



2024 Grand Chapter Delegates,

The Constitution and Chapter Standards Committee (hereinafter "C&CSC") is a National Council Standing Committee chaired by the Senior Vice President and composed 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 per the amendment procedures outlined in The National Constitution. The C&CSC's focus is primarily on the constitutional validity of the amendment proposals. 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 before submission to the Grand Chapter. Therefore, only amendments that 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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Chair, Constitution & Chapter Standards Committee

NOTES ON 2024 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Note on the 2024 Proposed Amendments

The C&CSC would like to acknowledge that several of the proposed amendments could either conflict with each other or cause confusion as to which portion of the governing documents would take precedence if all were to pass as written. This can often happen with proposals and the C&CSC would encourage Members to add this into their discussion of the proposed amendments within their Chapters. The C&CSC would also like to remind the Membership that many of the potential conflicts can often be resolved during business at the Grand Chapter meeting, due to changes to the amendments before passage, amendments not passing, or deferring amendments to future Grand Chapter meetings (often referred to as tabling an amendment).

Amendment 1 (Submitted by Vice President of Development Richardson)

The C&CSC would like to note that the use of an asterisk (*) is not otherwise utilized in the National Constitution, and the amendment as written would deviate from the style of the document. Additionally, the current specific placement of the asterisk could cause confusion as to whether the explanation of the asterisk applies only to Section 2, subsections A-C, or if it would then apply to other portions of Section 2.

Amendment 2 (Submitted by Middle Tennessee Alumni Chapter)

The C&CSC would like to share that the italicized portion of this amendment proposal is not a part of the proposed change to the National Constitution. Due to this, the submitting entity and maker of the motion could modify this text at any time up until the motion is made at the Grand Chapter meeting. The C&CSC believes that the motion, as indicated, leaves gaps in how this amendment would be successfully executed as written until the election cycle is fully in motion.

Amendment 3 (Submitted by National President Christiansen)

The C&CSC believes that, as written, Section H could allow for one individual to be elected into multiple positions or individuals to not be elected into a named role after being elected to the National Council.

Amendment 10 (Submitted by Vice President of Finance Chamberlain)

The C&CSC would like to note that the use of the phrase “national policy” in Section 8, Subsection A is not defined. The C&CSC would also like to note that this Section (Member Data) is proposed to be added to Article XXI: Prohibitions. The other Sections of this Article create policy on what is not allowed, whereas this added section would create a policy on what is allowed.