

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.
2022 Grand Conclave
Constitution and Laws Committee

Proposal No. 22.04

A proposed amendment to the Constitution to provide for conducting a virtual meeting of the House of Delegates in the event of a national emergency or disaster.

The Constitution and Laws Committee hereby recommends that the following amendment be made to the Constitution of the Fraternity (deletions in strike through; additions underlined):

To amend ARTICLE V by adding a new Section 4 as follows:

SECTION 4. Virtual House of Delegates Meetings: The Board of Directors may determine, by a three-quarters vote, that because of a national emergency or disaster, a regular in-person House of Delegates meeting must be replaced with a virtual House of Delegates meeting to occur during the same time as the previously planned regular in-person House of Delegates meeting or within 90 days thereafter. A delegate to a virtual House of Delegates meeting may participate in the virtual House of Delegates meeting through use of electronic video screen communication, conference telephone, or other electronic communication. Such participation via electronic video screen communication, conference telephone, or other electronic communication constitutes presence at the virtual House of Delegates meeting so long as all delegates participating can hear one another.

Note on rationale for this legislation:

The Covid-19 pandemic forced the Fraternity to cancel its Centennial Grand Conclave, and while the Constitution was silent on the issue, it was not possible to hold even an abbreviated virtual meeting of the House of Delegates without a provision that authorized such meetings. In the event of a future national emergency or disaster, this addition to the Constitution will allow the Board of Directors, by a supermajority vote, to call a virtual meeting of the House of Delegates. Adding such a provision was also recommended by the Fraternity's outside counsel.

This legislation was originally proposed by the Board of Directors.

Passage of this legislation requires an affirmative three-quarters vote of the House of Delegates.

Eight minutes have been allocated for the discussion of Proposal 22.04.