



# PHI GAMMA DELTA

## BUILDING COURAGEOUS LEADERS

1201 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY 40504 | 859-255-1848 | [www.phigam.org](http://www.phigam.org)

January 17, 2020

**TO:** Undergraduate Chapter Officers

**FROM:** Rob Caudill, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** **Proposing Amendments to Fraternity Laws**

The approaching 172nd Ekklesia (August 6-9, 2020) provides the only forum for amending the Constitution and certain of the Fraternity's Bylaws. You and your chapter members should be familiar with the procedures outlined below for submitting amendments for consideration by the Ekklesia.

### **Procedure for Proposing Amendments to the Bylaws**

- Section 29.0 Sections 1.0 to 14.5, 19.0 to 19.300, and 25.0 to 29.3 may be altered and amended only by a majority vote of the Ekklesia.
- Section 29.1 No amendment or change shall be brought before any Ekklesia unless it refers to the Section, if any, to be amended, or indicates that the change would create a wholly new Section, and unless the amendment or change be filed with the Archon Secretary at least one hundred and fifty days (150) before the initial meeting of the Ekklesia; provided, however, that the Archons may accept amendments filed with the Archons at least sixty (60) days before the initial meeting of the Ekklesia.

### **Procedure for Proposing Amendments to the Constitution:**

#### Article VII, Section I

This *Constitution* may be altered and amended by a two-thirds vote of the Ekklesia, provided that two-thirds of the undergraduate chapters are represented therein, except as provided in Article II, Section 12, hereof. No amendment shall be considered or voted upon by an Ekklesia unless it refers to the article and section, if any, to be amended or indicates that the change will create a wholly new article and unless the amendment be filed with the Archon Secretary at least one hundred and fifty (150) days before the initial meeting of the Ekklesia; provided, however, that the Archons may accept amendments filed at least sixty (60) days before the initial meeting of such Ekklesia. The Archons shall, at least one hundred and twenty (120) days before the initial meeting of the Ekklesia, distribute to the chapters all proposed amendments filed at least one hundred fifty (150) days before such Ekklesia. The Archons shall also distribute to the chapters such additional proposed amendments filed at least sixty (60) days before such Ekklesia and accepted by the Archons.

## **Deadline for Filing Proposed Amendments**

Any amendments to be presented to the 172<sup>nd</sup> Ekklesia, which officially convenes to conduct the business of the Fraternity on Friday, August 7, 2020 by **Tuesday, March 10, 2020** (150 days prior to the Ekklesia).

Amendments received after March 10, but no later than **Monday, June 8, 2020** (60 days prior to the Ekklesia), may be presented to the Ekklesia at the discretion of the Archons.

Proposed amendments should be typed as the above laws specify and sent to the International Headquarters to the Executive Director. It is preferred that proposed amendments are sent electronically to [rcaudill@phigam.org](mailto:rcaudill@phigam.org).

Perge!

cc: Archons  
Appointed General Officers  
Section Chiefs  
Purple Legionnaires  
Field Secretaries