

Proposed Amendment to the Laws by the Board of Directors, Law VII, Section 5 (Page 20) as follows:

SECTION 5. Elections: Each collegiate chapter shall hold its regular election of officers according to a plan common throughout this Fraternity. It shall be defined by resolution of the Board of Directors. annually in November. Chapter officers shall take office no earlier than the first day of December and shall serve for twelve consecutive months. Members must meet academic and other eligibility requirements set by House of Delegates resolution to hold elective office in a collegiate chapter. Any member who fails to be eligible to hold an elected chapter office shall be replaced by the election of a new officer, who shall serve for the remainder of the regular term of office. Terms may be adjusted for trimesters.

Rationale:

1. The Fraternity Laws require officer elections in November and require new officers to take their positions on or after December 1.
2. The Fraternity may in the future desire to have officer elections coincide with the school year. This may be done for chapter convenience, broader trends in Greek life, or to move Webb Academy to the summer so that it may correspond with Grand Conclave or other events, which may result in financial advantages to chapters and the Fraternity.
3. Under the current setup, the convention would have to vote on this change to the Laws, which makes pursuing these opportunities difficult from a timing perspective.
4. Suggested action: the Laws on officer timing should follow the laws on officer positions, which is to say they are set by Board of Directors resolution