

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.  
2024 Grand Conclave  
Constitution and Laws Committee

Proposal No. 24.05

Proposed Amendments to the Laws to update the date and timing of the Call to the House of Delegates, as well as the date that proposed amendments to the Laws must be received to be included in the Call to the House of Delegates.

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 X, Section 11 as follows:

SECTION 11. House of Delegates Call: The biennial meeting of the House of Delegates shall be called by the President ~~not less than sixty (60) days before the convening-~~ according to the following procedures:

- A. Timing of Call. The Call shall be sent by April 15 of the year the meeting is to be held, or the next regular business day if that day falls on a weekend or holiday. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Call be sent less than sixty (60) days before the convening of the meeting of the House of Delegates.
- B. Contents of Call: The Call shall include (1) the date of the House of Delegates meeting, (2) the location of the House of Delegates meeting, (3) meeting registration information, and (4) a link to the Fraternity's website where additional information and documents to be included with the Call can be found. Any information or documents found on the Fraternity's website shall be deemed to be included with the Call.
- C. Method of Delivery: The Call shall be sent to each collegiate chapter, associate chapter, recognized alumni association, alumni chapter, director, past president, and Society of Seventeen member via email to their last email address on file with the Fraternity.
- D. Failure of Delivery: No failure of delivery of the Call to a delegate shall invalidate any action taken by the House of Delegates, so long as the information set forth in paragraph B above is timely included on the Fraternity's website.

2. To Amend Law XX, Section 1, paragraph C as follows:

- C. An amendment proposal with the exact wording of the Amendment and the names of the proponents must be received by the Chief Executive Officer by April ~~30<sup>th</sup>~~ 1<sup>st</sup>, or the next regular business day if that day falls on a weekend or holiday, of the year of the House of Delegates meeting.

Note on rationale for this legislation:

1. There has been some confusion regarding the contents and timing of the call to the House of Delegates meeting. The amendments to Law X are intended to clarify and explain the procedure calling the meeting of the House of Delegates.
2. Currently, Law XX provides that amendments to the Laws must be submitted by April 30 in the year the House of Delegates is held to be included with the call. This made sense when the meeting was held in August, but the Fraternity now holds its meeting in June close to Founder's Day, which means the deadline for submitting amendments comes after the deadline to send the call. This amendment moves the deadline for submitting amendments to the Laws before the deadline to send the call.

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.

Ten minutes have been allocated for the discussion of Proposal 24.05.