

## **Resolution #GCC21-15**

### **Electronic Voting**

#### **WHEREAS**

Article IX, Section 1 of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Grand Chapter Bylaws states:

**Section 1:** *“When the Grand Chapter is in session, a proposed amendment to the Grand Chapter Bylaws of the Fraternity shall be presented in writing at a regular session of the Grand Chapter and shall set forth the Article and Section it is proposed to amend. Each proposed amendment shall be referred to a committee for its consideration and recommendation, and each proposed amendment approved by a majority vote of the Grand Chapter shall be declared in full force and effect”*; and

#### **WHEREAS**

Article IX, Section 2 of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Grand Chapter Bylaws states:

**Section 2:** *“When the Grand Chapter is not in session, the National Board of Directors may submit amendments to the Bylaws directly to the chapters, District Governors, and National Directors, with each of the foregoing entitled to one vote. A time limit of 15 days shall be allowed for written comments to be submitted, which will be mailed out unabridged upon request of the submitter along with a written ballot for such vote, and a time limit of 20 days thereafter shall be fixed within which votes shall be cast. Written comments shall be in a typed form not to exceed one page and shall be acceptable only from each member entitled to vote. All such submissions or mailings shall be by first-class mail. Any amendments approved by a majority of those voting shall be declared in full force and effect, provided that two-thirds of those eligible to vote shall have cast ballots”*; and

#### **WHEREAS**

Article IX, Section 3 of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Grand Chapter Bylaws states:

**Section 3:** *“When the Grand Chapter is not in session, the National Board of Directors, in the event of an emergency, shall be empowered to amend the Bylaws by a three-fourths vote of all Directors eligible to vote. Such an amendment must be ratified by a Grand Chapter mail vote, the vote to be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article IX, Section 2, of the Bylaws initiated within 10 days of such amendment, or by vote at the next Grand Chapter Conclave, whichever can be accomplished first, or the emergency amendment becomes null and void”*; and

#### **WHEREAS**

Mail votes are not the most efficient way for the Grand Chapter to review and vote on proposed amendments between Conclaves; and

## WHEREAS

The introduction of electronic voting systems provide a secure and efficient way for chapters, District Governors, and National Directors to vote on proposed amendments between Conclaves; therefore be it

## RESOLVED

Article IX, Section 2 be amended to read as follows (~~strikethrough~~ indicates removal of text; *italics* indicates new text, paragraphs will be renumbered as necessary):

**Section 2:** “When the Grand Chapter is not in session, the National Board of Directors may submit amendments to the Bylaws directly to the chapters, District Governors, and National Directors, with each of the foregoing entitled to one vote. A time limit of 15 days shall be allowed for written comments to be submitted *electronically*, which will be *distributed electronically* ~~mailed out~~ unabridged upon request of the submitter along with an *electronic* ballot for such vote, and a time limit of 20 days thereafter shall be fixed within which votes shall be cast. Written comments shall ~~be in a typed form~~ not to exceed one page and shall be acceptable only from each member entitled to vote. ~~All such submissions or mailings shall be by first-class mail.~~ Any amendments approved by a majority of those voting shall be declared in full force and effect, provided that two-thirds of those eligible to vote shall have cast ballots”; and be it

## FURTHER RESOLVED

Article IX, Section 3 be amended to read as follows:

**Section 3:** “When the Grand Chapter is not in session, the National Board of Directors, in the event of an emergency, shall be empowered to amend the Bylaws by a three-fourths vote of all Directors eligible to vote. Such an amendment must be ratified by a Grand Chapter ~~mail~~ vote, the vote to be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article IX, Section 2, of the Bylaws initiated within 10 days of such amendment, or by vote at the next Grand Chapter Conclave, whichever can be accomplished first, or the emergency amendment becomes null and void”, and be it

## FURTHER RESOLVED

Article III, Section 2 be amended to read as follows:

**Section 2.** The voting members of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:

(a) One undergraduate delegate elected by each undergraduate chapter holding a charter; and

(b) One undergraduate delegate from each undergraduate chapter with a charter held by an Alumni Advisory Council, appointed by said Alumni Advisory Council; and

**(c)** One undergraduate delegate elected by each Sigma Epsilon chapter which has been in existence for a period of at least one year; and

**(d)** One undergraduate delegate elected by each Sigma Epsilon chapter which has been in existence for less than one year, provided that said delegate has participated in a national leadership program prior to Conclave; and

**(e)** District Governors; and

**(f)** Members of the National Board of Directors.

Each of the foregoing members is entitled to cast one vote, *electronically or* in person, upon all questions.

Committee:	Bylaws Purple Committee
Committee Recommends:	Pass as amended
Grand Chapter Action:	Pass

Ryan Ware, Chairman, Bylaws Purple Committee  
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