RESOURCES

2023-2025 Bylaws Now Available

The updated 2023-2025 Sigma International Bylaws and 2023-2025 Chapter Bylaws Template are now available in the All Chapter Officers Workgroup library. Changes reflected in these updated versions are as follows:

INTERNATIONAL BYLAWS:

Article VI. Sigma Board of Directors, Section 4. Director Terms and Limits

Revised language brings the regional chapters coordinating committee chair position term limits and succession into alignment with other board positions. Reorganizing the content of this section improved clarity and readability.

CHAPTER BYLAWS:

Article III. Members, Section 3. Membership Rights

Language regarding the limitation of only active regular members holding elective and appointive office was reinserted.

Article V. Meetings, Section 4. Sigma House of Delegates

Language removed in 2021 was re-inserted to clarify that one delegate may cast both chapter votes in the House of Delegates if only one delegate can attend. Wording was changed to further clarify that each chapter only has two delegate votes.

Article VI. Board of Directors, Section 1. Composition and Authority

A quorum of the chapter board was changed to "majority" which mirrors the change made in 2021 at the international level.

Article VII. Committees, Section 1. Standing Committees

Based on chapter leader feedback, the chapter bylaws template was changed to give chapters the option of having committee members serve either two- or four-year terms based on chapter needs. Revisions improve the structure of this section and clarify term lengths. The required chapter governance committee member count was reduced to two elected or appointed members plus the elected counselor, equaling three total members. This brings the chapter governance committee into alignment with the chapter leadership succession committee which also has three members.

The **chapter bylaws submission portal will open on 1 May** and all chapters are required to submit their bylaws for review no later than **7 August 2024**. More information about this process will be forthcoming.

As mentioned above, chapter leader feedback led Sigma's International Governance Committee to make changes to committee structure and term lengths to better meet chapter needs. If you have any recommendations for amendments you believe should be considered by the 2023-2025 committee, please submit them using the <u>online form</u>.