



Procedure for Proposing and Voting on Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of Phi Mu Fraternity

As shown in excerpts below from the *Standing Rules and Procedures* and the *Constitution and Bylaws*, the governing documents for Phi Mu Fraternity, the procedure is as follows: (with dates applicable to the 2024 National Convention):

- Any Phi Mu member in good standing may propose an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- With convention beginning on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, the pertinent dates for this process will be:
 - Friday, May 10, 2024: deadline for proposed amendments to be submitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee
 - Any member in good standing with Phi Mu Fraternity, and any National Fraternity committees, may propose amendments
 - Sunday, June 9, 2024: proposed amendment(s) will be mailed or emailed to “all regularly constituted voting members of the Fraternity”
 - At convention, a vote/votes will be held:
 - For any proposed amendment(s) submitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee by Friday, May 10, 2024, and the Committee believes advisable in accordance with Article X of the *Constitution** and Article XVII of the *Bylaws***, the amendment will pass if two-thirds (2/3) of voting delegates vote in the affirmative on the proposed amendment(s).
 - For any amendment proposed after the 60-day deadline, including at convention/on the floor of a business session, the amendment will pass if nine-tenths (9/10 or 90%) of voting delegates vote in the affirmative on the proposed amendment(s).

Standing Rules and Procedures (excerpt)

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ARTICLE II – OFFICERS OF THE FRATERNITY

SECTION 3. ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE NATIONAL OFFICERS

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SECTION 5. OTHER NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE FRATERNITY

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OTHER OFFICERS NECESSARY TO THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FRATERNITY (Section 5.A.33)

FRATERNITY COMMITTEES

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Section 5. B.)

1. Shall be comprised of no fewer than three members, including the Chairwoman.
2. Receives suggestions for desirable additions, amendments, or deletions to the *Constitution and Bylaws of Phi Mu Fraternity* and prepares for consideration by the Fraternity membership those revisions which the Committee believes advisable in accordance with Article X of the *Constitution** and Article XVII of the *Bylaws***.
3. Clarifies and interprets the *Constitution and Bylaws* at the request of National Council, such interpretations to be accepted until the next convention.
4. After each national convention, the Committee shall review and edit any revisions of the *Constitution and Bylaws* and the *Standing Rules and Procedures* by September 1.
5. Approves collegiate chapter bylaws at the request of the Area Collegiate Operations and Finance Director.
6. Performs other duties as may be assigned.

Constitution and Bylaws of Phi Mu Fraternity (excerpt)

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***ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

This *Constitution* may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular or special session of National Convention after notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent by regular or electronic mail to all regularly constituted voting members of the Fraternity not less than thirty (30) days prior to said Convention, provided that the failure of notice to any specific or particular person or persons shall not impair or invalidate any action taken at Convention to amend this *Constitution*.

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****ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. These *Bylaws* may be amended at any National Convention, in regular or special session, by a two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast. All amendments must be recommended by the National Council unless the National Council elects, because of special circumstances, to make no recommendations and communicates the basis for such election to the Convention with the Amendment. All proposed amendments shall be sent to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee at least sixty (60) days before the scheduled opening date of the Convention. The report of this Committee containing a summary or copy of each proposed amendment shall be sent to the voting Delegates thirty (30) days before the scheduled opening date of the Convention and include a statement that one of the purposes of the Convention is to consider the proposed Amendment(s), provided, however, that the failure to provide notice to any specific or particular person or persons shall not impair or invalidate any action taken at Convention without the need for prior notice or review by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee provided that in such event, adoption of such amendment shall require the vote of nine-tenths (9/10) of the votes cast.

SECTION 2. In the interim between National Conventions, an amendment(s) to the *Bylaws* may be submitted to the members for approval by written or electronic ballot following the procedure provided in Article I, Section 7. of these *Bylaws*. The material soliciting the approval shall contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the proposed amendment(s).