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Delegates to the 81st Grand Chapter,

Pursuant to Statute 9.01 (*reproduced below in its entirety for your convenience*), the enclosed legislative proposals have been submitted to me by the Governing Laws Committee through its Chairman, Ben Trachtenberg, for your consideration at the upcoming meeting of the Grand Chapter in Providence, R.I. on June 22-24. I have appended the original memorandums from Chairman Trachtenberg to this message.

S9.01 Only the Governing Laws Committee pursuant to Statute 4.13 or members in good standing may propose amendments to the Constitution. Any proposal by members in good standing must be endorsed by a petition presented by five percent of the total of the active and alumni chapters in good standing as of the date of the petition. Any proposed amendment shall be placed in the hands of the Executive Director ninety (90) days prior to the opening session of the Grand Chapter, for his prompt distribution to all chapters and persons entitled to vote thereon and considered reported on by the Governing Laws Committee pursuant to Statute 4.13.

The Governing Laws Committee (GLC) was requested by the Executive Committee (EC) to consider three separate pieces of legislation. The GLC has discussed and voted upon these amendments on its own motion, pursuant to Statute 4.13 (*reproduced below in its entirety for your convenience*). The GLC expresses no opinion on the substance of the proposals.

S4.13 The Grand Consul shall appoint to serve at his pleasure a seven-member Governing Laws Committee, and he shall designate one member as chairman. The committee shall consider and report to the Grand Chapter upon all proposals to amend the Constitution or these Statutes, and to the several active chapters upon all proposals to amend the Ritual. The committee may propose amendments to the Constitution or Statutes on its own motion.

In summary, there are three legislative matters that cover the following topics:

- 1) Instituting a residency requirement for the office of Grand Praetor which would require each of the Grand Praetors to live in or within 150 miles of the boundary of the province for which he would serve. *Note: the proposed language would exempt all currently serving Grand Praetors.*
- 2) Making Past Grand Consuls ineligible to serve on the Executive Committee except for the immediate Past Grand Consul.
- 3) Making the Grand Pro Consul the Grand Consul-elect.

Should you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to me at your convenience.

IHSV,

Michael J. Church
Executive Director

Cc: Grand Council
Governing Laws Committee



SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY GOVERNING LAWS COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

To: The Executive Director

From: The Governing Laws Committee

Date: February 27, 2017

Re: Legislative Proposals Concerning the Residence of Grand Praetors and the Eligibility of Past Grand Consuls for Executive Committee Service

Brother Church:

At the request of the Executive Committee (EC), the Governing Laws Committee has reviewed and revised two legislative proposals. The first would create a new residence requirement for Grand Praetors. The second would render Past Grand Consuls ineligible for service on the Executive Committee after they complete their term as the Immediate Past Grand Consul. The text of each proposal is enclosed.

Because the proposals would amend the Constitution, a three-fourths vote of the Grand Chapter members voting on the proposal is required for passage. (*See* Constitution Art. VI, Sec. A.) Please place these items on the agenda for the Providence Grand Chapter.

The Governing Laws Committee has voted to propose these amendments on its own motion, pursuant to Statute 4.13. The Committee expresses no opinion on the substance of the proposals.

Also, should the proposal concerning Grand Praetors be enacted, the Executive Committee may wish to enact a related Executive Committee Regulation concerning Assistant Grand Praetors. The text of such an ECR is enclosed here as well to provide notice to brothers of the possible EC action.

Please contact me if the Committee can be of any further assistance.

In Hoc,

Ben Trachtenberg

Ben Trachtenberg, Yale 2001
Chairman

Enclosure (text of proposals)



SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY

GOVERNING LAWS COMMITTEE

Proposal to Create New Residence Requirement for Grand Praetors

[Note: Proposed new text appears [blue underlined](#).]

Article IV.C of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

C. Grand Praetors. 1. The several chapters of the Fraternity shall be apportioned into Provinces by the Executive Committee. For each such Province there shall be a Grand Praetor who shall (i) be nominated at each regular meeting of the Grand Chapter by one or more of the delegates elected by the active chapters in the Province, and (ii) elected by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Praetor shall advise the chapters in the Province, and shall be empowered to enforce therein the Constitution, Statutes, Ritual and Regulations of the Fraternity. The Grand Praetors collectively shall be known as the Praetorial College. They shall elect from among their number at each regular meeting of the Grand Chapter a chairman who shall be known as the Dean of the Praetorial College. Any vacancy in the office of Dean shall be filled only by an election held from within the Praetorial College.

2. A Grand Praetor who is first elected or appointed to office at or after the June 2017 Grand Chapter shall reside in, adjacent to, or within approximately 150 miles (240 km) of the boundary of the Province in which he would serve.



SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY GOVERNING LAWS COMMITTEE

Application of Residence Requirement to Assistant Grand Praetors

The Governing Laws Committee recommends that, if the Grand Chapter enacts the proposed Grand Praetor residence requirement set forth above, the Executive Committee should amend Executive Committee Regulation (“ECR”) 4.17-2 so that the same residence requirement applies to Assistant Grand Praetors.

This document serves as the notice required by ECR 9.02-3, which requires that the Executive Director provide reasonable notice whenever the Executive Committee is considering the enactment or amendment of an ECR.

The text of the proposed ECR amendment appears below:

[Note: Proposed new text appears [blue underlined](#).]

Executive Committee Regulation E4.17-2 should be amended by the Executive Committee to read:

E4.17-2 The Grand Consul may appoint an Assistant Grand Praetor in any Province, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. An Assistant Grand Praetor shall [meet the residency qualifications specified in Article IV.C.2 of the Constitution, and shall](#) have such powers and duties as authorized in his appointment; however, he shall not be a member of the Grand Council.



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GOVERNING LAWS COMMITTEE

Ineligibility of a Past Grand Consul to Serve on the Executive Committee following his Term

[Note: Proposed new text appears [blue underlined](#).]

Article IV.B.3.a of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

3. At each regular meeting, the Grand Chapter shall elect the following for terms to commence at the conclusion of such meeting:
 - a. A Grand Consul, who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity and shall also be empowered to interpret, construe and enforce the Constitution, Ritual and Ritualistic Statutes, Statutes and Regulations of the Fraternity; following the completion of his term and his service on the Executive Committee as the Immediate Past Grand Consul, a Past Grand Consul shall be ineligible for service on the Executive Committee;



SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY GOVERNING LAWS COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

To: The Executive Director

From: The Governing Laws Committee

Date: March 23, 2017

Re: Legislative Proposal Concerning the Designation of our Grand Pro Consul as the "Grand Consul-Elect"

Brother Church:

At the request of the Executive Committee, the Governing Laws Committee has reviewed another legislative proposal, in addition to those already discussed in my prior letter to you dated February 27.

This new legislation would amend the Sigma Chi Constitution in two related ways. First, it provides that when we elect the new Grand Consul at each Grand Chapter, the brother then serving as Grand Pro Consul would be the only candidate (that is, he would become Grand Consul automatically after completing his service as Grand Pro Consul), unless he is unavailable or declines to serve (in which case we would open to floor to other nominations). Second, it provides that each Grand Pro Consul would also serve as "Grand Consul-elect" in recognition of his impending service as Grand Consul. The text of the proposal is enclosed.

Because the proposal would amend the Constitution, a three-fourths vote of the Grand Chapter members voting on the proposal is required for passage. (*See* Constitution Art. VI, Sec. A.) Please place this item on the agenda for the Providence Grand Chapter.

The Governing Laws Committee has voted to propose this legislation on its own motion, pursuant to Statute 4.13. The Committee expresses no opinion on the substance of the proposal.

I plan to attend Grand Chapter, as will other members of the Committee. We would be happy to answer questions from attendees about the legislation.

Please contact me if the Committee can be of any further assistance.

In Hoc,

Ben Trachtenberg

Ben Trachtenberg, Yale 2001
Chairman

Enclosure (text of proposal)



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GOVERNING LAWS COMMITTEE

Proposal to Name the Grand Pro Consul as the “Grand Consul-Elect”

[Note: Proposed new text appears [blue underlined](#).]

Article IV.B.3 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

3. At each regular meeting, the Grand Chapter shall elect the following for terms to commence at the conclusion of such meeting:
 - a. A Grand Consul, who shall be the [immediate past Grand Pro Consul, unless that brother is unavailable or declines to serve, in which case any alumnus in good standing may be nominated and elected; the Grand Consul is the](#) Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity and shall also be empowered to interpret, construe and enforce the Constitution, Ritual and Ritualistic Statutes, Statutes and Regulations of the Fraternity;
 - b. A Grand Pro Consul, [who shall also serve as Grand Consul-elect and shall have such other duties as may be provided in the Governing Laws and otherwise as assigned by the Grand Consul;](#)