

Proposed Amendment to the Laws by the Board of Directors, Law XI, Section 3 (Page 25) as follows:

SECTION 3. Candidate Filing: Candidates for offices on the Board of Directors of the Fraternity shall file for office with the Chief Executive Officer on or before the 15th day of March in the year of the House of Delegates biennial meeting, or the next regular business day if that day falls on a weekend or holiday. Candidates shall be certified as eligible to hold office by the Chairman of the Election Commission to qualify for candidacy. Candidates shall file for office using the Candidate Filing Declaration form provided by the Election Commission, and this Candidate Filing Declaration must be received by the filing deadline for the candidate to be certified as eligible. The Declaration shall be submitted electronically to the electronic mail address designated by the Chief Executive Officer. However, should the number of eligible candidates filing for a position be the same or less than the number of seats open for the position then the filing deadline shall be extended (~~30~~10) days. And, further, should the number of eligible candidates filing for a position be less than the number of seats open for the position after the second extended deadline, then the filing deadline shall be extended 60 ~~10 business~~ days before the published opening date of the House of Delegates. An eligible candidate is defined as a member in good standing with the Fraternity who has completed orientation on the Fraternity's Governance Policies as approved by the Board of Directors.

Rationale: The existing extensions present logistical challenges:

- The first 30 days extension is the day immediately before the prescribed release of the Call, which can put undue burden on the staff to update the Call last minute.
- 10 business days inconsistently uses the word "business" and does not allow feasible time for the Nominations Committee to perform their work ahead of the House of Delegates meeting. The existing language was written prior to the use of virtual meetings, which is utilized to maximize efficiency of the in-person meeting.