

# **Southern – 2024 Provincial Council Meeting**

## **HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS**

This document describes in detail a Bylaw amendment submitted to the Southern Provincial Council for consideration. Any amendment that passes will be considered at the 2025 Grand Chapter Congress. 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

## PROPOSAL 1 – Bylaws Article II and Article IX

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**DATE:** December 10, 2023

### ***What does this proposal do?***

There is currently no limit as to how many chapters a District Director can serve during their year term. That leaves room for DDs to be appointed to an unlimited amount of chapters, which at some point becomes unbeneficial to those they are serving. This proposal limits that they serve a maximum of two chapters per term so they can focus on guiding the chapter(s) they are serving to the best of their ability while still giving the option if there is a shortage of volunteers for a term that someone is able to serve more than one chapter.

### ***How does this proposal impact our organizational Strategic Priorities and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives?***

We are always looking for membership engagement and by limiting how many chapters a District Director can serve in a term there is more room for more alumni to volunteer and get more involved in the Fraternity.

### ***Next Steps if Approved:***

If approved by the Provincial Council, it will be sent to the 2025 Grand Chapter Congress.

### ***History of Proposal:***

This has been in the works since 2022 when I left Cleveland and I have since spoken to the Southern Province Leaders, my alumni executive committee, the Executive Director Jeremy Levine, and Tyler Havens for guidance in making sure nothing was missed in writing this properly.

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

- Opportunity for more alumni membership engagement.
- Benefits the chapter(s); if you are serving less chapters you are focused more on each of them.
- If there is ever a vacancy there is still an option for a DD to serve more than one chapter.

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

- If there is an extreme shortage of volunteers one year this may cause an issue.

### ***Financial Impact:***

Staff time to update documents.

### ***Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date:***

At the conclusion of the 2025 Grand Chapter Congress, if approved by the Grand Chapter.

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

National Bylaws

**ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT**

~~Section 13. Districts — The chapters within a Region may be divided geographically into such Districts as may be deemed advisable for the proper administration of Fraternity affairs within the Region. The establishment of Districts shall be determined by the Regional Vice President.~~

**ARTICLE IX DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Appointment and Tenure of Office ---**

A District Director may be appointed by the Regional Vice President to ~~be in charge of~~ OVERSEE each CHAPTER ~~District~~ for a term expiring June 30th each year and may be removed at any time by order of the Regional Vice President or the Provincial Council. The Provincial Vice President may appoint, with notification to the respective Regional Vice President, a District Director for a ~~District~~ CHAPTER if a District Director has not been appointed by the Regional Vice President by October 15th of each year. Where there is a vacancy of a Regional Vice President, District Directors shall be appointed by the Provincial Vice President. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY SERVE NO MORE THAN TWO CHAPTERS AT ONCE AT ANY TIME DURING THEIR TERM.

**Section 3. Duties ---**

The duties of the District Directors shall consist of the supervision of THEIR CHAPTER ~~the chapters within the Districts to~~ which they have been appointed. They shall report directly to the Regional Vice Presidents who appointed them, the corresponding Provincial Vice President, the Grand President and the Executive Director on such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Provincial Council or the Board of Directors. The District Directors shall have further duties, responsibilities and authority as prescribed in the Laws of this Fraternity.

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