

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – 39TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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1 AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS
2 ARTICLE IV – NATIONAL CONVENTIONS
3 SECTION 6. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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PRESENT LANGUAGE

SECTION 6. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. The National Convention shall have:
The power to elect officers and Members of the National Board of Directors as herein prescribed.
The sole power to establish rituals, badges and other Fraternity insignia.
The sole power to revoke charters in the manner provided in Article IX, Section 5, of these Bylaws.
The sole power to impose and modify national fees and assessments on Chapters, Charter Petitioning Groups, Members and Pledges.
The power to suspend or expel a Member for just cause and after due deliberation.
The power to enact other legislation necessary for carrying on the work of the Fraternity.
The power to adopt resolutions and directives which shall be considered by the National Board of Directors.
The power to amend as prescribed in Article XIII.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

SECTION 6. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. The National Convention shall have:
The power to elect officers and Members of the National Board of Directors as herein prescribed.
The sole power to establish rituals, badges and other Fraternity insignia.
The sole power to revoke charters in the manner provided in Article IX, Section 5, of these Bylaws.
The sole power to impose and modify national fees and assessments on Chapters, Charter Petitioning Groups, Members and Pledges.
The sole power to establish any policies regarding the interpretation of, or establish any membership practices or policies within the governing documents of the National Fraternity, National Membership Policies, and the National Pledging Standards.
The power to suspend or expel a Member for just cause and after due deliberation.
The power to enact other legislation necessary for carrying on the work of the Fraternity.
The power to adopt resolutions and directives which shall be considered by the National Board of Directors.
The power to amend as prescribed in Article XIII.

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PURPOSE: To specify the sole responsibility of the National Convention to make interpretations, or establish membership policies in the National Fraternity's governing documents, National Membership Policies and the National Pledging Standards.

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RATIONALE: The National Convention, the supreme authority of the National Fraternity, shall have the sole power to interpret the governing documents of the National Fraternity and shall be responsible for establishing any policies regarding the interpretation of those governing documents. Furthermore, the National Convention shall have the sole power to establish any membership policies or practices within those governing documents. This amendment clarifies the responsibilities of the National Convention and ensures that no individual members or any conglomeration of Board of Directors shall take an opportunity to interpret the National Bylaws and other governing documents as they see fit to take actions based on personal agendas or political/religious beliefs towards any and all chapters or to lead the National Fraternity in a matter that they desire, rather than as how the student delegation of the National Convention and National Fraternity desires.

SUBMITTED BY: Delta Chapter

