Proposal to Amend Sigma Bylaws

Proposal #	Title	Article	Section	Proposed by
21-02	**House of Delegates Meetings**	**VII**	**3.A.**	**Sigma Governance Committee**

Current Language:	***Proposed Changes:***	***If Adopted:***
A. The house of delegates shall meet at the biennial convention and as determined by the Sigma board of directors. A quorum shall consist of four officers, three non-officer directors, and delegates from three-fourths of the chapters. B. The call to the convention shall be sent at least one month prior to the meeting date to all delegates.	A. The house of delegates shall meet ~~at the biennial convention and~~ as determined by the Sigma board of directors, **including by electronic means as allowed by law. The call to the meeting shall be sent to delegates at least thirty days prior to the meeting date.** A quorum shall consist of four officers, three non-officer directors, and delegates from three-fourths of the chapters. ~~B. The call to the convention shall be sent at least one month prior to the meeting date to all delegates.~~	The house of delegates shall meet as determined by the Sigma board of directors, including by electronic means as allowed by law. The call to the meeting shall be sent to delegates at least thirty days prior to the meeting date. A quorum shall consist of four officers, three non-officer directors, and delegates from three-fourths of the chapters.
Conforming amendments: *If the above amendment is adopted, the following amendments will be automatically adopted to conform to that decision.*		
Article VII, Section 3.D.: Chapter delegates may also vote electronically on the society's articles of incorporation under procedures and time limitations determined by the board.	*Article VII, Section 3.D.:* ~~Chapter delegates may also vote electronically on the society's articles of incorporation under procedures and time limitations determined by the board.~~ **In odd-numbered years, the annual meeting of the members is also the reporting session of the house of delegates.**	*Article VII, Section 3.D.:* In odd-numbered years, the annual meeting of the members is also the reporting session of the house of delegates.
Article VII, Section 3.E.: If election voting cannot occur during the scheduled house of delegates due to emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances, chapter delegates may vote electronically.	*Article VII, Section 3.E.:* ~~If election voting cannot occur during the scheduled house of delegates due to emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances, chapter delegates may vote electronically.~~	*None. Strike and renumber accordingly.*
Article VII, Section 2: The legislative and judicial powers of the society shall be vested in the house of delegates. As such, the house shall have the authority to nominate and elect officers, directors, and other positions as allowed by these bylaws; amend the society's articles of incorporation and bylaws; levy special assessments by a three-fourths vote; receive the budget as	*Article VII, Section 2:* The legislative and judicial powers of the society shall be vested in the house of delegates. As such, the house shall have the authority to nominate and elect officers, directors, and other positions as allowed by these bylaws; amend the society's articles of incorporation and bylaws; levy special assessments by a three-fourths vote; receive the budget as	*Article VII, Section 2:* The legislative and judicial powers of the society shall be vested in the house of delegates. As such, the house shall have the authority to nominate and elect officers, directors, and other positions as allowed by these bylaws; amend the society's articles of incorporation and bylaws; levy special assessments by a three-fourths vote; receive the budget as approved by the

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approved by the board; and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the house of delegates at the biennial convention.	approved by the board; and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the house of delegates ~~at the biennial convention~~.	board; and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the house of delegates.
Article VIII, Section 2.F.: Chapters shall fulfill the following requirements: • Support the purposes of this society; • Select and induct eligible members a minimum of one time annually. • Observe the provisions of these bylaws, comply with the society's policies and regulations, and meet all financial obligations; • Participate in the biennial convention house of delegates and other business brought forth during the term; • File required reports according to established guidelines. • Elect at minimum a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and counselor. Duties and terms of office shall be outlined in the chapter bylaws; • Establish the following standing committees: governance (appointed or elected) and leadership succession (elected); • Conduct at least one business meeting each year (may be held by electronic means) that includes the presentation of annual reports and a financial report; and • Support at least two events or programs annually, supporting the purposes and goals of the society.	*Article VIII, Section 2.F.:* Chapters shall fulfill the following requirements: • Support the purposes of this society; • Select and induct eligible members a minimum of one time annually. • Observe the provisions of these bylaws, comply with the society's policies and regulations, and meet all financial obligations; • Participate in the ~~biennial convention~~ house of delegates and other business brought forth during the term; and • File required reports according to established guidelines. • Elect at minimum a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and counselor. Duties and terms of office shall be outlined in the chapter bylaws; • Establish the following standing committees: governance (appointed or elected) and leadership succession (elected); • Conduct at least one business meeting each year (may be held by electronic means) that includes the presentation of annual reports and a financial report; and • Support at least two events or programs annually, supporting the purposes and goals of the society.	*Article VIII, Section 2.F.:* Chapters shall fulfill the following requirements: • Support the purposes of this society; • Select and induct eligible members a minimum of one time annually. • Observe the provisions of these bylaws, comply with the society's policies and regulations, and meet all financial obligations; • Participate in the house of delegates and other business brought forth during the term; and • File required reports according to established guidelines. • Elect at minimum a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and counselor. Duties and terms of office shall be outlined in the chapter bylaws; • Establish the following standing committees: governance (appointed or elected) and leadership succession (elected); • Conduct at least one business meeting each year (may be held by electronic means) that includes the presentation of annual reports and a financial report; and • Support at least two events or programs annually, supporting the purposes and goals of the society.

Rationale:

This proposal moves mention of the ability of the house of delegates to meet by electronic means from Section 3.E. and incorporates it into Section 3.A. The phrase “as allowed by law” refers to Indiana law, where Sigma is incorporated.

This proposal also removes the term “biennial convention” in connection with the house of delegates meetings.

Impact on Chapters:

Most of the changes in this proposal are unique to the international bylaws, and therefore do not impact chapter bylaws. If approved, Article V. Section 2. House of Delegates of the chapter bylaws will be updated to state that the house of delegates shall meet as determined by the Sigma board of directors, including by electronic means as allowed by law. Section 3.c. of the chapter bylaws will be updated to remove the term biennial convention.