

## **Resolution GCC25-1**

### **Remedying Clerical Errors in the Grand Chapter Bylaws**

#### **WHEREAS**

In 2023, the Grand Chapter Conclave enacted a resolution recodifying the Grand Chapter Bylaws to resolve ambiguities, remove outdated provisions, and reduce redundancy; and

#### **WHEREAS**

That resolution was not intended to affect substantive changes to the Bylaws; and

#### **WHEREAS**

Over the past two years, undergraduates and volunteers have identified inadvertent changes and errors that those revisions introduced; and

#### **WHEREAS**

The “Statement on Relationships” has been incorporated into the Risk Management Policies and is no longer a standalone section of the *Administrative Policies and Procedures* requiring removal to references to the standalone statement; therefore, be it

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Grand Chapter Bylaws are amended as follows to revert unintended substantive changes and eliminate compilation errors (~~striketrough~~ indicates removal of text; *{text}* indicates new text; subsequent paragraphs renumbered when necessary);

#### **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Section 11. Grounds for Member Discipline.**

A chapter having jurisdiction over its undergraduate members shall exercise its jurisdiction in cases involving the following violations of membership obligations:

- (c) Offenses against a chapter’s charter, the bylaws of the member’s chapter, these Grand Chapter Bylaws, the Administrative Policies and Procedures, *{or}* the Risk Management Policies, ~~or the Statement on Relationships~~.

##### **Section 15. Trial and appellate procedures.**

###### *(c) Appeals.*

###### *i) Preparation and Scheduling.*

A) Subject to the limitations in subsection 15(b) above, if the Standards Board votes to expel a member, that member shall have the right to appeal the decision to the chapter, subject to a vote by the chapter’s Undergraduate Members in good standing. Should the member appeal, his membership rights shall remain suspended until the chapter has considered and decided upon his appeal.

B) *{To exercise this right to appeal, the appealing member must notify the undergraduate Chapter President of his appeal in writing, within 20*

*days of receiving the decision of the Standards Board to expel the member from the chapter. The Chapter President will notify the Chaplain of the member's notice.}*

#### **Section 26. Procedure for reinstatement.**

(a) *Reinstatement following expulsion for indebtedness.* A member expelled for indebtedness may be reinstated provided the following criteria are met:

i) For Undergraduate Members:

- A) his petition for reinstatement is unanimously approved by his affiliated undergraduate chapter *{with respect to a debt to the chapter, or his affiliated chapter's AVC with respect to a debt to the AVC}*, and
- B) his petition is accompanied by a reinstatement fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or twenty-five percent of the amount of his indebtedness, whichever is greater, in addition to the amount of his indebtedness, none of which shall be refunded if the petition is denied.

#### **ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE GOVERNANCE**

##### **Section 9. Vacancies; inability to serve.**

**(b) *Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer.*** A vacancy occurring in the office of the Grand Secretary ~~or Grand Treasurer~~ between sessions of the Grand Chapter by reason of death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by an appointee who is otherwise qualified to serve in the office of the Grand Secretary and selected by a majority of the remaining voting members of the National Board of Directors.

***{(c) Grand Treasurer.}*** Notwithstanding Section 6(f) above, a vacancy occurring in the office of the Grand Treasurer between sessions of the Grand Chapter by reason of death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by any member of the Audit Committee or the Investment Committee by a majority of the remaining voting members of the National Board of Directors. The replacement so appointed shall hold office until the next regular session of the Grand Chapter.

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Committee:	Bylaws Purple Committee
Committee Recommends:	TBD
Grand Chapter Action:	TBD

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