Proposal to Amend Sigma Bylaws

Proposal #	Title	Article	Section	Proposed by
21-04	**House of Delegates Authority**	**VII**	**2**	**Sigma Governance Committee**

Current Language:	***Proposed Changes:***	***If Adopted:***
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 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.	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~~ **two-thirds** vote; ~~receive the budget as 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.	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 two-thirds vote; 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.

Rationale:
Receiving the budget after it has been approved by the board isn't a type of authority and does not require action to be taken. A financial report is presented as part of the membership meeting portion of the house of delegates as mentioned in Article V. Membership Meetings.

The voting threshold for special assessments is reduced from three-fourths to two-thirds, which is a more reasonable requirement and meets parliamentary best practices.

Impact on Chapters:
These proposed changes pertain only to the international bylaws and do not impact chapter bylaws.