Proposal to Amend Bylaws

Proposal #	Title	Article	Section	Proposed by
21-11	**Parliamentary Authority**	**XI**		**Sigma Governance Committee**

Current Language:	***Proposed Changes:***	***If Adopted:***
The rules contained in the most recently published edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order the society may adopt.	The rules contained in the ~~most recently published~~ **twelfth** edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order the society may adopt. **When a new edition of the parliamentary authority is published, the Sigma board of directors may, by majority vote, update the edition reference in the bylaws. Members shall be notified after the change is made.**	The rules contained in the twelfth edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order the society may adopt. When a new edition of the parliamentary authority is published, the Sigma board of directors may, by majority vote, update the edition reference in the bylaws. Members shall be notified after the change is made.

Rationale:
Having the correct edition of the parliamentary authority helps members find the right book when they need to use it. However, requiring the entire house of delegates to amend the bylaws when the book is updated may delay the adoption of the most recent parliamentary best practices. The Sigma board of directors should be able to make this change following a study of the changes and the adoption of special rules of order as necessary.

Impact on Chapters:
If passed, Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority of the chapter bylaws will be updated to reflect that the twelfth edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be used. When new editions are published, and if the Sigma board of directors votes to update the edition reference in the international bylaws, the chapter bylaws will also be updated.