

Western – 2021 Provincial Council Meeting

HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail a Bylaw amendment submitted to the Western Provincial Council for consideration. If it passes, it will be considered at the 2021 Grand Chapter Congress in August. Bylaw amendments must achieve a 2/3 majority vote at Congress to pass.

Per Bylaws Article II, Section 12, Provincial Councils establish the Regions and their boundaries within their respective Province. Other proposals related to National Policy and Procedures may be discussed and voted upon by the Council, but ultimately all National Policy and Procedures are administered by the Fraternity's elected Board of Directors. The Board, of course, will take any recommendation passed by a majority vote of the Provincial Council very seriously.

- Any language with ~~strikethroughs~~ would be deleted if the proposal or amendment passes.
- Any language listed in ALL CAPS indicates language that would be added if the amendment or proposal was adopted.
- Language in *italics* is included occasionally for explanatory purposes.

EXAMPLE:

~~Bylaw~~ - would be deleted

BYLAW - would be added

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

PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1 – Bylaws Article II, Section 11, 12 & 15 and Article XVI, Section 6 & 7

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

The purpose of this proposal is to remove the location requirement for franchising Alumni Chapters. The Bylaws discriminate against potential Alumni Chapters that do not meet the “residing in one locality” requirement. This change allows for Alumni Chapter formation to include underserved alumni and provides alternatives for non-location-based chapters. The locality requirement limits the creation of Alumni Chapters. It inadvertently discriminates against alumni that do not fit into the makeup of our current alumni chapters. It does not consider meeting alumni “where they are” in terms of personal interaction, the location and time of events, personal interest(s), and life stage.

Proposal Details (and/or exact Policy or Bylaw Language proposed -- use ALL CAPS for new language and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions.)

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

Section 11. Provinces --- The Chapters of this Fraternity shall be combined for the purposes of administration into the following five (5) Provinces:

- a. Northeastern Province** -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of...

A chapter may request that it be assigned to a Province other than that provided above for reasons of geographic proximity to chapters in another Province or for other valid reasons. Such change shall be considered by the Board of Directors at the request of the chapter or upon recommendation of the Executive Director. **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL ASSIGN EACH NON-LOCATION-BASED ALUMNI CHAPTER TO A PROVINCE.**

Section 12. Regions --- The chapters within each Province may be combined geographically into Regions for the purposes of administration. The number of Regions and geographic areas covered by such Regions shall be determined by majority vote of the Provincial Council. **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL ASSIGN EACH NON-LOCATION-BASED ALUMNI CHAPTER TO A REGION.**

Section 15. Alumni Chapters --- An Alumni Chapter shall consist of Alumni Members as hereinafter defined, in good standing, ~~residing in one locality, and~~ to whom a charter has been granted as hereinafter provided.

**ARTICLE XVI
NEW COLLEGIATE AND ALUMNI CHAPTERS**

Section 6. Eligible Groups for Alumni Chapters --- Petitions for the authorization of the establishment of an Alumni Chapter must be signed by at least ten (10) Alumni Members of this Fraternity, in good standing ~~and who reside in the locality in which it is proposed to establish such Alumni Chapter.~~ The petition must be approved by the Executive Director. Each Alumni Chapter shall maintain a minimum membership of at least ten (10) members at all times.

Section 7. Designation of Alumni Chapters --- The Alumni Chapters shall be called ~~after the locality in which they are situated or~~ by such other title as may be approved by the Board of Directors. No Alumni Chapter shall include the Greek letter designation of any Collegiate Chapter in its name and no Alumni Chapter shall restrict or limit its membership to alumni of any specific Collegiate Chapter or Chapters.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

As soon as administratively possible upon conclusion of the 53rd Grand Chapter Congress.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Increases the number and variety of alumni chapters
- Brings more alumni under the national umbrella (official recognition vs. free agents)
- Helps underserved parts of the country
- Provides for topic-specific chapters (i.e., fundraising, history, professional development, brotherhood)
- Provides a grass roots approach based on alumni needs and interests
- Chapters covering large geographic areas chapters could be used as incubators for future Alumni Chapters of the current style
- Triggers move virtual content development
- Allows for greater use of fraternity assets and resources

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Cannibalization of current chapters
- Alumni chapters splintering into various demographics
- Affecting collegiate/alumni voting balance
- Will require updates to Policy and Procedures to incorporate bylaw changes

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

- No addition cost outside of normal administration of Alumni Chapters.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed

PROPOSAL 2 – Policies Section D, Policy 2, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14 & 18

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

This proposal is to replace the Senior Vice President position with the Vice President - Marketing and Recruitment and subsequently change the order of succession.

Proposal Details (and/or exact Policy or Bylaw Language proposed -- use ALL CAPS for new language and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions.)

D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Policy 2. Officers -

- A. **Elected per National Fraternity:** The following elected officers are the minimum required of each chapter and are to be elected in the following order: president, VICE PRESIDENT - CHAPTER OPERATIONS, ~~senior vice president~~, VICE PRESIDENT - FINANCE, vice president-pledge education, VICE PRESIDENT - MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT ~~vice president finance, vice president chapter operations~~, chancellor, vice president-professional activities, vice president-community service, vice president scholarship and awards, and vice president-alumni relations. Chapters may elect additional officers based on their own bylaws, but only the officers listed in this subsection will receive official communications from the Central Office.

Policy 8. Chapter Executive Committee—The chapter executive committee establishes chapter policy, the chapter's long-range and operating plans and serves as the research and advisory committee for the chapter. At a minimum, the executive committee consists of the following chapter officers (in order of election): president, VICE PRESIDENT - CHAPTER OPERATIONS ~~senior vice president~~, VICE PRESIDENT - FINANCE, vice president-pledge education, VICE PRESIDENT - MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT ~~vice president finance, vice president chapter operations~~, chancellor, vice president-professional activities, vice president-community service, vice president-scholarship and awards, and vice president-alumni relations. Chapters may have additional officers on the executive committee based on their chapter bylaws. The executive committee may include the Chapter Advisor serving without a vote. The president is the chairman of the executive committee

Policy 9. Duties of the President—The president has the following duties and powers:

- a. To act as the chief executive officer of the chapter.
- b. To call special meetings in accordance with the chapter bylaws.
- c. To see that the officers of the chapter discharge their duties impartially, accurately, faithfully, and promptly.
- d. To enforce the strict observance of Delta Sigma Pi's Bylaws, Policies and Procedures.
- e. To appoint such committees provided for in the chapter bylaws.
- f. To appoint such officers provided for by Delta Sigma Pi's Bylaws, Policies and Procedures.
- g. To countersign all chapter checks.
- h. To ensure that the chapter Executive Committee develops and maintains a strategic plan, in coordination with the vice president-chapter operations. Such plan, including updates, must be submitted to the Central Office semi-annually.
- i. To serve as delegate to the Provincial Council unless unable to attend.
- j. Attend and actively participate in Presidents' Academy unless having the most urgent reason to not be present. If unable to attend, the chapter president will find one substitute from the chapter's executive committee to attend and actively participate based on the nationally recognized line of succession beginning with VICE PRESIDENT - CHAPTER OPERATIONS ~~senior vice president~~. The nationally recognized line of succession following VICE PRESIDENT - CHAPTER OPERATIONS ~~senior vice president~~ is as follows: VICE PRESIDENT - FINANCE, vice president-pledge education; ~~vice president-finance; vice president-chapter operations~~; VICE PRESIDENT - MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT; chancellor; vice president-professional activities; vice president-community service; vice president scholarship and awards; vice president-alumni relations.

Chapter bylaws may provide the president with other duties and powers.

~~**Policy 10. Duties of the Senior Vice President (SVP)**—The senior vice president has the following duties and powers:~~

- ~~a. To assist the chapter president and temporarily assume the president's duties in his/her absence.~~
- ~~b. To oversee the recruiting activities and the pledging ceremony of the chapter.~~
- ~~c. To ensure the chapter seeks out candidates for Honorary and Faculty membership.~~

~~Chapter bylaws may provide the senior vice president with other duties and powers.~~

Policy 1310. Duties of the Vice President-Chapter Operations (VPCO)—The vice president-chapter operations has the following duties and powers:

- a. TO ASSIST THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND TEMPORARILY ASSUME THE PRESIDENT'S DUTIES IN HIS/HER ABSENCE.
- b. To oversee the maintenance of all Chapter Management Program (CMP) records.
- c. To oversee the Chapter Management Program.
- d. To ensure the chapter is informed of its CMP standing and attention is called to areas in which the chapter needs improvement in areas measured by the CMP.

- e. To act as or oversee the duties of the chapter secretary, recording the minutes of all meetings of the chapter, using a standardized system for that purpose.
- f. To ensure all official communications are read into the minutes of the chapter.
- g. To ensure correspondence with the Central Office and national officers is promptly handled.
- h. To ensure the names and addresses of all nationally required officers are reported to the Central Office within fourteen days of their election or appointment.
- i. To promptly file all reports, except those designated to be the responsibility of other officers of the chapter, when due.
- j. To ensure the names of the Grand Chapter Congress delegates and alternates are submitted to the Central Office within seven days of their election, prior to the end of the academic term immediately preceding Congress.
- k. To coordinate strategic planning sessions with the chapter president.

Chapter bylaws may provide the vice president-chapter operations with other powers and duties.

POLICY 13. DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT - MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT- THE VICE PRESIDENT - MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT HAS THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND POWERS:

- A. TO OVERSEE THE RECRUITING ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPTER
- B. TO ENSURE THE CHAPTER SEEKS OUT CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY AND FACULTY MEMBERSHIP
- C. TO CREATE AND OVERSEE THE MARKETING PLAN OF THE CHAPTER
- D. TO ENSURE ALL FRATERNITY MATERIALS ARE PURCHASED THROUGH A FRATERNITY LICENSED VENDOR
- E. TO OVERSEE THE CREATION OF ALL PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL MARKETING MATERIALS
- F. TO PROMOTE APPLICABLE EVENTS TO CAMPUS STUDENT BODY
- G. TO OVERSEE THE CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF A CHAPTER WEBSITE
- H. TO OVERSEE THE SUBMISSION OF ANY PHOTOS TO THE DELTASIG MAGAZINE
- I. IF SELECTED AS A CMP SUBMISSION, TO OVERSEE THE YEAR IN REVIEW
- J. TO SERVE AS THE CHAPTER LIASON ON STUDENT COUNCILS IF APPLICABLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTER BYLAWS MAY PROVIDE THE VICE PRESIDENT - MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT WITH OTHER DUTIES AND POWERS.

Policy 14. Duties of the Chancellor—The chancellor is the chief judicial officer of the chapter and has the following duties and powers:

- a. To preside over the meetings of the chapter.
- b. To preside at all trials conducted by the chapter.
- c. To ensure that any violations of the Bylaws of this Fraternity within the chapter are reported to the Central Office. The chancellor has no penal rights whatsoever.
- d. To cast a deciding vote in the case of a tie, providing the chancellor has not already voted on the motion (such as in trials or election of pledges).

- e. To serve as Ritual Chair, unless the chancellor and president agree to delegate this duty to another brother.
- f. To ensure that regalia is ordered from the Central Office at least 45 days prior to each initiation.
- g. To ensure that chapter bylaws and policy and procedures are updated and submitted to the Central Office as specified in the Chapter Management Program.
- H. TO OVERSEE THE PLEDGING CEREMONY OF THE CHAPTER.

Chapter bylaws may provide the chancellor with other powers and duties.

Policy 18. Duties of the Vice President-Alumni Relations (VPAR)—The vice president-alumni relations has the following duties and powers:

- a. To ensure the members of the chapter are informed on activities being sponsored by alumni chapters in their local area.
- b. To ensure the members of the chapter are educated on how they can continue to be involved in the activities of Delta Sigma Pi as alumni members.
- c. To ensure that the members of the chapter understand the purpose and activities of the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation and the importance of their support of the Foundation.
- d. To ensure the activities of the chapter are communicated to the chapter’s alumni, other local alumni and the Chair of the Provincial Alumni Development Committee through a chapter newsletter or other form of communication.
- e. ~~To ensure timely information about the chapter and its members is provided to the editor of The DELTASIG.~~
- f. To oversee the orchestration of Founders’ Day, Alumni Day and Homecoming activities.
- g. To oversee the maintenance and accuracy of chapter member address information in the National Fraternity’s database and ensure that changes are promptly communicated to the Central Office.
- h. To ensure the chapter actively seeks lost alumni and reports “found” information to the Central Office.
- i. To oversee the acquisition, organization and maintenance of chapter historical information.
- j. To coordinate, maintain and oversee mentoring relationships between collegiate members and both chapter alumni and alumni living in the local area.

Chapter bylaws may provide the vice president-alumni relations with other powers and duties.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

If this proposal is brought to GCC 2021 and passes, the earliest implementation date could be for the start of the 2022 calendar year. However, the start of the 2022-2023 academic year may be a more optimal time for some chapters.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Encourages the chapter to create a yearlong marketing plan rather than a short term recruitment plan at the start of the semester/quarter
- Expands the duties of the position in charge of recruitment
- Makes the position more reflective of business
- Makes the order of succession more reflective of businesses
- Puts the second most knowledgeable officer as second in charge

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Some chapters may push back on the change given recent changes
- Some chapters may fully utilize the SVP position and may not see the need to re-purpose it

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

- None - this is free and will only cost man hours on repurposing the HUB

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed

PROPOSAL 3 – Policies Section Q, Policy 12

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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

Amend National Policy & Procedure Manual, Section Q. PROVINCIAL COUNCILS, Policy 12. Regions and Boundaries, to redraw regional boundaries within the Western Province.

Please note the policy change only lists collegiate chapters moving, but it would also include any alumni chapter in the state of Hawaii that franchises for the 21-22 year and forward. Currently there is one franchised alumni chapter in the state, Hawaii Alumni Chapter.

Proposal Details (and/or exact Policy or Bylaw Language proposed -- use ALL CAPS for new language and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions.)

Western Province

d. **Pacific Northwest Region**, to comprise the following geographic areas: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, HAWAII, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon.

Active Collegiate Chapters: LAMBDA PSI (UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-HILO), RHO CHI (UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-MANOA), Omicron Psi (Washington State University), Sigma Upsilon (University of Washington), and Upsilon Psi (University of Washington-Bothell)

g. **South Pacific Region**, to comprise chapters located in ~~Hawaii~~, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties in the state of California.

Active Collegiate Chapters: Phi (University of Southern California), Delta Sigma (Loyola-Marymount University), Iota Upsilon (California State University-Northridge), KAPPA MU, Lambda Phi (California State University-Long Beach), ~~Lambda Psi (University of Hawaii-Hilo)~~, Xi Omicron (University of California-Los Angeles), Rho Sigma (University of California-Santa Barbara), Rho Upsilon (Pepperdine University), ~~Rho Chi (University of Hawaii-Manoa)~~, Tau Omega (University of La Verne), and Upsilon Chi (California Lutheran University).

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

July 1, 2021 – This is the first day of the new fiscal year and prior to Grand Chapter Congress. And after the current alumni chapter franchise period for the 2020-2021 year.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Realigns regional boundaries based on current number of chapters and expected expansion in the near future.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- The Hawaii chapters have been in the South Pacific Region since their installation and may have sentimental ties to the region

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

- Staff time to update manuals and website, as well as designer and expense to redraw maps for pledge manual.

NOTES:

Passed

Passed as amended

Failed