

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT – 39<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION

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1 AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS  
2 ARTICLE V – NATIONAL OFFICERS  
3 SECTION 1. ELECTED NATIONAL OFFICERS  
4 (PART OF A PACKAGE OF MOTIONS)

### PRESENT LANGUAGE

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to serve more than three collectively consecutive  
terms as a Program Director regardless of program  
area.**

**The National Convention shall furthermore elect two  
Presidential Advisors from the body of Past National  
Presidents to serve for a term of two years or until  
their successors shall have been elected and qualified.**

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**The National President, National Vice-President,  
Finance & Operations Director, Membership &  
Extension Director, Marketing Director, Scouting &  
Youth Services Director, Service & Communications  
Director, Leadership Development Director, and two  
Presidential Advisors shall necessarily be elected in  
that order.**

**Those Past National Presidents, and the incumbent  
National President should they wish not to run for  
re-election, desiring to serve as Presidential Advisors  
shall submit their nominations in accordance with  
the procedures established in the Standing Rules of  
the National Convention. Upon the election of  
National President, if the incumbent National  
President is not re-elected, they shall be eligible for**

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**election as a Presidential Advisor by nomination  
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PURPOSE: To set terms of service limit on Program Director positions. To establish the policy for election of Presidential Advisors. To specify the exact order in which the President, Vice-President, Program Directors, and Presidential Advisors shall be elected.

RATIONALE: The limitation of terms of office ensures that Program Director positions have new leadership skills on a regular basis and further prevents the election of these positions to be based on popularity contests. Each candidate shall determine how they wish to participate in the National Fraternity and what positions they feel qualified for and shall testify to such during the Nominations Committee. Members having served three consecutive Program Director positions, regardless of which positions they may have been, shall be able to run for additional Program Director positions after a one term vacancy from status as a Program Director. This would become effective with this newest election of Program Directors; any prior terms of service would be disregarded in the three terms of service limitation. All members of the fraternity would start on the same basis vying for Program Director positions.

The specific election order shall ensure that each Program Director position is filled with the most qualified candidate, rather than selection of five or six program directors at large, and not necessarily being qualified for any and all positions. Limitations of this procedure is that each member is required to chose their highest preferences, and miss an opportunity to otherwise serve, however this procedure would help define each candidate's priorities and qualifications for each office they wish to serve on. Their preferences would be shared with the Nominations Committee and the committee would make recommendations accordingly. The effect would be that candidates would be listed on the appropriate nominations ballot for each election, and the Nominations committee would make an official recommendation to the National Convention that would be reasonable to the student delegation and nominees.

It is desirable to have Past National Presidents on the National Board of Directors; however it is desirable to limit the number on the Board. By selecting two Past National Presidents to serve as Presidential Advisors (name change for simplicity and clarity) the Board of Directors would have valuable input and advisement from Past National Presidents while reducing the number of votes on the board and removing emeritus status members. Interested Past National Presidents shall go through Nominations Committee to ensure that the student delegation may select the most qualified and desirable members to serve on the board. The incumbent National President may be nominated from the floor for the election of Presidential Advisors should the delegation not re-elect them as National President, yet the student delegation desire to have their leadership on the National Board. (For a power point presentation of the Proposed Board Restructuring go to [www.geocities.com/d1203moon/](http://www.geocities.com/d1203moon/))

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