

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

Proposal No. 22.17

Proposed Amendments to the Laws to make minor amendments, to correct errors in the Laws, and a grant of authority to the Board of Directors to correct any typographical, grammatical, or other non-substantial errors in the Laws and to re-number any sections as may be appropriate after the amendment process.

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

1. To amend LAW VII, Section 5 by amending the last sentence thereof as follows:

“A copy of the chapter laws and any changes thereto shall be deposited by each chapter with the Headquarters upon request.”

2. To amend LAW VII, Section 10 to strike the incorrect reference to “Law 16” and replace those words with “LAW XV”
3. To amend LAW XI, Section 5 by deleting the second, duplicate reference to the House of Delegates at the end of that paragraph.
4. To amend LAW XVIII, Section 3 to strike the incorrect reference to “Law 8” and replace those words with “LAW XIV”
5. To amend LAW XIV, Section 1, paragraphs G and J; LAW XV, Section 1, paragraph E and G; and also, to revise the Volunteer Social Responsibility Policy by striking the words “Risk Management Policy” and replacing them with “Member Safety and Wellness Policy” wherever they appear.

6. To amend LAW XIV, Section 7 as follows:

SECTION 7. Documentation: A written statement of all Standards Board decisions ~~and rulings~~ shall be delivered to all the parties involved with the charges. A copy of a Chapter Standards Board's written statement of its decisions ~~and rulings~~ will be delivered to the Chief Executive Officer, and a copy of Regional or National Standards Board's or Standards Board Review Board's written statement of its decisions ~~and rulings~~, along with the original Standards Board's written statement, will be delivered to the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Fraternity.

The Board of Directors is hereby granted the authority to make any non-substantial changes to the Laws solely for the purposes of (1) correcting typographical errors, (2) correcting grammatical errors, (3) correcting errors in punctuation, (4) correcting any other non-substantial errors in the text of the Laws, and (5) to re-number any sections as may be necessary after the amendment process.

Note on rationale for this legislation:

1. Though chapters and alumni associations are required by the Constitution and Laws to have certain provisions in their governing documents, it is too burdensome for chapters and associations to send those documents to Headquarters with every change, and for Headquarters to maintain and review copies of all those documents. This revision removes the requirement that each change be sent to Headquarters, while requiring chapters and associations to send their governing documents to Headquarters upon request.
2. The reference to Law 16 is incorrect.
3. The duplicate reference to the "House of Delegates" is a clear typographical error.
4. The reference to Law 8 is incorrect.
5. The Fraternity has changed terminology – the Risk Management Policy is now known as the Member Safety and Wellness Policy. These amendments update the language in the Laws and to the Volunteer Social Responsibility Policy to reflect that change.
6. This amendment is proposed to align the language of Law XIV, Section 7 with the amended National Standards Board Rules.
7. Minor errors are often created or identified by the amendment process, and sections often need to be renumbered after the amendment process. This provision gives the Board of Directors the explicit authority (which has been implied in the past) to make any such corrections without the necessity of sending the matter back to the House of Delegates.

This legislation was originally proposed by the Board of Directors.

Passage of this legislation requires an affirmative two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates.

Eight minutes have been allocated for the discussion of Proposal 22.17.