

PROPOSAL 1: CHANGE FREQUENCY OF TRIANGLE REVIEW PUBLICATION

Proposed By: National Council

Vote Required for Approval: $\frac{3}{4}$

Background:

The National Bylaws currently dictate that Triangle REVIEW shall be published at least four times a year.

As printing and mailing costs continue to increase, Triangle has found it more cost-effective to direct our resources toward electronic communication with members, including more frequent email newsletters and social media posts. Many members, particularly younger initiates, report a definite preference away from printed mailings.

Considerations and Effects:

This amendment would change the publishing frequency of Triangle REVIEW to at least once annually.

This amendment also removes the gendered pronouns referring to the REVIEW Editor.

Proposed Changes:

ARTICLE 3 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

(National Bylaws)

SECTION 6 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Para. 1 The Editor of TRIANGLE REVIEW, appointed by National Council, shall edit the official publication of TRIANGLE; **he** shall appoint such assistants as may be required to carry on this work; and **he** shall publish the REVIEW at least ~~four times throughout the year~~ once annually.

PROPOSAL 2: SIMPLIFY NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Proposed By: National Council

Vote Required for Approval: $\frac{3}{4}$

Background:

The Nominating Committee meets annually to determine the slate of candidates for National Council elections. When the committee was established in 1968, the expectation was that its members would primarily propose alumni from their own chapters for national service, and therefore a diverse representation of chapters was mandated in order to reach the widest possible pool of National Council candidates as well as allow the benefits of national service to flow back to as many chapters as possible. As a result, the new committee members were to be chosen from chapters not currently or in the previous year represented on National Council.

Over the past fifty-plus years, cultural changes such as Internet communications and increased geographic relocation have changed the way that both National Council and the Nominating Committee operate. Presently, the committee typically evaluates a number of candidates from several different Triangle chapters and direct one-on-one recruitment between a committee member and his chapter brothers is uncommon.

Considerations and Effects:

This amendment would remove the restriction that the two new members of the Nominating Committee appointed each year must come from chapters not currently or in the previous year represented on National Council.

Proposed Changes:

ARTICLE 3 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

(National Bylaws)

SECTION 7 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Para. 1 The Nominating Committee shall consist of six (6) voting members. The chairman shall be the Past President or, if the current Past President on National Council is unable or unwilling to serve, the most recent Past President able and willing to serve. The vice chairman shall be appointed by National Council from among those of its members whose terms are not expiring. Each year, ~~two members of the Nominating Committee~~ two (2) members of TRIANGLE shall be appointed by National Council for two-year terms on the Nominating Committee. ~~These members shall, at the time of their appointment to the committee, be representatives of chapters not currently or in the previous year represented on National Council.~~

PROPOSAL 3: ALLOW ADJUSTMENTS TO NATIONAL EDUCATION FEE ASSESSMENT

Proposed By: National Council

Vote Required for Approval: $\frac{3}{4}$

Background:

Instituted in 2021, the National Education Fee (NEF) allows chapters and colonies to pay a portion of their national fraternity fees using Chapter Endowment Fund (CEF) monies or similar eligible funds. These funds typically come from tax-deductible donations that are thus attractive to many donors.

The NEF is currently calculated based on a three-year rolling average of the number of active members in the chapter/colony, including members who are on co-op.

Considerations and Effects:

In practice, TRIANGLE has found that the rolling average model has caused significant financial turmoil for some smaller organizations who experienced large graduating classes; their numbers have shrunk significantly, yet their three-year membership average results in a per-member NEF which is relatively high.

This proposal would allow the Executive Director, with approval from National Council, administrative discretion to reduce the NEF when deemed appropriate.

Proposed Changes:

ARTICLE 4 FUNDS

(National Bylaws)

SECTION 1 FEES

Para. 4 National Education Fee

- a. The National Education Fee, as defined in the National Constitution, is payable by the active organization once per academic year.
- b. The National Education Fee shall be calculated based on a three-year rolling average of the number of active members in the chapter, including members who are receiving academic credit for participation in a cooperative education program in the United States. The Executive Director, with approval from National Council, may reduce an active organization's National Education Fee from its originally calculated amount.
- c. The National Education Fee shall be eligible for payment with monies restricted for educational purposes.