

Northeastern – 2022 Provincial Council Meeting

HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail a Bylaw amendment submitted to the Northeastern Provincial Council for consideration. Any amendment that passes will be considered at the 2022 Special Grand Chapter Congress in July. Bylaw amendments must achieve a 2/3 majority vote at Congress to pass.

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

PROPOSAL

BYLAW PROPOSAL 1 – Bylaws Article VIII, Section 4

SUBMITTED BY:

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(This proposal will also be submitted by Dayton Alumni Chapter and DC Metro Alumni Chapter as co-sponsors. Other chapters for other provinces may also be joining as co-sponsors.)

DATE: December 17, 2021

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

This recommendation is intended to ensure that all Regional Vice Presidents come from the region that they serve, if possible. In addition, this special election process is designed to mirror the regular election procedures more closely. In the case of a tie vote, it helps to ensure that the new Regional Vice President is someone who received votes from the chapters in the region. Furthermore, if multiple individuals are willing, able, and qualified to run for the position that the selected individual is one of the eligible candidates.

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

ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

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 THERE BE TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES WITH NONE RECEIVING A MAJORITY OF VOTES, A SECOND VOTE OF THE TWO CANDIDATES WITH THE MOST VOTES SHALL BE ADMINISTERED TO ALL CHAPTERS IN THE REGION. SHOULD THE SECOND VOTE FAIL TO RESULT IN AN ELECTED REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, THE PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT SHALL SELECT ONE OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE REVOTE AS THE NEW REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT. Should ~~the special election fail to result in an elected Regional Vice President,~~ THERE BE NO CANDIDATES FOR 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.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

At the conclusion of the 2022 Grand Chapter Congress.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Would ensure that, if available, chapters are served by a Regional Vice President residing in the region.
- Would ensure that chapters are given a fair chance to have their voices heard.
- Keeps procedures closer to those used for a Grand Chapter Congress election.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Provincial Vice Presidents may feel that the available individuals are not fit for the role of Regional Vice President.
- Current language allows for flexibility and continuity in cases where no one was available at time of Grand Chapter Congress as it allows for the interim to continue serving the region.

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

- Possible costs with administering a revote. Lower travel costs associated with a local Regional Vice President.

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Passed

Passed as amended

Failed

BYLAW PROPOSAL 2 – Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3, and Bylaws Article IV, Section 5

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: December 21, 2021

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.

This proposal moves the election of Regional Vice Presidents to the Provincial Council Meetings in odd numbered years.

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

ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Section 3. Election and Tenure of Office --- All Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in good standing in their respective regions at ~~the Grand Chapter Congress~~ **THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS.**

They shall take office immediately upon adjournment of the **next** Grand Chapter Congress and shall serve for a period of two (2) years and until their successors are elected and duly qualified. Regional Vice Presidents may serve four (4) consecutive elected terms.

IN THE EVENT THAT AN ELECTION AT THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING DOES NOT RESULT IN A WINNER, A SECOND ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE NEXT GRAND CHAPTER CONGRESS.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5. Election and Tenure of Office --- All Grand Officers, except the Collegians of the Year, **THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS**, and the Executive Director, shall be elected at the Grand Chapter Congress. The Grand President and the Vice President-Finance shall be elected by the Grand Chapter. The Provincial Vice Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in their respective Provinces. The Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in their respective Regions **DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS.** All Grand Officers, except the Collegian of the Year and the Executive, shall take office immediately upon the final adjournment of the Grand Chapter Congress at which they are elected and shall serve for a period of two (2) years and until their successors are elected and duly qualified. No Grand Officer shall serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive full terms with the exception of Provincial Vice Presidents and the Regional Vice Presidents who may serve four (4) consecutive full terms. Any election to fill a vacancy covering a partial term will not be considered in ascertaining the number of consecutive terms. The Collegians of the Year shall be selected as prescribed by the Board of

Directors and the Laws of the Fraternity and shall serve a two (2) year term as designated by the Board of Directors.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

At the conclusion of the 2022 Grand Chapter Congress.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Moves the election of the Regional Vice President to a more localized event, potentially allowing a greater number of constituents to attend the speeches and Q&A. Gives the RVP-elect several months to prepare for their terms by attending training sessions and building their team of District Directors and Assistant District Directors, so that chapters begin the next biennium with volunteers in place.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Potential negative impact on team dynamist within the Provincial Leadership team as RVPs will be elected months before the Provincial Vice President and may have opportunities to bond as a group during that time.

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

Staff time may be required, as Provincial Council agendas will need to be adjusted. There could be opportunities for virtual caucuses prior to council meeting and virtual training sessions between the council meetings and Grand Chapter Congress. Depending on subsequently created and approved policies for implementation there may be additional hosting or lodging expenses to be incorporated into Provincial Council meeting budgets.

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Passed

Passed as amended

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