

Resolution GCC25-5

New Member Registration: Issuing Full Refunds within 30 Days

WHEREAS

Article VI, Section 1, of Sigma Phi Epsilon's Grand Chapter Bylaws outlines a requirement for new members to pay a lifetime membership fee upon joining the chapter; and

WHEREAS

Article VI, Section 2, of Sigma Phi Epsilon's Grand Chapter Bylaws allows for a ½ refund of this lifetime membership fee for new members who are reported as resigned within 30 days of joining the fraternity; and

WHEREAS

This fee combined with the partial refund has become a rationale for chapters to avoid registering their new members in a timely manner as chapters want to avoid paying fees for new members who do not retain their membership for more than a month; and

WHEREAS

The delay in registration limits what a new member's experience in the chapter can be, as they cannot have access to mySigEp or SigEpU, both of which are fundamental to their Balanced Man Program experience, nor are they eligible to receive their Founder's Badge, membership certificate or membership card; and

WHEREAS

The delay in registration is a risk for chapters as there will be members participating in regular chapter activities who are not covered by insurance; therefore, be it

RESOLVED

That the Grand Chapter Bylaws and Administrative Policies and Procedures, Article VI; Section 2 be amended as follows (~~striketrough~~ indicates removal of text; *italics* indicates new text):

Section 2. Refund.

If within thirty (30) days of registering with the Fraternity, a new member resigns, ~~one-half (1/2) of the~~ *the full amount of the* Lifetime Membership Fee invoiced will be credited to the chapter, and, if already paid, refunded to the chapter. The form requesting a refund must be completed and received at Headquarters within thirty (30) days of the resigning member's registration date. No other date will be accepted.

Originator:	James Balart, LA Beta
Committee:	Ways & Means Committee
Committee Recommends:	Pass
Grand Chapter Action:	Pass as amended

Hensley Reed, Chairman, Ways & Means Committee
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