



2017 Grand Chapter Delegates,

The Constitution and Chapter Standards Committee (hereafter "C&CSC") is a National Council Standing Committee chaired by the Senior Vice President and comprised of Collegiate and Alumni Members.

The C&CSC is charged with the responsibility "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 review all proposed amendments to the National Constitution for consistency in language and format compliance." (National Constitution Article XIII, Section 5)

The C&CSC has conducted a review of the accompanying proposed amendments to Phi Sigma Pi's National Constitution, as submitted by Chapters and National Officers in accordance with the Amendment procedures outlined in National Constitution Article XXIV. The C&CSC's focus is primarily on the constitutional validity of the amendment proposals. As such, the opinions set forth in this report are not intended to express whether a proposed change has merit, but rather whether a proposed change is in conflict with the existing articles of the National Constitution and within the generally accepted principles of Parliamentary Law, as discussed in the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Per Constitutional mandate, the C&CSC provides a two-tiered review process whereby authors of amendments receive feedback from the C&CSC before submitting their final amendment (National Constitution Article XXIV, Section 2). As a result, many potential issues with amendments identified by the C&CSC have been resolved by their authors prior to submission to the Grand Chapter. Therefore, only amendments which continue to carry relevant conflicts have been enumerated below. All amendments not documented below contain no discovered constitutional conflicts and meet the stated intention of the original submission entity.

Finally, the opinions of the C&CSC are provided to the Grand Chapter solely as a resource to be employed by Grand Chapter Delegates in determining whether to enact a change, and represent a good faith effort on the part of the C&CSC to provide reasonable guidance to the Grand Chapter within the bounds of the C&CSC's constitutional responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted,
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NOTES ON 2017 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Amendment 1. Proposed amendment submitted by the Beta Lambda Chapter

The C&CSC believes that one possible interpretation of this section, if amended as proposed, is that after a Collegiate Member becomes an Alumni Member under Section 5, Letter A, Numeral iii, they will remain as a Collegiate Member until they are no longer enrolled at the sheltering institution. The intent of the amendment is that the Member would cease to be a Collegiate Member under this provision. Therefore, the C&CSC recommends that the following language be added to the end of Numeral iii: "The Member shall no longer be a Collegiate Member."

Amendment 2. Proposed amendment submitted by Senior Vice President Walschburger

The C&CSC believes Section 9, Letter B can be deleted since the amendment is specifying in Article XV, Section 1 that all Collegiate Members pay National Dues.

Additionally, the C&CSC recommends amending Section 9, Letter A, Number 1 so that it reads "...does not meet or hold classes at the sheltering institution shall be Inactive *at the discretion of the Member, or*"

Amendment 8. Proposed amendment submitted by Senior Vice President Walschburger

The C&CSC believes Section 5, Letter C, Numeral i should be amended to reference "Section 4," not "Section 5"

Amendment 9. Proposed amendment submitted by Senior Vice President Walschburger

The C&CSC recommends that Amendment 8 be considered prior to Amendment 9. If Amendment 8 passes, then Amendment 9 should be amended to strike references to "National Council" in Section 5, Letter A, Numerals iii and iv.

Amendment 10. Proposed amendment submitted by National Secretary Mikkelson

The C&CSC believes that "National Awards Banquet" in Section 1, Letter A should be amended to read "National Convention Awards Banquet." This would match other parts of the National Constitution (Article VII, Section 5).