aspect of implementing proposal:

There will no longer be a regional initiation called WRI (Western Regional Initiation). However, we can still have Joint Regional Initiations. The line in the sand is invisible and we will still be the same Brothers across borders.

A brief cost analysis of the proposal:

The cost of the amendment would be the added scholarship money provided by the Leadership Foundation to the COY winner. There will be no cost to the chapters.

Note from the Executive Director: Several thousand dollars of additional costs will be associated over time with having two Regional Vice Presidents and "administering" two regions instead of one. These costs would be spread over the entire Fraternity, not just the new regions.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Effective July 1, 2005 so that the 04/05 year may close without having to redo the CEI, Award, and Budget structure, time to revise publications, and start the transition at the beginning of a new year.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

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PROPOSAL 2

Submitted by:

Chuck Brown
Western Provincial Vice President

Summarization of the Proposal:

To donate any left over funds from the 2005 Provincial Conference to the Leadership Foundation in order to assist in achieving the province's goal of becoming a member of the 2007 Centennial Society.

Explanation Provided by the Submitter:

- The purpose of this proposal is to assist in achieving the province's goal of becoming a member of the 2007 Centennial Society.
- Helps the province become a member of the 2007 Centennial Society.

A possible negative aspect of implementing Proposal:

Any funds that are available could be used in other ways.

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

The extra funds could be used elsewhere. If passed, there will be no new costs to the chapters.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

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PROPOSAL 3

Submitted by:

Chuck Brown
Western Provincial Vice President

Summarization of the Proposal:

At the 2003 Grand Chapter Congress the province recommended that the Northwestern Region, which has no chapters, be nicknamed the “Randy Region” in honor of outgoing Past Grand President Randy Hultz. It is now recommended to do the same thing for Norm Kromberg. We would now nickname the Northwestern Region, the “Norm Region.”

Explanation Provided by the Submitter:

- It honors Norm, as well as being humorous.
- In a fun way, it honors a Grand President that has been very supportive of our province.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

After the 2005 Grand Chapter Congress.

A possible negative aspect of implementing Proposal:

The Northwestern Region will no longer be nicknamed the “Randy” region.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

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