

# Western - 2011 Provincial Council Meeting

## HOW TO USE THIS LEGISLATION BOOKLET AT PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

This document describes in detail a policy recommendation and two Bylaw amendments that have been proposed to the Western Provincial Council for consideration. Ritual proposals are in a separate document. The Bylaw amendment and Ritual proposals will go on to Grand Chapter Congress in 2011 for consideration.

Per Section O, Policy 12 of the National Fraternity Policies and Procedures, Provincial Councils establish the Regions and their boundaries within their respective Province.

- Bylaw amendments must achieve a 2/3 majority vote at Congress to pass.
- Ritual proposals must achieve a 3/4 majority vote at Congress to pass.
  - Any language with ~~striketroughs~~ would be deleted if the proposal or amendment passes.
  - Any language listed in **bold** indicates language that would be added if the amendment or proposal was adopted.
  - Language in *italics* is included occasionally for explanatory purposes.

### **EXAMPLE:**

~~Bylaws~~ - would be deleted

**Bylaws** - would be added

*Bylaws* - would be an explanatory note offering more detail or interpretation

# PROPOSALS

## **PROPOSAL 1 – Recommendation to the Western Provincial Council**

*(Note: This recommendation was tabled at the 2/28/10 Western Provincial Council meeting.)*

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### ***SUMMARIZATION OF THE PROPOSAL/RESOLUTION***

Create a new Region by splitting the Desert Mountain Region.

- Include Clark County, NV and the entire state of Arizona in the Grand Canyon Region.
- Include El Paso, TX and the entire state of New Mexico in the Desert Mountain Region.

### ***PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL/RESOLUTION AND REASON(S) FOR ITS SUBMISSION (may not exceed 100 words if ultimately submitted for Grand Chapter consideration)***

The Desert Mountain Region is entirely too large for one Regional Vice President to serve as an effective leader. Considering the large geographic area the region covers, training becomes a serious challenge and obstacle - even with District Directors. All chapters in the region would be better served by this reorganization by having the ability to have a Regional Vice President that is not an eight hour drive away.

### ***RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTATION DATE AND LOGIC FOR SELECTING THIS DATE***

July 1, 2011 - This would allow existing budgets to remain the same.

### ***\*POSITIVE ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL/RESOLUTION***

Increased communication, training, leadership, implementation, and relationships with the chapter. Decreased RVP budget for travel. Closer affiliation between chapters and region in order to establish new colonies.

### ***\*NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL/RESOLUTION***

Additional costs as stated below.

**Region Change List and Costs (as of 2011)**

There are a variety of costs and efforts involved in making changes to regions. These differ if the changes are names only, boundaries only or names and boundaries. Any such costs should be considered as a part of examining any change.

Region changes within a province are permitted by vote of a Provincial Council. *Province* changes require a vote of the Grand Chapter.

**A. Hard costs to add a region** (est. nearly \$5,000 every biennium)

- 1. Additional region awards presented by National Fraternity (annually up to) .....\$350
- 2. Additional Regional COY badge, certificate and scholarship (annually) .....\$600
- 3. New RVP attend GCC (biennial) .....\$1,000 (est.)
- 4. New RVP attend post-GCC Leadership Retreat (biennial) .....\$1,000 (est.)
- 5. Artwork/time to redraw maps in pledge manual (one time).....\$300 (est.)
- 6. New RVP costs to attend LEAD School (annual).....\$300 (est.)
- 7. Each RVP in a Province will receive less in reimbursement to attend a LEAD Provincial Conference (unless Provincial budget is increased).
- 8. Patriot Database -- both staff and vendor time -- est. for vendor depending on number chapters affected (listings, groupings, history) (one time). .....\$250 (est.)

**B. Costs/Actions needed to add or change regions:**

- 1. Chapter Map/Directory/CMP-related on web ..... Staff Time
- 2. Awards site changes – currently donated by James “Duckie” Webb (listings, groupings, reporting, automatic emails, etc.) .....Donated Time
- 3. Pledge Manual (listings, boundaries, maps)..... Staff Time
- 4. Policy Manual (listings, groupings) ..... Staff Time
- 5. Fundware/Accounting software (listings, groupings) ..... Staff Time
- 6. Alumni Contact Lists ..... Staff Time
- 7. Various chapter roll/historical listings/comparisons ..... Staff Time
- 8. RVP mailbox/email -- add one/changes ..... Staff Time
- 9. Congress related: ..... Volunteer/Staff Time
  - Nominations Form/Nominations Beacon/ process
  - Signage for GCC
  - Caucus Moderator

***\*PROVIDE A BRIEF COST ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSAL/RESOLUTION***

The breakdown of an additional RVP expense estimate per Central Office is as follows:

**Annual Costs:**

Regional COY Program and Scholarship - \$600 (est)

Regional Awards Program - (up to) \$350 (est)

RVP Attendance at LEAD School - \$300 (est)

RVP Budget Allotment - no increased cost (split current Desert Mountain RVP Budget)

Annual Total: \$1250

**Bi-annual Costs:**

RVP attendance at GCC - \$1000 (est)

RVP attendance at post-GCC retreat - \$1000 (est)

Biannual Expenses: \$2000

**One-Time Costs:**

Artwork to redraw maps in pledge manual - \$300 (est)

Patriot Database update - \$250 (est)

One Time Cost: \$550

Total Biannual Cost: \$3250 (est)

Total Annual Cost: \$1625 (est)

\*The National Fraternity reserves the right to provide additional information to the delegates in these categories.

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## **PROPOSAL 2 – Bylaw Amendment**

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### ***Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation.***

To amend Bylaw Article VIII, Section 2 to allow Regional Vice Presidents to reside outside the Region but within a reasonable distance.

### ***Current Bylaw:***

**Section 2. Qualifications for Office ---** To be eligible for election or appointment, a Regional Vice President shall have been a member of the Fraternity for at least three (3) years at time of election or appointment, shall be an Alumni Member and shall reside within the Region.

### ***Proposed Bylaw:***

**Section 2. Qualifications for Office ---** To be eligible for election or appointment, a Regional Vice President shall have been a member of the Fraternity for at least three (3) years at time of election or appointment, shall be an Alumni Member and shall reside within the Region **or not more than fifty (50) miles outside of any border of the Region. Regional Vice President nominations for those residing outside of the Region made from the floor at Congress must receive written approval from the Nominations Committee prior to submitting the nomination.**

### ***Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission***

To expand the pool of volunteer leaders to include those residing within a few miles of the regional border. Specifically, to allow for those potential volunteers who live within a metropolitan area that is divided by a regional boundary (such as Memphis, Louisville, Cincinnati). Those volunteers would qualify to run for RVP in their own region, but may be significantly farther from those chapters than the other region's chapters directly across the border. Further, this would eliminate the need for an RVP to resign simply because he/she moves to another area of his/her current city.

### ***Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date***

Effective immediately following approval vote at Grand Chapter Congress.

### ***Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation***

This will broaden the pool of potential volunteers and reduce vacancies in Regional Vice President positions. If desired, the Board of Directors could write Policy to dictate how and when the Nominations Committee should approve or deny requests.

***Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation***

Regional Vice Presidents may live a few miles farther from their chapters, but still a negligible difference.

***Provide a brief cost analysis of the Proposal/Recommendation (if applicable)***

There will be no cost associated with this change, as it would occur when bylaws are being reprinted and reissued anyway.

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## **PROPOSAL 3 – Bylaw Amendment**

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### ***Brief Summary of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission:***

From time to time within all Provinces, there are situations where the Fraternity cannot find a qualified Brother to fill the position of the Regional Vice President; thus, leaving the Region without leadership. This can have a negative impact on the chapters, leading to possible violations of bylaws, rules and regulations as well as financial obligations. Organizations need qualified leaders in certain positions to reduce any disruption or chaos. The Provincial Vice President by default assumes the Regional Vice President's position which creates a conflict for the time and effort of the Provincial Vice President. This proposal permits the Provincial Vice President to officially appoint an interim Regional Vice President.

### ***Proposal Details (and/or exact Policy or Bylaw Language proposed)***

#### **Article VIII**

**Section 2. Qualifications for Office ---** To be eligible for election or appointment, a Regional Vice President shall have been a member of the Fraternity for at least three (3) years at time of election or appointment, shall be an Alumni Member and shall reside within the Region, **except as specified in Section 4 of this article.**

**Section 4. Vacancies ---** Should a vacancy occur in the office of Regional Vice President, the Provincial Vice President shall have the duty of appointing an interim Regional Vice President to serve pending a special election in the Region. The special election shall be conducted by the Provincial Vice President within sixty (60) days of notification of the vacancy. **Should the special election fail to result in an elected Regional Vice President, the Provincial Vice President may then appoint a Regional Vice President to fill the remainder of the term. The appointee may reside outside the regional borders.**

#### ***\*Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation***

The specified Region will continue to have a person in the leadership position; thus, continuing to manage and lead all collegiate and alumni chapters. This proposal will resolve a long standing situation when a vacancy cannot be filled.

***\*Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation***

Some Brothers may struggle with the concept of having a Regional Vice President not living inside their Region.

***\*Provide a brief financial analysis (cost and benefits) of the Proposal/Recommendation (if applicable)***

There should be no cost, just minimal time to update The National Bylaws.

***Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date***

Upon closing of the Grand Chapter Congress – August 2011.

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