Proposal to Amend Bylaws

Proposal #	Title	Article	Section	Proposed by
21-12	**Amendments**	**XII**	**1**	**Sigma Governance Committee**

Current Language:	***Proposed Changes:***	***If Adopted:***
A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the house of delegates by a three-fourths vote, provided that all proposed amendments have been received by the secretary two months preceding the meeting, and that the proposed amendments shall be appended to the call to the meeting of the house of delegates. If such notice is not provided, these bylaws may be amended only by unanimous vote of the house of delegates. B. Amendments approved by the house of delegates shall be subject to ratification by the Sigma board of directors. C. Amendments to these bylaws approved by the house of delegates or editorial changes approved by the Sigma board of directors that are also applicable to the chapters shall be incorporated into the chapter bylaws.	A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the house of delegates by a ~~three-fourths~~ **two-thirds** vote, provided that all proposed amendments have been received by the secretary two months preceding the meeting, and that the proposed amendments shall be appended to the call to the meeting of the house of delegates. ~~If such notice is not provided, these bylaws may be amended only by unanimous vote of the house of delegates.~~ B. Amendments approved by the house of delegates shall be subject to ratification by the Sigma board of directors. C. Amendments to these bylaws approved by the house of delegates or editorial changes approved by the Sigma board of directors that are also applicable to the chapters shall be incorporated into the chapter bylaws **template**.	A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the house of delegates by a two-thirds vote, provided that all proposed amendments have been received by the secretary two months preceding the meeting, and that the proposed amendments shall be appended to the call to the meeting of the house of delegates. B. Amendments approved by the house of delegates shall be subject to ratification by the Sigma board of directors. C. Amendments to these bylaws approved by the house of delegates or editorial changes approved by the Sigma board of directors that are also applicable to the chapters shall be incorporated into the chapter bylaws template.

Rationale:
A two-thirds vote is sufficient to amend Sigma bylaws and meets parliamentary best practices.

Amendments made without notice, requiring subsequent unanimous votes, have not occurred in the organization's history. Delegates should be given time to review, consider, and discuss significant amendments; therefore, the provision for the introduction of new amendments at the house of delegates has been removed. Formal recommendations for amendments must be submitted to the elected Governance Committee in advance of the house of delegates.

Impact on Chapters:
This bylaw section only appears in the international bylaws; therefore. no changes in the chapter bylaws.