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Brothers,

The 55th Biennial Conclave will take place online from July 6th to July 10th 2020. The primary purpose of Conclave is to conduct the business of the Fraternity. This business is accomplished by members of the Grand Chapter proposing, discussing, and voting on legislation that can take the form of Grand Chapter Resolutions, or changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fraternity.

Although it is typical for many of the actions of the Grand Chapter to be developed during Conclave, with the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Supreme Council is offering as many items for Conclave action prior to Conclave that they can. This helps provide an avenue for the delegates from the Collegiate and Professional Chapters to discuss items before Conclave with the members of their chapters. Some of these items are necessary for the operation of the Fraternity in the 56th Biennium (Setting fees, setting number of PR's), while others are related to the Health and Safety Policy implemented by the Supreme Council, I would ask that you and your chapter give these items thoughtful consideration before the beginning of Conclave.

The following pages list the items that have been received by my office for consideration at Conclave. There are two types of items that have been received:

Grand Chapter Motions to be Voted on at Conclave: Items that were received from a Grand Chapter Member who proposed the legislation and a separate Grand Chapter Member who seconded the motion. These motions will be ready to be voted upon by the Grand Chapter at Conclave.

Requests for Legislative Consideration by the Grand Chapter: Items that were received without a Grand Chapter Member making and another Grand Chapter member seconding the motion. These items will be published here for reference. For these items to become actionable legislative items, a member of the Grand Chapter must propose the legislation, and another Grand Chapter member must second the legislation.

If you have any questions on this, feel free to contact me at gr@alphachisigma.org.

Yours in the Double Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Stipp'.

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Grand Chapter Motions to be Voted on During Conclave:

Items that were received from a Grand Chapter Member who proposed the legislation and a Grand Chapter Member who seconded the motion. These motions will be ready to be voted upon by the Grand Chapter at Conclave.

Proposed Grand Chapter Resolution: Set Number of Professional Representatives

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Sean Pawlowski, GMC

Resolved, to set the number of Professional Representatives to eight for the 56th Biennium

Rationale:

Bylaw III, Section A.2 mandates that the Grand Chapter set the number of Professional Representatives each biennium. For reference, there were eight Professional Representatives during the 55th biennium.

For Reference:

Bylaw III Section A,2

The number of Professional Representatives shall be no greater than one-fifth of the number of active collegiate chapters, rounded to the next higher number. The number of Professional Representatives shall be determined by the Grand Chapter at each Conclave.

Proposed Grand Chapter Resolution: Sourcebook Format Clarification

Made by Sean Pawlowski, GMC

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

The canon of materials, distributed primarily to the pledges of the Fraternity, commonly referred to as the "pledge manual" or "Sourcebook" shall be distributed in an accessible format determined by the Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Rationale:

Previous sourcebook legislation was confusing, too strict on formatting, and contradictory. This allows the GMC to adapt the medium that the sourcebook is published in to be best accessible by the pledges.

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For Reference

47th Biennial Conclave, Grand Chapter Motion 16

The canon of materials, distributed primarily to the pledges of the Fraternity, commonly referred to as the "pledge manual", be distributed in a print-only format.

47th Biennial Conclave, Grand Chapter Motion 48

That the Grand Master of Ceremonies is directed to consider the restriction of information accessibility and the loss of usable materials and to reconsider financial impacts before committing to a singularly styled print version of all materials for pledge and membership education as well as public information.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Elimination of Supreme Council Expense Allotments

Made by Sean Pawlowski, GMC

Seconded by Merryn Cole, GCA

Delete Bylaw VII, Section G and correct the surviving section enumeration accordingly.

Replace the text of Bylaw VII, Section F with the following.

"Reasonable and customary business expenses incurred in and attributable to Fraternity service may be reimbursed from Grand Chapter funds upon authorization of the appropriate Grand Chapter Officer. Requests for such reimbursement must be submitted with appropriate justifying documentation to that authorizing officer within three months of the expenditure and no later than December 31 of that year."

Rationale:

The SC has not taken expense allotments for their respective offices since at least prior to 1994. Instead of allotments, the SC submits expenses for their expenses, which are then approved by other SC members and the GR. This is the same process that District Counselors and Professional Representatives follow. Removing Section G eliminates the long unused allotment provision, and altering section F to read three months helps ensure that reimbursements occur in a timely manner and are accounted for in the proper accounting quarter in which the expenses were incurred.

For Reference:

Bylaw VII.F

Application for reimbursement for expenses incurred in Fraternity service shall be presented to the appropriate Grand Chapter Officer no later than six months following such expenditures or prior to January 15 of the year following such expenditures, whichever is earlier. When leaving office, officers shall submit a full accounting for reimbursement at the time of transferring the offices to their successors.

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Bylaw VII.G

The Supreme Council may establish annual allotments for Grand Chapter Officers for miscellaneous expenses related to their offices. The total annual allotments shall not exceed 0.5% of the Grand Chapter budget for the previous year.

Proposed Constitution Amendment: Addition of Chapter Health and Safety Officer

Made by Helen Webster, GMA

Seconded by Kip Nalley, GPA

Article IV, Section D.1

Insert "Health and Safety Officer"

Rationale:

A Health and Safety officer is a common practice in other organizations and would help to increase the awareness of the Fraternity's Health and Safety Policy.

For Reference:

Article IV, Section D.1

The officers of each Collegiate Chapter shall be a Master Alchemist, Vice Master Alchemist, Reporter, Recorder, Treasurer, Master of Ceremonies, Alumni Secretary, and such other officers as the chapter may desire.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Conduct Committee

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Bylaw V

Add Section B.4:

4. Conduct - to consist of either:

- a. no less than 5 active members, including the Health and Safety Officer, appointed as described in chapter bylaws or,
- b. The Health and Safety Officer, Vice Master Alchemist, Treasurer, Master of Ceremonies, Reporter, and Recorder

Rationale:

A conduct committee would be a beneficial committee for the chapters and would play an important part in member discipline where appropriate.

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Proposed Constitution Amendment: Reporter and Health and Safety Officer Duties.

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Replace Article IV, Section 3.b. with:

- b. Report elections, initiations, deaths, *votes to expel or suspend a member as a result of Chapter Conduct Committee proceedings*, changes in status of members, election of officers, and matters of record as required by the Supreme Council.

Add Article IV, Section E.8:

The Health and Safety Officer shall:

- A. Be familiar with the Health and Safety Philosophy and Health and Safety Policies of Alpha Chi Sigma
- B. Be familiar with campus, local and national policies and regulations as they relate to the chapter
- C. Be a member of the Chapter Conduct Committee
- D. Assist with planning chapter events to ensure compliance with all policies and regulations.

Rationale:

A Health and Safety officer is a common practice in other organizations and would help to increase the awareness of the Fraternity's Health and Safety Policy. This defines the role of the Health and Safety officer specifically membership in the Chapter Conduct Committee. Also cleans up the role of the Reporter to report Chapter Conduct Committee proceedings which result in expulsion or suspension.

Proposed Constitution Amendment: Legal Agents of Grand Chapter

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Add Article IV, Section H

Neither Collegiate chapters nor their members shall act as the legal representative or agent of the Fraternity, nor shall they have the right to assume, create, or incur any liability of any kind, expressed or implied, against or in the name of or on behalf of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity or its affiliates.

Add Article V, Section G:

Neither Professional chapters nor their members shall act as the legal representative or agent of the Fraternity, nor shall they have the right to assume, create, or incur any liability of any kind, expressed or implied, against or in the name of or on behalf of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity or its affiliates.

Rationale:

These amendments help clarify that the legal representation for the Grand Chapter is the responsibility of the Grand Chapter and that financial liability against the Grand Chapter cannot be assumed by any subordinate chapter.

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Proposed Constitution Amendment: Supreme Council Conduct Duties

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Replace Article III, Section B.5 and B.7 renumber 8 to 7:

5. Hold conduct proceedings, institute sanctions, and carry out sanctions when necessary. Sanctions may be assigned to individual members or subordinate chapters.

Rationale:

This replaces the Revoke or Suspend Charter and Expel members for cause sections with the more general institute sanctions. These actions would be further spelled out in changes to Bylaw II in other proposed motions.

For Reference:

Article III, Section B.5

The Supreme Council is empowered to:

5. *Revoke or suspend the charter of any subordinate chapter.*

7. *Expel members for cause.*

Proposed Constitution Amendment: Collegiate Chapters Levying Sanctions Against Members

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Replace Article IV, Section C.10:

Conduct Chapter Conduct Committee proceedings, institute sanctions, and carry out sanctions when necessary.

Rationale:

This expands a Collegiate Chapter's ability to levy sanctions against chapter members for violations of various policies. Originally this only spelled out recommending expulsion. This new language expands upon those sanctions, and would include expulsion. These actions would be further spelled out in changes to Bylaw II in other proposed motions.

For Reference:

Article IV, Section C.10

The collegiate chapters shall:

Institute and carry out expulsion proceedings when necessary.

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Member Conduct

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Delete Bylaw I, C; Bylaw II, C,D; Bylaw III, F.

Add Bylaw II A-F (shown below).

Renumber current Bylaws II and higher to reflect change

BYLAW II – CONDUCT

Section A – Rights and Duties

1. Every member has a duty to understand and abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, their oath of membership, and resolutions and policies of the Grand Chapter and the Supreme Council, including the Health and Safety Policy; as well as any provisions of chapter bylaws or house rules. Ignorance of a specific provision is not an acceptable defense.
2. Members accused of conduct violations have the following rights:
 - a. To be informed of the charges against them;
 - b. To request an informal resolution of the case;
 - c. To be allowed a reasonable time to prepare a defense;
 - d. To hear and respond to evidence upon which a charge is based;
 - e. To appeal as provided herein;
 - f. To waive some or all of these rights.
3. Where required, notice may be given to any member or subordinate chapter in writing or via electronic mail.
4. Each subordinate chapter shall have jurisdiction to institute conduct proceedings concerning any of its members.
5. The Supreme Council shall have jurisdiction to institute conduct proceedings in the following cases:
 - a. All cases concerning any member of the Fraternity;
 - b. All cases concerning any subordinate chapter;
 - c. All cases primarily reserved to the subordinate chapters in which the subordinate chapter fails, neglects, or refuses, upon request of a majority of the Supreme Council, to institute and pursue conduct proceedings promptly to conclusion;
 - d. All other cases not herein provided for.

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6. The Supreme Council shall have appellate jurisdiction for all cases adjudicated under the provisions of Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaw II, Section C.

Section B – Standards of Due Process and Evidence

1. As used in this and the following sections:
 - a. “Complainant” shall refer to the member, or members who brought a complaint against another member per Section C of this Bylaw.
 - b. “Respondent” shall refer to that member or those members that are the subject of a written complaint submitted per Section C of this Bylaw.
 - c. “Designated representative” may be any member in good standing of the Fraternity willing to represent the Complainant or Respondent during the proceedings in the case.
2. Formal rules of evidence shall not be applied, nor will deviations from prescribed procedures necessarily invalidate a decision, unless significant prejudice to the Respondent or Complainant may result.
3. The complaint against the Respondent must be established by a preponderance of the evidence, meaning that a reasonable person would accept that “more likely than not” a fact is true or an incident occurred.

Section C – Case Resolution by the Collegiate Chapter

1. The Respondent or any other member simultaneously alleged to be involved in the same or similar conduct violations may not participate in the adjudication or appellate processes as described herein.
2. Any member of the Fraternity may refer another member suspected of violating this Code to the Master Alchemist and Chapter Conduct Committee of the suspected member’s chapter for resolution in accordance with chapter and Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaws. In order to initiate conduct proceedings, a written complaint must be filed with the Master Alchemist and Chapter Conduct Committee of the subordinate chapter.
3. Upon receipt of the written complaint, the Chapter Conduct Committee shall set a time and place for a meeting to hear the case. The meeting shall occur within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the written complaint. A copy of the complaint, together with notice of the time and place of the Chapter Conduct Committee meeting, shall be given to the Respondent at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. The Complainant shall first present

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their case, without the presence of the Respondent, after which the Respondent shall have a reasonable opportunity to present their defense.

4. Following the conclusion of all relevant testimony, the Respondent and Complainant shall be excused and a determination of responsibility shall be made by a majority vote of members hearing the case. If a majority of the members hearing the case vote in the affirmative, the Respondent shall be found responsible. The members hearing the case shall then consider and decide the sanction to be assigned in accordance with Chapter and Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaws.

5. The Respondent and the Chapter Conduct Committee may resolve the complaint through agreed resolution. In order for the matter to be resolved without a Chapter Conduct Committee meeting, the Respondent must waive their right to an appeal; accept responsibility for their conduct; and agree, in writing, to complete the sanctions recommended by the Chapter Conduct Committee.

6. Respondents who fail to appear or to be represented by another member, after proper notice, may be found responsible by default, at which time the Chapter Conduct Committee will determine the appropriate sanction.

7. The Respondent shall be promptly notified of the determination of responsibility and any sanctions assigned.

8. Minutes shall be kept of all conduct proceedings, summarizing the evidence presented, and maintained by the Chair of the Chapter Conduct Committee and include:

- a. Date of Chapter Conduct Committee meeting or chapter hearing;
- b. Name and address or e-mail address of Respondent;
- c. Chapter designation, school, and address;
- d. Copy of the written complaint;
- e. Summary of the evidence presented by the Complainant and Respondent;
- f. Determination of responsibility and the specific provisions of the Alpha Chi Sigma bylaws, chapter bylaws, or Fraternity Policy violated (if applicable);
- g. Sanctions assigned (if applicable);
- h. The name and address or e-mail address of the member who kept the minutes.

9. In the event that the Chapter Conduct Committee finds a member responsible for a conduct violation and votes to suspend or expel the member in accordance with the Alpha Chi Sigma bylaws, minutes from the proceedings and a copy of the sanctions must be sent

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to the Grand Collegiate Alchemist within ten (10) days after the sanction is assigned. No other results of Chapter Conduct Committee meetings need to be reported.

Section D – Case Resolution by the Supreme Council

1. Conduct proceedings concerning a member or chapter that are to be adjudicated by the Supreme Council shall be instituted upon receipt of a written complaint, signed by a member in good standing and filed with the National Office. The written complaint shall set forth the alleged conduct violations with sufficient facts or supporting documents to substantiate the allegation. Proceedings concerning a member or chapter may also be instituted by the Supreme Council without receipt of a written complaint.

2. In any proceeding under this section, the Respondent shall be given reasonable notice of the time and place of hearing. The proceeding shall be conducted so that the Respondent has a reasonable opportunity to present a defense. At the conclusion of the presentation of evidence, the hearing body shall consider its determination of responsibility. The hearing body may, by a majority vote, find the Respondent responsible for one or more of the alleged conduct violations. If the Respondent is found responsible, the hearing body shall consider the assignment of sanctions as presented herein. The Respondent shall be promptly notified of the determination of responsibility and any sanctions assigned. The hearing body and the Respondent may enter into an agreement to resolve the complaint in a way other than as herein provided.

3. If the Respondent fails to answer the complaint or fails to attend the hearing, the Respondent may be found responsible by default, at which time the hearing body will determine the appropriate sanction.

4. The Respondent may waive the right to a hearing and may consent to the assignment of a sanction as recommended by the Supreme Council.

Section E – Sanctions

1. The subordinate chapter or its Chapter Conduct Committee, or the Supreme Council, may assign one or more of the following sanctions to an individual by a majority vote, with each sanction being voted on separately:

a. Censure – a written reprimand for violation of specific provisions of the Alpha Chi Sigma constitution, Alpha Chi Sigma bylaws, chapter bylaws, or Fraternity Policy, including a warning that continuation or repetition of prohibited conduct may be cause for additional conduct proceedings.

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- b. Written apology to those wronged.
 - c. Probation – a designated period of time during which additional violations may result in more severe sanctions.
 - d. Educational sanctions – the completion of education programs or other discretionary sanctions necessary to develop the skills and/or knowledge necessary to prevent future violations.
 - e. Loss of privileges.
 - f. Exclusion from various fraternity activities.
 - g. Payment for loss or damage.
 - h. Removal from office – the Chapter Conduct Committee may not assign this sanction, but may forward a recommendation of removal from office to the subordinate chapter for final adjudication.
 - i. Other sanctions as agreed upon by the subordinate chapter or its Chapter Conduct Committee, or the Supreme Council, and the Respondent.
2. The Chapter Conduct Committee, after a determination of responsibility in a conduct proceeding, may by a four-fifths vote suspend a brother for a specified period of time, or expel the brother from the Fraternity. The member suspended or expelled shall have the right to have the sanction reviewed by the chapter, which may, by a two-thirds affirmative vote overturn a suspension, or by a three-fourths affirmative vote overturn an expulsion. Should a suspension or expulsion be overturned, the case shall be remanded to the Chapter Conduct Committee, which shall have the authority to assign any other sanctions provided for herein. The expulsion of a member shall not be effective until approved by the Supreme Council, who shall have the authority to assign a lesser sanction.
3. The Supreme Council, after a determination of responsibility in a conduct proceeding, may by a majority vote: suspend or expel a brother from the Fraternity, place a chapter on probation, suspend or revoke the charter of a subordinate chapter, and/or issue other orders to the chapter as it deems in the best interest of the Fraternity.
4. The suspension of a member deprives them temporarily of all rights and privileges in the Fraternity. During their suspension, they may not hold office, attend meetings, nor participate in any Fraternity activities. They shall at all times be subject to the discipline and laws of the Fraternity, and shall not be in good standing until the termination of the suspension.
5. The expulsion of a member is the permanent dissolution of the fraternal relationship between the individual and the Fraternity. An expelled member loses all rights and privileges and forfeits all claims on the Fraternity. The expelled member may not again

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become a member of the Fraternity in good standing unless a unanimous vote of the Supreme Council reinstates membership.

6. When a chapter is placed on probation, its charter shall be confiscated and forwarded by the District Counselor to the Grand Recorder, who shall retain possession during the period of probation. Probation terms will include activities the chapter must perform to be reinstated as chapter in good standing. Probation will continue until the charter is reinstated, suspended or revoked by a majority vote of the Supreme Council.

7. A subordinate chapter that has had its charter suspended shall cease to operate or be recognized as an active chapter of the Fraternity. The chapter's suspension shall be for a stated period of time within the discretion of the Supreme Council. At the end of the stated time period, the suspension will be lifted and one of the following actions shall be taken - The chapter will be returned to full active status by a majority vote of the Supreme Council, or the chapter will be placed on probation by a majority vote of the Supreme Council, or the chapter's charter will be revoked by a majority vote of the Supreme Council.

8. The members of a chapter on probation, a suspended chapter, or a chapter with a revoked charter shall be members in good standing unless included in the conduct proceedings against such chapter.

Section F - Appeals

1. Any brother found responsible of a conduct violation by the Chapter Conduct Committee of a subordinate chapter may appeal their case in accordance with the chapter bylaws. Once the appellant's right to an appeal, as defined by the chapter bylaws, has been exhausted, they may exercise a further right of appeal to the Supreme Council as herein described.

2. Appeals must be submitted in writing, and supporting documentation should accompany all appeal requests. Appeals shall be based on one or more of the following grounds:

- a. Procedural error that substantially affected the outcome of the case.
- b. New information that was not available at the time of adjudication that could substantially affect the finding of responsibility.
- c. Finding of responsibility against the weight of the evidence.
- d. Sanctions that are disproportionately severe in light of the violation committed.

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3. Except as required to explain the basis of new information, an appeal shall be limited to a review of the decision letter issued in accordance with the Alpha Chi Sigma Bylaws, the minutes of the conduct proceedings as defined herein, the appellant's written statement, and any written response or memoranda prepared by the Chapter Conduct Committee, subordinate chapter, District Counselor, and/or the Supreme Council.

4. Any brother exercising their right of appeal to the Supreme Council or its designee must do so by filing a written notice of appeal with the National Office within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the chapter appellate process and the appeal shall be adjudicated within sixty (60) days thereafter.

Rationale:

This rewrites the discipline procedure for both members and chapters. This essentially qualifies as the "Enforcement" piece of the 3P2E Health and Safety initiative that the Supreme Council has been developing over the biennium. It serves to act as a way to spell out discipline procedures against members and chapters as well as how the rights of those accused will be preserved during investigations.

For Reference:

See Constitution and Bylaws 2018 - 2020

Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Inactive Chapters

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Bylaw II

Replace section E.2, E.3.

E.2 A chapter whose charter has been revoked shall be considered to be de facto inactive.

E.3 When a chapter is declared inactive, it is the revocation of all its rights and privileges. All of the chapter's property rights shall be transferred to the Grand Chapter, which shall have the right to enforce ownership of property rights in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Rationale:

This section was written before Suspension was a possible sanction for chapters. This change defines the property rights of the Fraternity for chapters who have had their charters revoked or declared inactive.

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For Reference

Current Bylaw II, Section E.

Section E - Inactive Chapters

- 1. The Supreme Council shall declare a Subordinate Chapter inactive if no activity has been reported for three consecutive years.*
- 2. A chapter whose charter has been suspended or revoked shall be considered to be de facto inactive.*
- 3. When a chapter is declared inactive, all property of the chapter, except that provided for by incorporation, shall pass to the Grand Chapter, in trust. The Supreme Council shall liquidate such assets as are required to pay claims against the chapter so far as the assets will permit. If the chapter is not reactivated within five years, the Grand Chapter may dispose of any residue in any manner it sees fit.*
- 4. When a chapter becomes inactive, the Grand Chapter shall receive and retain the charter, records, and regalia of the chapter.*
- 5. The Grand Chapter shall be the sole representative and authorized agent of the inactive chapter in all matters.*

Proposed Constitution Amendment: Elimination of Appeal Clause on Charter Revocation

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA
Delete Article II, Section B.2

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Rationale:

This section has been recommended to be removed by both the Fraternity's legal counsel and by the Fraternity's insurance broker. Although intended as a check and balance, it actually impedes the ability of the Supreme Council to enforce the Health and Safety Policy. If a chapter is able to avoid consequences of having their charter revoked, they could continue to perpetuate activities or behaviors where members could be injured, thus increasing the likelihood of a lawsuit.

For Reference:

Article II, Section B.2

The Grand Chapter may, by a three-fourths majority, overrule the revocation of a charter upon the appeal of a chapter which has had its charter revoked by the Supreme Council.

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Change to Withdrawal of Membership Invitation

Made by Kip Nalley, GPA

Seconded by Helen Webster, GMA

Replace Bylaw I, Section 8.e with the following:

The withdrawal of an invitation to membership is the dissolution of the fraternal relationship between the individual and the Fraternity. The individual whose invitation to membership has been revoked loses all rights and privileges and forfeits all claims on the Fraternity. The individual may not again become a pledge of the Fraternity unless another invitation to membership is extended in accordance with the chapter bylaws.

Rationale:

This change further clarifies what happens when an invitation to membership has been revoked.

For Reference:

Bylaw I, Section 8

8. *The procedure for withdrawal of an invitation to membership shall be:*

- a. Any chapter member, at a regular meeting of the chapter, may move the withdrawal of an invitation to membership for reasons involving dishonorable conduct, consistent scholastic failure, lack of interest in the Fraternity, or injury to the Fraternity if the person is initiated.*
- b. At least seven days prior to the meeting at which a vote on the motion will be taken, the chapter shall give all of its active members written notice that a motion to withdraw an invitation to membership is pending and the time and place of the meeting.*
- c. A one-third vote of the chapter's active members by ballot shall be necessary for the withdrawal of an invitation to membership.*
- d. Members unavoidably absent from the meeting at which the vote will be held may submit their ballots to the Recorder prior to the meeting.*
- e. No individual desiring membership who has qualified under the provisions of this Section shall be denied timely initiation into membership except by the foregoing procedure.*

Proposed Constitution Amendment: Elimination of House Fund Part I

Made by Geoff Giarmo, NDC

Seconded by Hannah Bowman, NCDC

Constitution, Article II, Section 1.B.
Remove subsection h. in its entirety.

For Reference

Constitution Article II, Section B

(The Grand Chapter shall) Maintain a House Fund for the purpose of receiving monies contributed for loans to Housing Corporations established in accordance with the Bylaws

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Elimination of House Fund Part II

Made by Geoff Giarmo, NDC

Seconded by Hannah Bowman, NCDC

Amend the Bylaws, Bylaw VII, Section C.2
Remove the words "or House Fund".

For Reference

Bylaw VII, Section C.2

Any member who contributes a sum of money, in an amount chosen by the Supreme Council, to the Alpha Chi Sigma Reserve Fund or House Fund shall be designated as a permanent active Professional member provided the payment of Lifetime membership fees has been completed. This contribution may be made in a lump sum or in installments of not less than 10% of the total in addition to annual voluntary Professional Contributions.

Proposed Grand Chapter Resolution: Elimination of House Fund Part III

Made by Geoff Giarmo, NDC

Seconded by Hannah Bowman, NCDC

Resolved that the Grand Recorder is directed to investigate closing the House Fund and transferring the funds into the Reserve Fund. They shall report to the Supreme Council on the feasibility and costs within 1 year, at which time the Supreme Council shall decide on the appropriate course of action. The recommendation and final decision shall be reported to the Grand Chapter at the next biennial Conclave.

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Requested Constitution Amendment for Consideration: Change to Minimum Number of Hexagon Issues per Year

Made by Geoff Giarmo, NDC

Requires Seconder from Grand Chapter

Replace Article X Section A with the following:

The Fraternity shall publish a journal to be issued at least annually. It shall be called "THE HEXAGON OF ALPHA CHI SIGMA."

For Reference

Constitution Article X, Section A

The Fraternity shall publish a journal to be issued at least four times annually. It shall be called "THE HEXAGON OF ALPHA CHI SIGMA."