

2025 National Constitution Proposed Amendments

Grand Chapter Business

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The 2025 Grand Chapter agenda will include the following proposed amendments: Seven National Constitution amendments. Proposed changes are indicated using underlines and strikeouts.

Proposed additions – underlined Proposed deletions – ~~strikeout line~~ through text

National Constitution Proposed Amendments - 7 Total Submissions

1. Article IV, Membership, Section 9: Active and Inactive Collegiate Members

Proposed by Senior Vice President Costantino

2. Article VI, National Council, Section 6: Qualifications

Proposed by Senior Vice President Costantino

3. Article IX: Collegiate Chapters, Section 5: Recruitment and Initiation Requirements

Proposed by National President Christiansen

4. Article XII: Meetings and Events, Section 5: Events and Activities

Proposed by Senior Vice President Costantino

5. Article XIII: National Council Standing Committees, Section 6: Constitution and Chapter Standards Committee

Proposed by Senior Vice President Costantino

6. Article XIX: National Awards, Section 1: National Award Eligibility

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#1 Proposed amendment submitted by Senior Vice President Costantino

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 9: Active and Inactive Collegiate Members

All Collegiate Members shall be considered Active, and thus subject to the attendance requirements and financial obligations of the Collegiate Chapter unless the Member has applied for, and been granted, one of the following:

A. National Inactivity

Collegiate Members who are currently participating in an accredited or academically recognized cooperative education program, internship or study abroad program which does not meet or hold classes at the sheltering institution, or who have an extraordinary situation as determined by the National Office, shall be eligible for National Inactivity. Nationally Inactive Collegiate Members shall be exempt from paying National dues and shall not be subject to attendance requirements of the Collegiate Chapter. National Inactivity may only be granted by the National Office

Submitting Entity Written Objective:

This amendment's objective is to allow the National Office flexibility to meet the needs of Collegiate Members who may not meet the current requirements for National Inactivity.

C&CSC Impartial Summary:

This amendment would allow the National Office to consider a wider range of requests in determining the granting of inactive status for Collegiate Members than the Constitution currently allows. Extraordinary situations would be a determination by the National Office.

#2 Proposed amendment submitted by Senior Vice President Costantino

ARTICLE VI: NATIONAL COUNCIL

Section 6: Qualifications

The qualifications for National Officers shall be as follows: All candidates shall be Members in good standing, who have been active in Phi Sigma Pi for at least twelve (12) months ~~two (2) semesters or three (3) quarters, not including the semester or quarter of induction~~. Candidates for National President shall have served on the National Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to election as National President.

Submitting Entity Written Objective:

The objective of this amendment is to utilize more universal language in measuring the timespan from induction for National Officer eligibility.

C&CSC Impartial Summary:

This amendment would change the eligibility period for Members running for National Council from a

semester or quarter-based timeframe to a month-based timeframe.

#3 Proposed amendment submitted by National President Brian Christiansen

ARTICLE IX: COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Section 5: Recruitment and Initiation Requirements

Each Collegiate Chapter shall be required to meet the following minimum recruitment and Initiation requirements:

- A. Recruitment. Each Collegiate Chapter shall, at least,
 - i. Hold two separate Information Sessions at the beginning of the recruitment period with the purpose of demonstrating to prospective Initiates both the ideals of Phi Sigma Pi and the requirements of the recruitment and Initiation processes;
 - ii. Hold two recruitment events for the purpose of allowing prospective Initiates to become better acquainted with the Collegiate Members.
- B. Initiation. Each Collegiate Chapter shall, at least,
 - i. Hold an Initiation Program that does not span more than one academic semester or quarter;
 - ii. Hold a minimum of five Initiate Meetings;
 - iii. Require the Initiate class to complete at least one event that represents the ideals of Phi Sigma Pi as outlined in Article II, Section 2;
 - iv. Require each Initiate to attend at least one Collegiate Chapter Meeting at the sheltering institution;
 - v. Assign each Initiate to one or more Collegiate Members or Active Alumni Members of a Collegiate Chapter. The Collegiate Members or Active Alumni Members shall serve as examples and sources of guidance to their assigned Initiate throughout the Initiation Program;
 - vi. Issue copies of, and educate the Initiate on content contained in, the Scholar's Province, the governing documents of the National Fraternity, and the governing documents of the Collegiate Chapter;
 - vii. Require all Initiates to learn the Fraternity Songs;
 - viii. Require all Initiates to learn the Fraternity's history and the Collegiate Chapter's history;
 - ix. Require all Initiates to achieve an individual score of at least 80% correct in order to pass the Phi Sigma Pi National Membership Exam.
 - x. Ensure each Initiate is provided feedback in person at least once on the Initiate's progress on the requirements of the Chapter Initiation Program.
 - xi. Limit the total time commitment required of Initiates to no more than **10 hours** per week, inclusive of meeting, events, and assignments.

Submitting Entity Written Objective:

The objective of this proposed amendment is to establish a reasonable limit on the weekly time commitment required of Initiates, ensuring that the recruitment and initiation process remains inclusive, manageable, and aligned with the fraternity's values.

C&CSC Impartial Summary:

This would set a maximum weekly limit on the amount of time an Initiate would be required to dedicate to Fraternity activities.

#4 Proposed Amendment by Senior Vice President Costantino

ARTICLE XII: MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Section 5: Events and Activities

A. National Events

- i. The National Events shall include but not be limited to ~~be~~ the Grand Chapter Meeting, National Convention, and ~~Alumni Convention and Leadership Academy.~~
- ii. When the Grand Chapter is not in session, a majority vote of the National Council shall be permitted to designate an event as a National Event. This designation will expire upon completion of that instance of the event.

Submitting Entity Written Objective:

The objective of this proposed amendment is to eliminate a named event that no longer occurs, and add verbiage on how a National Event can be established.

C&CSC Impartial Summary:

This amendment would remove the Leadership Academy as a National Event and allow the Grand Chapter or National Council to create additional National Events. It further limits any National Events created by the National Council to only be considered a National Event until it has occurred. After which, it may still exist as an event, but it is no longer a National Event.

#5 Proposed Amendment by Senior Vice President Elizabeth Costantino

ARTICLE XIII: NATIONAL COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 6: Constitution and Chapter Standards Committee

The Constitution & Chapter Standards Committee shall be chaired by the National Senior Vice President. The other Committee Members shall include one (1) other National Officer and at least one (1) Member in good standing ~~with current active membership status with~~ of a Collegiate Chapter. The Committee shall be responsible to investigate and consider improvement of the National Constitution and to make recommendations to the National Council and Grand Chapter for revision when changes are deemed advisable. The Committee shall explore methods in which Chapters can be educated on Parliamentary Procedure and Phi Sigma Pi governing documents. The Committee shall review all proposed amendments to the National Constitution for consistency in language and format compliance.

Submitting Entity Written Objective:

The objective for this proposed amendment is to align the C&CSC Collegiate Member requirements with other National Committee standards (good standing-NDC) and doesn't need to be active (AS&EC).

C&CSC Impartial Summary:

This amendment redefines the requirements of a Collegiate Chapter Member on the Committee to simply be a Member in good standing of their Chapter rather than also active.

#6 Proposed Amendment by Senior Vice President Elizabeth Costantino**ARTICLE XIX: NATIONAL AWARDS****Section 1: National Award Eligibility**

- A. The National Award Eligibility Period shall be the same as Phi Sigma Pi's fiscal year as defined in Article XV Section 3 ~~from the start of one National Awards Banquet until the start of the following National Awards Banquet.~~
- B. National Awards shall be given out annually ~~at a National Awards Banquet~~ and recognize Chapters' achievements during the most recent National Award Eligibility Period.
- C. A Chapter must be in good standing at the time an award is bestowed ~~of the National Awards Banquet~~ in order to be eligible for a National Award.

Submitting Entity Written Objective:

The objective of this proposed amendment is to establish an annual cycle for National Award Eligibility and indicate awards will be given out annually even if a National Awards Banquet is not held.

C&CSC Impartial Summary:

This amendment changes the window of eligibility for National Awards to align it with the Fraternity's fiscal year. This amendment further requires that National Awards be given out annually. It also removes the requirement for bestowing of National Awards to occur only at a National Awards Banquet.

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- B. National Awards shall be given out at a National Awards Banquet and recognize Chapters' achievements during the most recent National Award Eligibility Period.
- C. A Chapter must be in good standing at the time of the National Awards Banquet in order to be eligible for a National Award.
- D. A Chapter is ineligible to receive a National Award if during any part of the National Award Eligibility Period, the Chapter:
 - i. Has been more than 30 days Delinquent as defined in Article XVIII, Section 1; or
 - ii. Has been under disciplinary sanction levied by the Standards Committee ~~National Council~~.

Submitting Entity Written Objective:

The objective of this amendment is to align this section to the Standards Committee being the entity to levy disciplinary sanctions.

C&CSC Impartial Summary:

This amendment modifies National Award Eligibility by changing which authority's discipline will make a Chapter ineligible to receive an award.

End of National Constitution proposed amendments.