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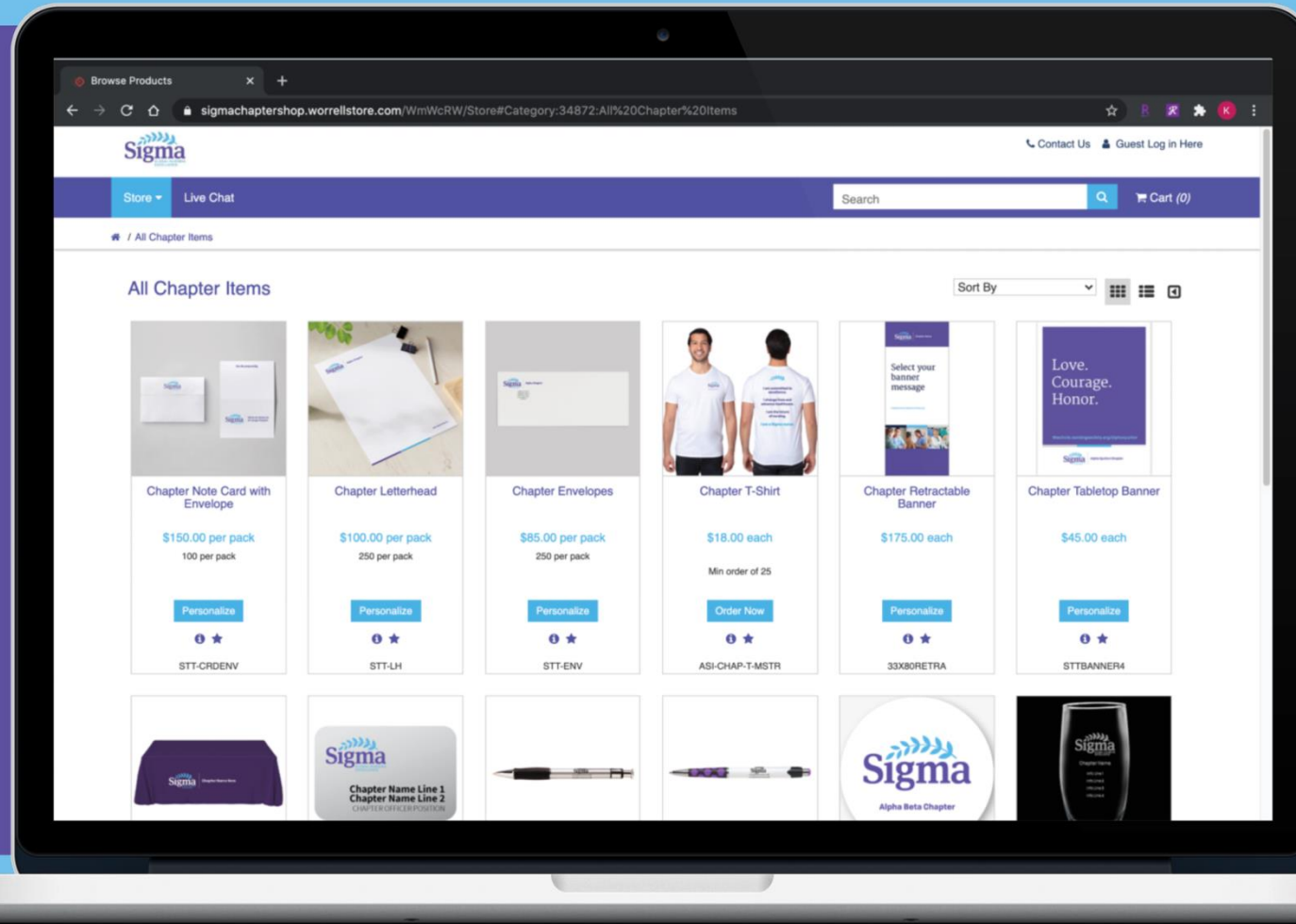


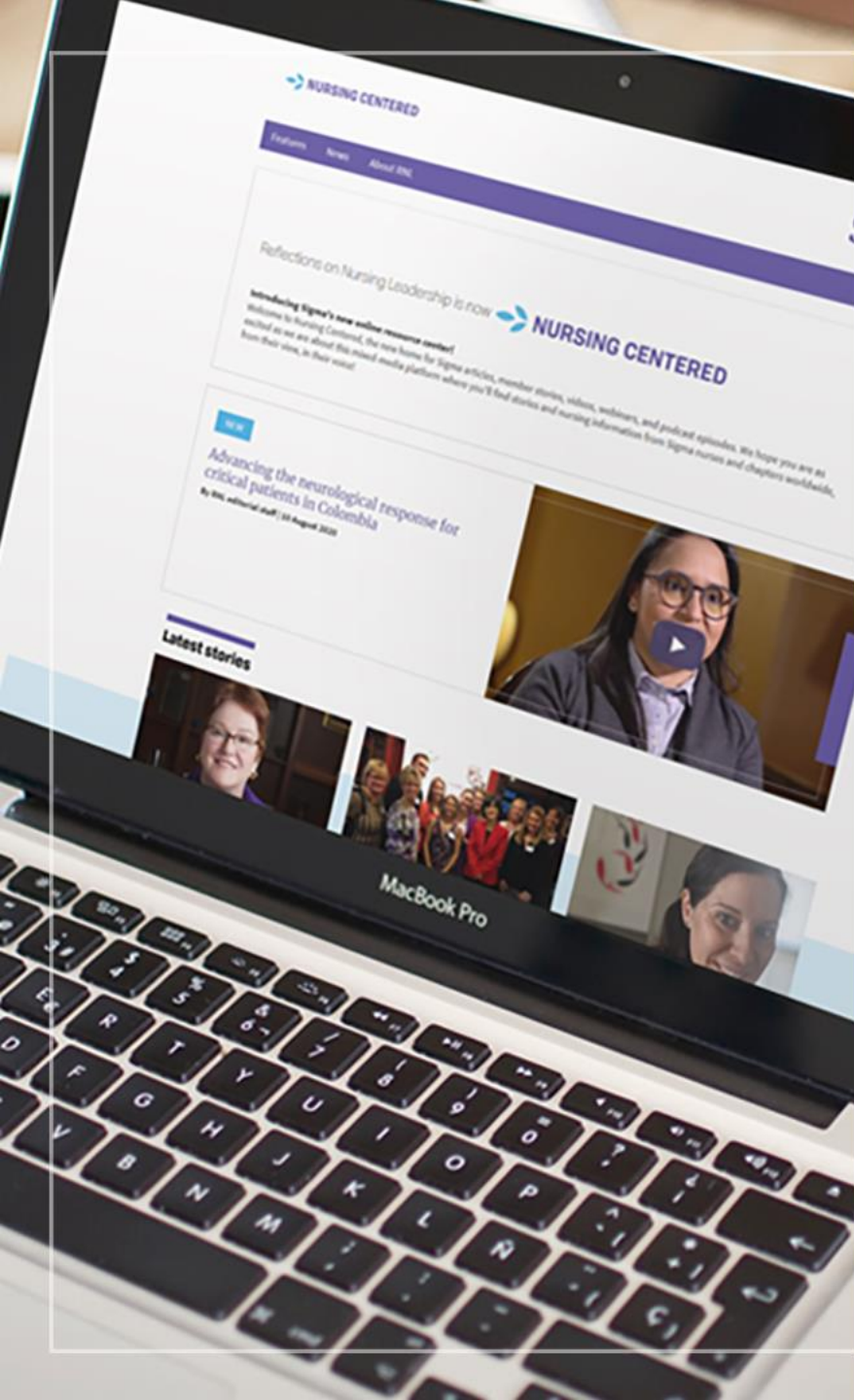
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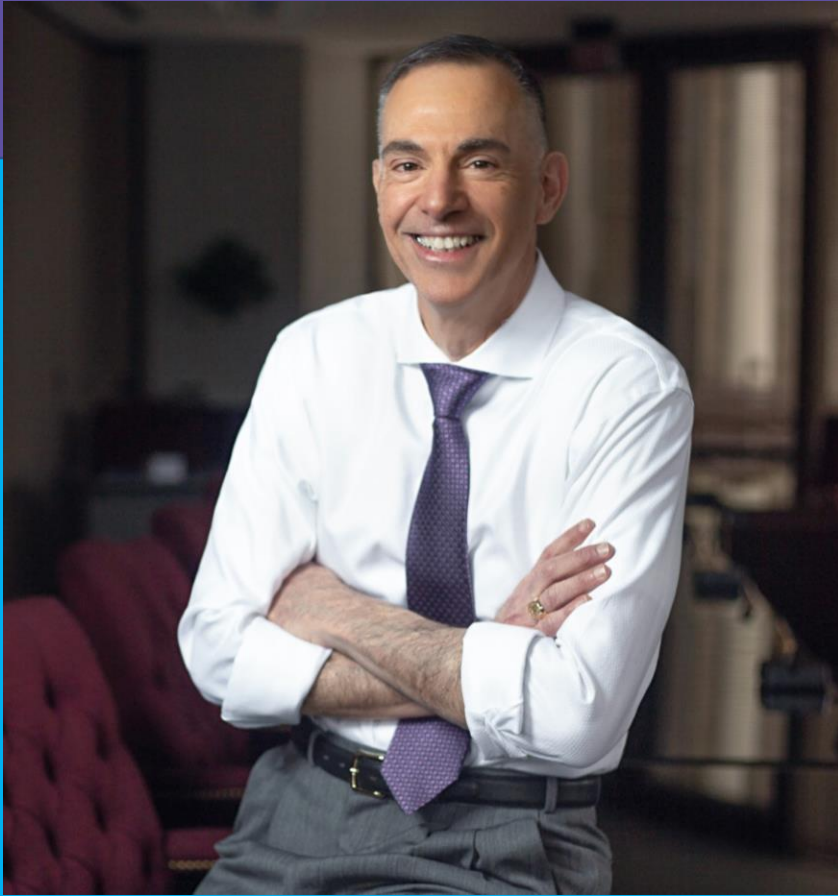


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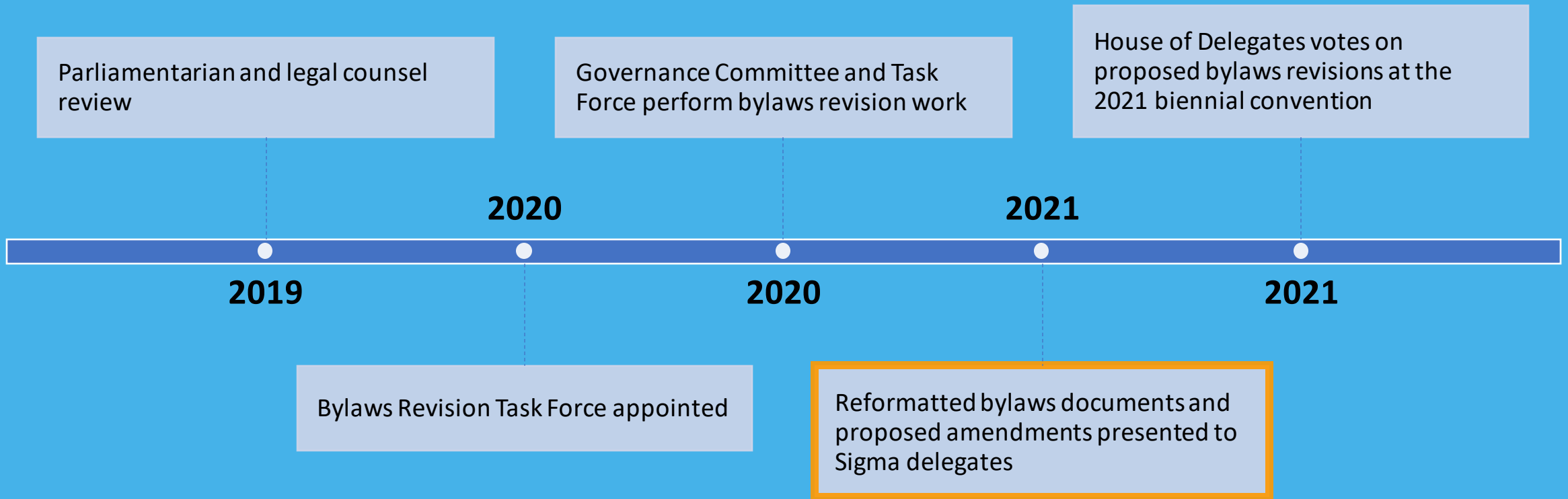
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Welcome & Greetings

Bylaws review and revision timeline



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Step 1

Adoption of the reformatted
bylaws document.

Bylaws Reformat Document

- Brings bylaws into a more contemporary single-column format
- Adds line numbering for easy reference
- Rearranges order of content
- Streamlines content and removes duplication
- Removes unnecessary detail
- Does not change intent of original bylaws document

Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing, Inc.
2019-2021 Bylaws

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Article I. Name, Key, Seal and Headquarters

The name of this organization shall be the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Inc. (Sigma Theta Tau International), and it shall have an official key and corporate seal. The organization is a nonprofit incorporated in the state of Indiana with headquarters located in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

Article II. Purposes

The purposes of this Society shall be to:

1. Recognize superior achievement.
2. Recognize the development of leadership qualities.
3. Foster high professional standards.
4. Encourage creative work.
5. Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.
6. Provide support, including funding, to other organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
7. Assist and engage in any other activities which are permitted to be carried on by organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Categories of Membership

- a. Regular Member
- b. Honorary Member

Section 2: Qualifications for Membership

- a. Sigma Theta Tau International does not discriminate. Candidates are qualified for membership so long as eligibility requirements are met.

- b. Student candidates shall have demonstrated superior academic achievement, academic integrity and professional leadership potential.
- c. Regular Member
 - 1) Students in Basic Programs
 - a) Definition – Basic program is defined as an accredited baccalaureate or equivalent nursing degree program that leads to the first professional nursing degree.
 - b) Academic Achievement – Students shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the Society.
 - c) Rank in class – Students shall rank not lower than the highest 35 percent of their class in scholarship.
 - d) Curriculum – Students shall have completed at least one-half of the required nursing curriculum.
 - e) Exceptions – Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the chapter's governance committee following the guidelines adopted by the International Board of Directors.
 - 2) Students in Graduate Programs
 - a) Definition – Graduate program is defined as an accredited program of graduate study in nursing including master, post-master, doctoral and post-doctoral.
 - b) Academic Achievement – Students shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the Society.

SIGMA THETA TAU
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING, INC.
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Inc. (also referred to as Sigma or the society), and it shall have an official key and corporate seal. The organization is a nonprofit incorporated in the state of Indiana with headquarters located in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purposes of this society shall be to:

- Recognize superior achievement.
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- Assist and engage in any other activities which are permitted to be carried on by organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership Categories

There shall be regular members and honorary members. Sigma does not discriminate. Candidates are qualified for membership so long as eligibility requirements are met.

Section 2. Regular Members

Regular members may be students in basic programs, in graduate programs, or be nurse leaders.

A. Student member candidates are required to be enrolled in an institution of higher education where the chapter is located to be considered for membership in that chapter. If there is no chapter at the institution of higher education in which the student attends, student member candidates may be considered for membership in another chapter. Student candidates shall have demonstrated superior academic achievement, academic integrity, and professional leadership potential.

B. Students in basic programs must be enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or equivalent nursing degree program that leads to the first professional nursing

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Revised Order & Consolidation of Content

CURRENT BYLAWS

Article XI. Finance

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be 1 July through 30 June.

Article XII. Official Publications

The Board of Directors shall authorize publication of an official journal and other publications as it deems appropriate according to policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors.

Article XVI. Dissolution

A resolution for the dissolution of the Society shall be signed by a majority of active chapters entitled to vote and shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sigma Theta Tau International. The Board of Directors shall then call a special meeting of the House of Delegates for the purposes of considering and acting upon such resolution. If three-fourths of those Delegates present and voting shall vote for dissolution, the Board of Directors shall take the necessary steps to conclude the affairs of the Society in accordance with statutory requirements existing at the date such action is taken. After payment or making provision for payment of all debts and liabilities incurred by the Society, the Board of Directors shall dispose of all assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of the Society to the American Nurses' Foundation or other appropriate organization operated for educational or scientific purposes. The recipient organization or organizations shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

Article XVII. General Provisions

Officers, directors and employees shall be indemnified by the Society for any and all civil liabilities for conducting their official duties, except in circumstances and cases of conducting their duties in bad faith.

REFORMATTED BYLAWS

ARTICLE X – ADMINISTRATIVE

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be 1 July through 30 June.

Section 2. Indemnification

Officers, directors, and employees shall be indemnified by the society for any and all civil liabilities for conducting their official duties, except in circumstances and cases of conducting their duties in bad faith.

Section 3. Dissolution

A resolution for the dissolution of the society shall be signed by a majority of active chapters entitled to vote and shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Sigma board of directors. The Sigma board shall then call a special meeting of the house of delegates for the purposes of considering and acting upon such resolution. If dissolution is approved by three-fourths of those delegates present and voting, the board shall take the necessary steps to conclude the affairs of the society as required by law. After payment or making provision for payment of all debts and liabilities incurred by the society, any remaining assets shall be disbursed to the American Nurses Foundation or another appropriate organization operated for educational or scientific purposes. The recipient organization or organizations shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization as required by law.

Section 4. Official Publications

The Sigma board of directors shall authorize publication of an official journal and other publications as it deems appropriate according to policies and procedures established by the board.

**Questions about the
reformat document?**

Step 2

Adoption of proposed bylaws amendments.

Amendment 21-01

House of Delegates Terms

Article VII, Section 1

Current Language:

The house of delegates shall be composed of two delegates from each chapter, the members of the Sigma board of directors, chairs of standing committees, the regional chapters coordinators, and the past presidents of the society. The term of the delegates shall be from the opening of the convention for which the delegate is selected to serve until the opening of the next convention.

Proposed Changes:

The house of delegates shall be composed of two delegates from each chapter, the members of the Sigma board of directors, chairs of standing committees, the regional chapters coordinators, and the past presidents of the society. ~~The term of the delegates shall be from the opening of the convention for which the delegate is selected to serve until the opening of the next convention.~~

If Adopted:

The house of delegates shall be composed of two delegates from each chapter, the members of the Sigma board of directors, chairs of standing committees, the regional chapters coordinators, and the past presidents of the society.

Amendment 21-02

House of Delegates Meetings

Article VII, Section 3.A

Current Language:

A. The house of delegates shall meet at the biennial convention and as determined by the Sigma board of directors. A quorum shall consist of four officers, three non-officer directors, and delegates from three-fourths of the chapters.

B. The call to the convention shall be sent at least one month prior to the meeting date to all delegates.

Proposed Changes:

A. The house of delegates shall meet at ~~the biennial convention and as~~ determined by the Sigma board of directors, including by electronic means as allowed by law. The call to the meeting shall be sent to delegates at least thirty days prior to the meeting date. A quorum shall consist of four officers, three non-officer directors, and delegates from three-fourths of the chapters.

~~B. The call to the convention shall be sent at least one month prior to the meeting date to all delegates.~~

If Adopted:

The house of delegates shall meet as determined by the Sigma board of directors, including by electronic means as allowed by law. The call to the meeting shall be sent to delegates at least thirty days prior to the meeting date. A quorum shall consist of four officers, three non-officer directors, and delegates from three-fourths of the chapters.

Amendment 21-02 – *Conforming Amendments*

<p><u>Article VII, Section D.:</u> Chapter delegates may also vote electronically on the society's articles of incorporation under procedures and time limitations determined by the board.</p>	<p><u>Article VII, Section D.:</u> Chapter delegates may also vote electronically on the society's articles of incorporation under procedures and time limitations determined by the board. <u>In odd-numbered years, the annual meeting of the members is also the reporting session of the house of delegates.</u></p>	<p><u>Article VII, Section D.:</u> In odd-numbered years, the annual meeting of the members is also the reporting session of the house of delegates.</p>
<p><u>Article VII, Section 3.E.:</u> If election voting cannot occur during the scheduled house of delegates due to emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances, chapter delegates may vote electronically.</p>	<p><u>Article VII, Section 3.E.:</u> If election voting cannot occur during the scheduled house of delegates due to emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances, chapter delegates may vote electronically.</p>	<p>None. Strike and renumber accordingly.</p>

Amendment 21-02 – *Conforming Amendments*

Article VII, Section 2:

The legislative and judicial powers of the society shall be vested in the house of delegates. As such, the house shall have the authority to nominate and elect officers, directors, and other positions as allowed by these bylaws; amend the society's articles of incorporation and bylaws; levy special assessments by a three-fourths vote; receive the budget as approved by the board; and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the house of delegates at the biennial convention.

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Article VIII, Section 2.F.:

Chapters shall fulfill the following requirements:

- Support the purposes of this society;
- Select and induct eligible members a minimum of one time annually.
- Observe the provisions of these bylaws, comply with the society's policies and regulations, and meet all financial obligations;
- Participate in the biennial convention house of delegates and other business brought forth during the term; and
- File required reports according to established guidelines.

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- Participate in the house of delegates and other business brought forth during the term; and
- File required reports according to established guidelines.

Amendment 21-03

House of Delegates Quorum

Article VII, Section 3.A.

Current Language:

The house of delegates shall meet at the biennial convention and as determined by the Sigma board of directors. A quorum shall consist of four officers, three non-officer directors, and delegates from three-fourths of the chapters.

Proposed Changes:

The house of delegates shall meet at the biennial convention and as determined by the Sigma board of directors. A quorum shall consist of ~~four officers, three non-officer directors, and delegates from three-fourths of the chapters.~~ a majority of the voting members of the house.

If Adopted:

The house of delegates shall meet at the biennial convention and as determined by the Sigma board of directors. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the house.

Amendment 21-04

House of Delegate Authority

Article VII, Section 2

Current Language:

The legislative and judicial powers of the society shall be vested in the house of delegates. As such, the house shall have the authority to nominate and elect officers, directors, and other positions as allowed by these bylaws; amend the society's articles of incorporation and bylaws; levy special assessments by a three-fourths vote; receive the budget as approved by the board, and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the house of delegates at the biennial convention.

Proposed Changes:

The legislative and judicial powers of the society shall be vested in the house of delegates. As such, the house shall have the authority to nominate and elect officers, directors, and other positions as allowed by these bylaws; amend the society's articles of incorporation and bylaws; levy special assessments by a ~~three-fourths~~ two-thirds vote; ~~receive the budget as approved by the board,~~ and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the house of delegates at the biennial convention.

If Adopted:

The legislative and judicial powers of the society shall be vested in the house of delegates. As such, the house shall have the authority to nominate and elect officers, directors, and other positions as allowed by these bylaws; amend the society's articles of incorporation and bylaws; levy special assessments by a two-thirds vote; and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the house of delegates at the biennial convention.

Amendment 21-05

Membership Meetings

Article V, Sections 1.A & B

Current Language:

- A. Annual meetings of members shall be on a date and at a place set by the Sigma board of directors. Active members shall receive notice of annual meetings through publications and may register their intent to attend. The agenda of the annual meeting shall include the presentation of annual reports and other appropriate items.
- B. In odd-numbered years, the annual meeting is the reporting session of the house of delegates. In even-numbered years, the annual meeting is the reporting session of the Sigma board of directors and committee chairs' meeting.

Proposed Changes:

- A. Annual meetings of members shall be ~~on a date and at a place~~ set by the Sigma board of directors and may be held by electronic means as allowed by law. Active members shall receive notice of annual meetings through publications, electronic communication, or posting on the Sigma website, and may register their intent to attend. The agenda of the annual meeting shall include the presentation of annual reports and a financial report. ~~other appropriate items.~~
- B. In odd-numbered years, the annual meeting is the reporting session of the house of delegates. ~~In even-numbered years, the annual meeting is the reporting session of the Sigma board of directors and committee chairs' meeting.~~

If Adopted:

- A. Annual meetings of members shall be set by the Sigma board of directors and may be held by electronic means as allowed by law. Active members shall receive notice of annual meetings through publications, electronic communication, or posting on the Sigma website, and may register their intent to attend. The agenda of the annual meeting shall include the presentation of annual reports and a financial report.
- B. In odd-numbered years, the annual meeting is the reporting session of the house of delegates.

Amendment 21-06

Board Composition

Article IV, Section 1

Current Language:

The Sigma board of directors shall be composed of the officer directors, five non-officer directors, and the regional chapters coordinating committee chair. The chief executive officer shall serve in a nonvoting ex-officio capacity. Four of the five officers and three of the remaining six non-officer directors shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed Changes:

The Sigma board of directors shall be composed of the officers ~~directors~~, five ~~non-officer~~ directors, and the regional chapters coordinating committee chair. The chief executive officer shall serve in a nonvoting ex-officio capacity. ~~Four of the five officers and three of the remaining six non-officer directors shall constitute a quorum.~~ A quorum shall be a majority of the board.

If Adopted:

The Sigma board of directors shall be composed of the officers, five directors, and the regional chapters coordinating committee chair. The chief executive officer shall serve in a nonvoting ex-officio capacity. A quorum shall be a majority of the board.

Amendment 21-06 – Conforming Amendments

Current Language:

Article IV, Section 2.B.:

The secretary and treasurer shall each be elected for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. Terms shall be staggered so that the secretary is elected in the same biennium as two non-officer directors and treasurer is elected in the same biennium as three non-officer directors. The secretary and treasurer may serve a maximum of one four-year term after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.

Current Language:

Article VI, Section 5.A.:

The five non-officer directors shall be elected by plurality vote of the house of delegates for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. In the event of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot. Members shall hold no more than one elected office at a time. Terms shall be staggered so that three non-officer directors are elected in one biennium and two non-officer directors in the following biennium.

Current Language:

Article VI, Section 5.B.:

Non-officer directors shall serve a maximum of one term on the board, except in the case of a non-officer director who is elected president-elect.

Proposed Changes:

Article IV, Section 2.B.:

The secretary and treasurer shall each be elected for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. Terms shall be staggered so that the secretary is elected in the same biennium as two ~~non-officer~~ directors and treasurer is elected in the same biennium as three ~~non-officer~~ directors. The secretary and treasurer may serve a maximum of one four-year term after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.

Proposed Changes:

Article VI, Section 5.A.:

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Proposed Changes:

Article VI, Section 5.B.:

~~Non-officer~~ directors shall serve a maximum of one term on the board, except in the case of a ~~non-officer~~ director who is elected president-elect.

If Adopted:

Article IV, Section 2.B.:

The secretary and treasurer shall each be elected for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. Terms shall be staggered so that the secretary is elected in the same biennium as two directors and treasurer is elected in the same biennium as three directors. The secretary and treasurer may serve a maximum of one four-year term after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.

If Adopted:

Article VI, Section 5.A.:

The five directors shall be elected by plurality vote of the house of delegates for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. In the event of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot. Members shall hold no more than one elected office at a time. Terms shall be staggered so that three directors are elected in one biennium and two directors in the following biennium.

If Adopted:

Article VI, Section 5.B.:

Directors shall serve a maximum of one term on the board, except in the case of a director who is elected president-elect.

Amendment 21-07

Officers

Article IV, Section 1

Current Language:

The elected officers of the society shall be: the president, the president-elect, the vice president, the secretary, and the treasurer. Officers must be regular members of Sigma.

- A. President - The president shall be the presiding officer and shall administer all business of the society as provided for by the bylaws.
- B. Vice President – The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in the president’s absence.
- C. Secretary – The secretary shall serve as the corporate secretary for the society and fulfill duties as authorized by the Sigma board of directors.
- D. Treasurer - The treasurer shall serve as the corporate treasurer and fulfill duties as authorized by the Sigma board of directors.

Proposed Changes:

The elected officers of the society shall be: the president, the president-elect, ~~the vice president~~, the secretary, and the treasurer. Officers must be regular members of Sigma.

- A. President - The president shall be the presiding officer and shall administer all business of the society ~~as provided for by the bylaws~~ in accordance with the Sigma governing documents.
- B. ~~Vice President~~ President-elect – ~~The vice president~~ president-elect shall perform the duties of the president in the president’s absence.
- C. Secretary – The secretary shall serve as the corporate secretary for the society and fulfill duties ~~as authorized by the Sigma board of directors~~ in accordance with the Sigma governing documents.
- D. Treasurer - The treasurer shall serve as the corporate treasurer and fulfill duties ~~as authorized by the Sigma board of directors~~ in accordance with the Sigma governing documents.

If Adopted:

The elected officers of the society shall be: the president, the president-elect, the secretary, and the treasurer. Officers must be regular members of Sigma.

- A. President - The president shall be the presiding officer and shall administer all business of the society in accordance with the Sigma governing documents.
- B. President-elect – The president-elect shall perform the duties of the president in the president’s absence.
- C. Secretary – The secretary shall serve as the corporate secretary for the society and fulfill duties in accordance with the Sigma governing documents.
- D. Treasurer - The treasurer shall serve as the corporate treasurer and fulfill duties in accordance with the Sigma governing documents.

Amendment 21-07 – Conforming Amendments

Current Language:

Article IV, Section 2.B:.

A member holding an elected position who has served more than half a term in that position is considered to have served a full term. Terms shall be as follows:

- The president-elect shall be elected to a term of two years or until a successor is elected and assumes office, after which shall succeed to a two-year term as president.
- The vice president shall be elected for a term of two years or until a successor is elected and assumes office. The vice president may serve a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms in that position, after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.
- The secretary and treasurer shall each be elected for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. Terms shall be staggered so that the secretary is elected in the same biennium as two non-officer directors and treasurer is elected in the same biennium as three non-officer directors. The secretary and treasurer may serve a maximum of one four-year term, after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.

Proposed Changes:

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- The president-elect shall be elected to a term of two years or until a successor is elected and assumes office, after which shall succeed to a two-year term as president.
- ~~• The vice president shall be elected for a term of two years or until a successor is elected and assumes office. The vice president may serve a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms in that position, after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.~~
- The secretary and treasurer shall each be elected for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. Terms shall be staggered so that the secretary is elected in the same biennium as two non-officer directors and treasurer is elected in the same biennium as three non-officer directors. The secretary and treasurer may serve a maximum of one four-year term, after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.

If Adopted:

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- The secretary and treasurer shall each be elected for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. Terms shall be staggered so that the secretary is elected in the same biennium as two non-officer directors and treasurer is elected in the same biennium as three non-officer directors. The secretary and treasurer may serve a maximum of one four-year term, after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.

Amendment 21-07 – *Conforming Amendments*

Current Language:

Article VI, Section 7:

- A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall fill the vacancy until the president-elect succeeds to the office of president.
- B. A vacancy in any other board position shall be filled by the Sigma board of directors; such appointment shall terminate at the following meeting of the house of delegates.

Proposed Changes:

Article VI, Section 7:

- A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the ~~vice president~~ president-elect shall fill the vacancy, followed by a full term as president. ~~until the president-elect succeeds to the office of president.~~
- B. A vacancy in any other board position shall be filled by appointment of the then-current Sigma board of directors until the next election.; ~~such appointment shall terminate at the following meeting of the house of delegates.~~

If Adopted:

Article VI, Section 7:

- A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the president-elect shall fill the vacancy, followed by a full term as president.
- B. A vacancy in any other board position shall be filled by appointment of the then-current Sigma board of directors until the next election.

Amendment 21-08

Officer Terms

Article IV, Section 2.A.

<u>Current Language:</u>	<u>Proposed Changes:</u>	<u>If Adopted:</u>
Elections shall take place at biennial house of delegates meetings. A majority vote shall elect officers. In the event of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot. Members shall hold no more than one elected office at a time. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which the elections occur.	Elections shall take place at biennial house of delegates meetings. A majority vote shall elect officers. <u>Officers shall be elected by the house of delegates by majority vote.</u> In the event of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot. Members shall hold no more than one elected office at a time. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which the elections occur.	Officers shall be elected by the house of delegates by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot. Members shall hold no more than one elected office at a time. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which the elections occur.

Amendment 21-08 – *Conforming Amendments*

Current Language:

Article IV, Section 2.B.:

A member holding an elected position who has served more than half a term in that position is considered to have served a full term. Terms shall be as follows:

- The president-elect shall be elected to a term of two years or until a successor is elected and assumes office, after which shall succeed to a two-year term as president.
- The vice president shall be elected for a term of two years or until a successor is elected and assumes office. The vice president may serve a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms in that position, after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.
- The secretary and treasurer shall each be elected for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and assume office. Terms shall be staggered so that the secretary is elected in the same biennium as two non-officer directors and the treasurer is elected in the same biennium as three non-officer directors. The secretary and treasurer may serve a maximum of one four-year term after which they may not be consecutively re-elected as an officer except as president-elect.

Proposed Changes:

Article IV, Section 2.B.:

A member holding an elected position who has served more than half a term in that position is considered to have served a full term. Terms shall be as follows:

- The president shall serve a two-year term or until a successor assumes office.
- The president-elect shall be elected to a term of two years or until a successor is elected and assumes office, after which shall succeed to a two-year term as president.
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Amendment 21-09

Chapters

Article VIII, Sections 2,3,4

Current Language:

Section 2. Chapters

A. A chapter is an organized division of nurse scholars and leaders that has been granted a charter in accordance with requirements and procedures. A chapter may be established in an educational unit that is an integral part of an institution of higher education and that grants a basic degree, which leads to the first professional nursing degree, and/or a graduate nursing degree. The basic or graduate degree nursing program within the institution of higher education shall be accredited by a recognized accrediting body. In the event there is no nursing education accreditation system in place in the potential chapter's country, evidence confirming the program's quality shall be provided by the developing chapter. All chapters shall have regular members.

B. Chapters shall function as independent, autonomous organizations affiliated with Sigma. Chapters determine the amounts of their fees and assessments. Chapters have control of their income, expenses, contracts, accounting systems and internal reports. Each chapter shall function under bylaws, policies and regulations that are not in conflict with Sigma bylaws, policies and regulations.

Proposed Changes:

Section 2. Chapters

A. A chapter is an organized division of nurse scholars and leaders that has been granted a charter in accordance with models, requirements, and procedures approved by the Sigma board of directors. ~~A chapter may be established in an educational unit that is an integral part of an institution of higher education and that grants a basic degree, which leads to the first professional nursing degree, and/or a graduate nursing degree. The basic or graduate degree nursing program within the institution of higher education shall be accredited by a recognized accrediting body. In the event there is no nursing education accreditation system in place in the potential chapter's country, evidence confirming the program's quality shall be provided by the developing chapter. All chapters shall have regular members.~~

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Amendment 21-09 - *Continued*

Chapters

Article VIII, Sections 2,3,4

Current Language:

C. A chapter may be chartered from one institution of higher education, or may be chartered as an at-large chapter. At-large chapters shall be composed of nurse leaders and scholars from two or more institutions of higher education, or from institutions of higher education and practice settings.

D. Chapter charters may be amended to separate or combine chapters or, if an institution of higher education no longer offers an eligible degree, create an alumni chapter. However, active members in an alumni chapter must agree to meet all of the requirements for a chapter with the exception of inducting members a minimum of one time annually. A chapter may also amend its charter to add one or more institutions of higher education or practice settings.

E. Additional chapter models may also be considered by the Sigma board of directors, who shall be responsible for the establishment of the guidelines and procedures for chapter chartering.

Proposed Changes:

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If Adopted:

Amendment 21-09 - Continued

Chapters

Article VIII, Sections 2,3,4

Current Language:

F. Chapters shall fulfill the following requirements:

- Support the purposes of this society;
- Select and induct eligible members a minimum of one time annually.
- Observe the provisions of these bylaws, comply with the society's policies and regulations, and meet all financial obligations;
- Participate in the biennial convention house of delegates and other business brought forth during the term;
- File required reports according to established guidelines;
- Elect at minimum a chapter president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a counselor, with duties and terms of office outlined in the chapter bylaws;
- Establish the following standing committees: governance (appointed or elected) and leadership succession (elected);
- Conduct at least one business meeting each year (may be held by electronic means), that includes the presentation of annual reports and a financial report; and
- Sponsor at least two events or programs annually, supporting the purposes and goals of the society.

Proposed Changes:

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If Adopted:

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Amendment 21-09 - Continued Chapters

Article VIII, Sections 2,3,4

Current Language:

G. Each chapter shall pay an annual fee based on the number of regular active members in the chapter for the prior membership year ending 30 June. For new chapters, fees shall be collected during the year following the granting of a charter.

H. Sigma shall pay for the charter, coat-of-arms, book in which the membership roster is recorded and installing officer's expenses at the time of the chartering of the new chapter. The chapter shall pay a chartering fee plus the cost of inscribing the names on the charter.

Section 3. Chapter Probation, Revocation, and Dissolution

A. A chapter may be placed on probation by the Sigma board of directors for failure to comply with these bylaws or policies and regulations. The board shall also remove from probation or revoke the charter of a chapter in accordance with procedures adopted by the board.

Proposed Changes:

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Section 3. Chapter Probation, Revocation, ~~and~~ Dissolution, and Reinstatement

A. The Sigma board of directors shall adopt policies and procedures for chapter probation, revocation, dissolution, and reinstatement.

B. A chapter may be placed on probation or have its charter revoked by the Sigma board of directors for failure to comply with these bylaws or policies and regulations. ~~The board shall also remove from probation or revoke the charter of a chapter in accordance with procedures adopted by the board.~~

If Adopted:

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Amendment 21-10

Committees

Article IX, Section 1

Current Language:

Section 1. Standing and Special Committees

A. The standing committees shall be the governance committee, leadership succession committee, and regional chapters coordinating committee. The president and chief executive officer shall be non-voting, ex-officio members of all committees except the leadership succession committee. Committee members shall be elected by plurality vote by the house of delegates. In the event of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot. Members shall hold no more than one elected office at a time. An elected committee member may not serve longer than six consecutive years on that committee, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws.

B. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

C. Standing committee chairs shall report to the Sigma board of directors as requested by the board. Committees shall provide consultation to chapters in congruence with the mission of the committee.

Proposed Changes:

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B. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Amendment 21-10 - Continued

Committees

Article IX, Section 1

Current Language:

D. Special committees and task forces shall be appointed by the board, standing committees, board advisory councils, or staff to complete an assigned task within a specified time frame. Members of task forces shall be appointed to bring expertise, interest, and commitment to the assigned task.

E. Board advisory councils shall be appointed by the board for a term through the close of the biennial convention to inform the board of current and future issues, direction, and priorities of the society. Such advisory councils may be reappointed.

F. Authorized expenses of standing and special committees, board advisory councils and task forces shall be reimbursed by the society.

G. Vacancies occurring on a committee between biennial meetings of the house shall be filled by the Sigma board of directors, terminating at the next meeting of the house.

Proposed Changes:

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~~G. Vacancies occurring on a committee between biennial meetings of the house shall be~~ are filled by appointment of the Sigma board of directors, ~~terminating at~~ until the next ~~meeting of the house~~ election.

If Adopted:

C. Vacancies occurring on a committee are filled by appointment of the Sigma board of directors until the next election.

Amendment 21-11

Parliamentary Authority

Article XI

Current Language:

The rules contained in the most recently published edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order the society may adopt.

Proposed Changes:

The rules contained in the ~~most recently published~~ twelfth edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order the society may adopt.
When a new edition of the parliamentary authority is published, the Sigma board of directors may, by majority vote, update the edition reference in the bylaws.
Members shall be notified after the change is made.

If Adopted:

The rules contained in the twelfth edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order the society may adopt. When a new edition of the parliamentary authority is published, the Sigma board of directors may, by majority vote, update the edition reference in the bylaws. Members shall be notified after the change is made.

Amendment 21-12

Amendments

Article XII, Section 1

Current Language:

A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the house of delegates by a three-fourths vote, provided that all proposed amendments have been received by the secretary two months preceding the meeting, and that the proposed amendments shall be appended to the call to the meeting of the house of delegates. If such notice is not provided, these bylaws may be amended only by unanimous vote of the house of delegates.

B. Amendments approved by the house of delegates shall be subject to ratification by the Sigma board of directors.

C. Amendments to these bylaws approved by the house of delegates or editorial changes approved by the Sigma board of directors that are also applicable to the chapters shall be incorporated into the chapter bylaws.

Proposed Changes:

A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the house of delegates by a ~~three-fourths~~ two-thirds vote, provided that all proposed amendments have been received by the secretary two months preceding the meeting, and that the proposed amendments shall be appended to the call to the meeting of the house of delegates. ~~If such notice is not provided, these bylaws may be amended only by unanimous vote of the house of delegates.~~

B. Amendments approved by the house of delegates shall be subject to ratification by the Sigma board of directors.

C. Amendments to these bylaws approved by the house of delegates or editorial changes approved by the Sigma board of directors that are also applicable to the chapters shall be incorporated into the chapter bylaws template.

If Adopted:

A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the house of delegates by a two-thirds vote, provided that all proposed amendments have been received by the secretary two months preceding the meeting, and that the proposed amendments shall be appended to the call to the meeting of the house of delegates.

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Amendment 21-13

Housekeeping and Cleanup Amendments

<u>Current Language:</u>	<u>Proposed Changes:</u>	<u>If Adopted:</u>
<u>Article I:</u> The name of this organization shall be the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Inc. (also referred to as Sigma or the society) and it shall have an official key and corporate seal. The organization is a nonprofit incorporated in the state of Indiana with headquarters located in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.	<u>Article I:</u> The name of this organization shall be the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Inc. (also referred to as Sigma or the society), and it shall have an official key and corporate seal. <u>The organization is a nonprofit incorporated and headquartered in the state of Indiana with headquarters located in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.</u>	<u>Article I:</u> The name of this organization shall be the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Inc. (also referred to as Sigma or the society), a nonprofit incorporated and headquartered in the state of Indiana.
<u>Article II:</u> The purposes of this society shall be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize superior achievement.• Recognize the development of leadership qualities.• Foster high professional standards.• Encourage creative work.• Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.• Provide support, including funding, to other organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.• Assist and engage in any other activities which are permitted to be carried on by organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.	<u>Article II:</u> The purposes of this society shall be to <u>recognize superior achievement and the development of leadership qualities, foster high professional standards, and strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession. Sigma engages in activities permitted under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States (US) Internal Revenue Code.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize superior achievement.• Recognize the development of leadership qualities.• Foster high professional standards.• Encourage creative work.• Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.• Provide support, including funding, to other organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.• Assist and engage in any other activities which are permitted to be carried on by organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.	<u>Article II:</u> The purposes of this society shall be to recognize superior achievement and the development of leadership qualities, foster high professional standards, and strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession. Sigma engages in activities permitted under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States (US) Internal Revenue Code.

Amendment 21-13

Housekeeping and Cleanup Amendments

Article III, Section 2.E.:

Active regular members shall have the right to vote and hold elective and appointive office. Such members shall also receive official society publications, priority for education programs; and priority for research funding. Active regular members may hold membership in more than one chapter by remitting multiple chapter fees and the society fee annually, and may transfer from one chapter to another.

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Article III, Section 3:

Section 3. Honorary Members

An honorary member is a person who is not eligible for regular membership but who has gained national or international recognition in the field of nursing or in any field contributing to nursing. Any active member, through a chapter or the Sigma board of directors, may nominate persons for honorary membership. Honorary membership is awarded only by the Sigma board of directors. A vote of three-fourths of the Sigma board of directors shall be necessary for election to honorary membership. Honorary members shall be inducted and awarded the official key in locations and times decided upon by the board, receive the society's publications, and be responsible for promoting and supporting the purposes of the society. There shall be no induction or renewal fee for an honorary member.

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Amendment 21-13

Housekeeping and Cleanup Amendments

Article III, Section 4.A.:

Each new member shall pay a society membership fee and a chapter induction fee as described in the chapter bylaws, covering the cost of induction and active membership for one twelve-month period. For subsequent years, each member shall pay an annual fee to maintain active member benefits.

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Article III, Section 4.A.:

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Article III, Section 5:

Section 5. Membership Inactivity and Revocation

A. Inactive members who have not paid annual chapter and international fees shall become active at any time by paying current renewal fees. Members may also formally request to discontinue membership.

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Amendment 21-13

Housekeeping and Cleanup Amendments

Article VI, Section 3:

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities

The Sigma board of directors shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Exercise fiduciary responsibilities including adopting a budget, setting the appropriate bonding level and selecting the auditor;
- Adopt rules and regulations to govern its own actions;
- Appoint a chief executive officer;
- Review and approve new chapter chartering applications and revoke charters as necessary;
- Provide criteria for affiliate relationships and grant affiliation to legally organized groups;
- Transact necessary business of this society between meetings of the house of delegates;
- Investigate and recommend to the house of delegates any matter pertaining to the welfare of this society; and
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Amendment 21-13

Housekeeping and Cleanup Amendments

Article VII, Section 2:

The legislative and judicial powers of the society shall be vested in the house of delegates. As such, the house shall have the authority to nominate and elect officers, directors, and other positions as allowed by these bylaws; amend the society's articles of incorporation and bylaws; levy special assessments by a three-fourths vote; receive the budget as approved by the board, and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the house of delegates at the biennial convention.

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Chapter delegates may also vote electronically on the society's articles of incorporation under procedures and time limitations determined by the board.

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None. Strike and renumber accordingly.

Amendment 21-13

Housekeeping and Cleanup Amendments

<u>Article X, Section 1:</u> Section 1. Fiscal Year The fiscal year shall be 1 July through 30 June.	<u>Article X, Section 1:</u> Section 1. Fiscal Year The fiscal year shall be 1 July through 30 June. (delete and renumber)	<u>None. Strike and renumber accordingly.</u>
<u>Article X, Section 4:</u> The Sigma board of directors shall authorize publication of an official journal and other publications as it deems appropriate according to policies and procedures established by the board.	<u>Article X, Section 4:</u> The Sigma board of directors shall authorize publication of an official journal and other publications as it deems appropriate according to policies and procedures established by the board.	<u>None. Strike and renumber accordingly.</u>
<u>Article XII, Section 1.C.:</u> C. Amendments to these bylaws approved by the house of delegates or editorial changes approved by the Sigma board of directors that are also applicable to the chapters shall be incorporated into the chapter bylaws.	<u>Article XII, Section 1.C.:</u> C. Amendments to these bylaws approved by the house of delegates or editorial changes approved by the Sigma board of directors that are also applicable to the chapters shall be incorporated into the chapter bylaws.	<u>Article XII, Section 1.C.:</u> C. Amendments to these bylaws that are also applicable to the chapters shall be incorporated into the chapter bylaws.

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