

Resolution GCC25-3

Making the Ritual Task Force a Permanent Committee

WHEREAS

The Ritual and Guide of Sigma Phi Epsilon is the sum and summary of fraternity experience, connecting generations of Brothers across time and across the country through a common bond; and

WHEREAS

The Ritual, which impresses the true meaning of our fraternity onto all members, should be at the core of every action our organization and our members take; and

WHEREAS

No permanent, continuous body, such as Headquarters staff, the National Board of Directors, the District Governors, or a standing national committee has primary responsibility for stewarding SigEp's Ritual; and

WHEREAS

For the past several Conclaves, the Grand Chapter has authorized a series of temporary, two-year Ritual Task Forces to address contemporary projects involving the Ritual; and

WHEREAS

As the Ritual is a never-ending celebration of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the Ritual Task Force ought to be a permanent, standing committee to ensure the Ritual receives ongoing attention and resources; therefore, be it

RESOLVED

The Grand Chapter Bylaws are amended as follows to insert the following new sections to the end of Article IV:

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE GOVERNANCE

Ritual Task Force

Section 48. Standing Committee. The National Board of Directors shall maintain a Ritual Task Force as a standing committee.

Section 49. Composition. The Grand President shall appoint a chairman and members of the Ritual Task Force. The Ritual Task Force shall consist of a member of the National Board of Directors, a member of Headquarters Staff, one

or more undergraduate members, and one or more alumni members or volunteers. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Grand President.

Section 50. Duties. The Ritual Task Force shall advise the Grand Chapter, the National Board of Directors, Headquarters staff, and fraternity volunteers on the proper implementation, execution, performance, and study of Sigma Phi Epsilon's Ritual. This shall include, but is not limited to, advice relating to training, modifications, equipment, and performance at the Grand Chapter Conclave.

Section 51. Reporting. From time to time, the Ritual Task Force shall report on its activities and recommendations to the Grand Secretary. Additionally, the Ritual Task Force shall submit a biennial report of its activities and recommendations to the Ritual Committee of the Grand Chapter at each regular session thereof.

Section 52. Authority. The Ritual Task Force shall have the power to publish guidance and training for Ritual implementation and execution, to make sourcing decisions regarding Ritual equipment, and to issue updates to the Public Ceremonies of the Fraternity from time to time. The Ritual Task Force shall not have the power to amend the Rite of Brotherhood in the *Ritual and Guide of Sigma Phi Epsilon* except through the processes established in Section 14 of Article III, Legislative Governance.

Originator:	Ben Sardinas
Committee:	Ritual Committee
Committee Recommends:	TBD
Grand Chapter Action:	TBD

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