

Amendment Proposals for the PKD Constitution

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#1

Article and Section

•402.7:

“The Province Secretary-Treasurer or the Governor if the Province does not choose to elect a Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the ordinary duties of the office, and shall also prepare not later than June 30th of each year, a statement of revenues and expenditures of the Province, and submit such statement to the National Secretary-Treasurer.”

Proposed Amendment

- Delete this section; 402.8 à 402.7

Rationale

- National Council no longer requires province reports and eliminated province dues.

#2

Article and Section

• 603.4 - The National Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the National Council and the National Convention. This person shall file all applications for membership and keep a complete record of the standing of each member. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of the issuing of all charters, membership cards, and certificates. The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect the charter fees, membership fees, initiation fees, and all other assessments and maintain the national treasury. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a complete record of the finances, supplies, and other property of the organization, and shall have charge of issuing keys to individual members. He or she shall give bond, and the accounts shall be audited each August. The National Council shall provide funds to defray the expenses of clerical work for the National Secretary-Treasurer.

603.41 - The National Secretary-Treasurer will be provided a stipend of an amount and at a time set by the National Council. Expenses incurred by the Secretary-Treasurer in attending the National Convention will be reimbursed.

Proposed Amendment

- Eliminate position of National Secretary-Treasurer; replace with COO—description below. The term “National Secretary-Treasurer” will be replaced with “Chief Operating Officer” throughout the PKD Constitution.

603.4 The Chief Operating Officer (COO) shall keep the minutes of the National Council and the National Convention. The COO shall collect the charter fees, membership fees, initiation fees, and all other assessments and maintain the national treasury. The COO shall keep a complete record of the finances, supplies, and other property of the organizations. He or she shall give bond, and the accounts shall be audited each August. The National Council shall provide funds to defray the expenses of clerical work for the COO.

603.41 - The Chief Operating Officer (COO) shall also oversee and coordinate fundraising and be responsible for identifying and coordinating efforts at nurturing relationships. The COO will serve as Grants Manager: identify new grant sources and coordinate grant application and reporting activities. The COO shall prepare an annual report appropriate for fundraising and other uses. The COO shall oversee maintenance of the web page and other communication strategies with the support of the National Council as well as publish the Key and investigate advertising potential. The COO shall assist with the coordination of logistics for meetings of the National Council. The COO shall plan and implement Skype or other virtual meetings as needed while working with the President and National Council.

603.42 - The COO will report to and be an ex officio member of the National Council. The President and Council will set priorities and assist with the activities of the COO in management and fundraising as appropriate.

603.43 – The COO shall receive an annual stipend as determined by the National Council and be provided with appropriate support for travel, clerical expenses and the like. The COO’s term shall be four years as specified in section 604.23.

Rationale

- With the NSDA partnership, the role of secretary/treasurer no longer is necessary. This section needs to be amended to reflect the new language of our partnership. Both the Council and the membership already voted on this change in St. Louis (2013), so the Constitution just needs to be made consistent with current practice.

#3

Article and Section

- 604.12

The National Council shall provide for an absentee ballot for those Pi Kappa Delta Chapters in good standing which indicate they will not attend the convention.

Proposed Amendment

- Delete this section.

Rationale

- Difficult to manage, a violation of Robert's Rules of Order and incredibly impractical, this section is a burden not currently in practice and should be deleted.

#4

Article and Section

- 604.23

The National Secretary-Treasurer shall be nominated by the National Council and approved by the National Convention and shall serve a term of four years and shall be eligible for an additional term of four years. A third term of two years is possible upon the unanimous recommendation of the National Council and a two-thirds vote of the National Convention. The term of office of the National Secretary-Treasurer shall begin August 1 of the year of election.

Proposed Amendment

- Change language to be consistent with Constitutional Amendment proposal #4.

Rationale

- The role of the secretary-treasurer no longer exists; the language here should reflect current practice.

#5

Article and Section

- 610.3-4

610.3 - Convention Arrangements and Program Committee. It shall be the function of this committee to make all local arrangements for the National Convention. The chairperson and the convention officers appointed by the National President under the provision of paragraph _____ and one other person designated by the National President shall constitute this committee.

610.4 - Committee on Convention Tournaments. It shall be the function of this committee to have complete charge, subject to the supervision of the National Council, of all matters pertaining to forensic events offered at tournaments sponsored by the National Organization. The chairperson, with the approval of the National President, shall appoint such additional members of the committee as are necessary to manage the tournaments sponsored by the National Organization.

Proposed Amendment

- Combine these two committees into one: Convention Arrangements and Program Committee. Delete reference to paragraph and its underlined blank.

Rationale

- These committees fulfill essentially the same purpose and are, in practice, the same people.

#6

Article and Section

- 610.01

The Chairperson of the following standing committees shall be appointed by the National President and approved by majority vote of the National Council if the appointee is not a member of the Council: Charter and Standards Committee, Committee on Public Relations, Committee on Convention Arrangements and Program, Committee on Convention Tournament, Constitution Revision Committee, Alumni Relations, Professional Development and Support, Institutional Research, and Endowment Committees.

Proposed Amendment

- An addition: "...by the National President, **with preference given to governors of the provinces**, and approved..."

Delete: Committee on Convention Tournament,

Rationale

- This will help to clarify the role of the province governors—empowering them to f

#7

Article and Section

- 610.2

Public Relations Committee. It shall be the function of this committee to advance the interests of Pi Kappa Delta by furnishing information about the honorary and its goals and purposes to newspapers, education groups, and the general public; to encourage and evaluate projects of benefit to the honorary, subject to the approval of the National Council.

Proposed Amendment

- Delete

Rationale

- The role of the COO and Province Coordinator already fulfill the role of this committee. If an additional committee is necessary, the National President may create one, ad hoc, to satisfy specific public-relation goals.

#8

Article and Section

- 702.5

Eligibility for Order of Attainment and Honorary memberships shall be determined as follows: Membership in the Order of Attainment shall be through nomination and selection by the process outlined in the organization's by-laws. Honorary membership shall be through nomination by an undergraduate chapter in good standing and is limited to one Honorary membership per academic year.

Proposed Amendment

- Remove language regarding the Order of Attainment. (Add it to Section III of the Tournament Procedure By-Laws.)

Rationale

- The Order of Attainment is an award not a membership. But it is not listed in Bylaws

#9

Article and Section

- 1005

Individuals and institutions may subscribe to a journal-only membership by paying the annual fee to the National Secretary-Treasurer's office. The subscription rate shall be established by the National Council.

Proposed Amendment

- Change reference regarding secretary-treasurer.

Rationale

- The role has changed.

#10

Article and Section

- Section X

Proposed Amendment

- Add 1003: “*The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta* will also be made available digitally to the membership on the Pi Kappa Delta official website.”

Additionally, all references to *The Forensic* should be italicized.

Rationale

- 1) The journal needs to be made accessible in more and modern ways. 2) Grammar.

#11

Article and Section

- Article XI – Grand Catalog

1100 - The National Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a Grand Catalog of the names of members of Pi Kappa Delta with a record of their Orders and Degrees at the time of initiation, and any subsequent changes in Orders and Degrees. The President of each Undergraduate Chapter shall send this information annually, or more often if requested, to the National Secretary-Treasurer on the official catalog forms. Names shall not be entered in the catalog or carried by the National Secretary-Treasurer until all application blanks and fees have been received.

Proposed Amendment

- Replace with appropriate wording concerning who keeps/maintains this information (COO and the organization’s administrative assistant).

Rationale

- The organization’s administrative assistant collects and maintains this information.

#12

Article and Section

- Article XIII – Amendments

1300

The constitution may be amended by a proposal receiving a majority vote at a regular National Convention and a two-thirds affirmative vote by a mail ballot submitted to the membership no later than thirty days following the National Convention. The constitution may also be amended by a three-fourths affirmative vote in the referendum initiated by the National Council.

Proposed Amendment

- Add: "...vote by **either electronic or mail ballot by request...**"

In 1302...change "Chairman" to "Chair."

Rationale

- 1) This amendment cuts back on mailing costs and its burden. It requires membership, then, to opt *in* to mail rather than opting out. 2) Patriarchy.

#13

Article and Section

- 602.2

The National Council shall be composed of the National President, the President-Elect, the five general council members, the immediate Past-President, the National SecretaryTreasurer, the Historian, and the Editor of the Forensic, each of whom shall be a voting member. Past Presidents of this forensic honorary shall be honorary non-voting members of the National Council.

Proposed Amendment

- The number of Council members increases to seven: include "Community College Representative and the Graduate Student Representative."

Change language of Secretary-Treasurer.

Add "Undergraduate Student Representative at large and Undergraduate Local Host Student Representative."

Rationale

- The rationale for the two additional Council members are as follows: community colleges often has different issues and should be given a voice on the national council. Similarly, a graduate student experiences different exigencies than an undergraduate student or member of the Order of Instruction.

#14

Article and Section

- 602.21

To be eligible to be elected to the National Council, a person must be a member of the Order of Instruction or an Active Alumni. A member of the Order of Instruction must be, at the time of election, actively associated with a school having a Pi Kappa Delta Chapter.

Proposed Amendment

- Add sentence at end: “The Community College Representative must additionally be directly connected to an active community college chapter.”

Rationale

- The role of the position of Community College representative should be protected as a special distinction.

#15

Article and Section

- 602.22

To be eligible to be elected to the National Council as a Student Representative, a member must be at the time of election a member in good standing of an Undergraduate Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

Proposed Amendment

- Add: “...of an Undergraduate Chapter **(for the two undergraduate student representative positions) or of an Alumni or Honorary membership for the Graduate Student Representative** of Pi Kappa Delta.”

Rationale

- With the new Graduate Student position, their eligibility needs to be clarified here.

#16

Article and Section

- 604.22

The Student Representatives shall be elected in the following manner: the Undergraduate Chapter which is to be host to the National Convention shall elect, not later than the first of May two years prior to the convention, a Student Representative to serve on the National Council. Results of the above election shall be reported promptly to the National President by the Province Governor of the host Province. The second student representative shall be elected using the same process outlined in section 354.1.

Proposed Amendment

- Add sentence at end: “The second student **and the Graduate Student representatives** shall...”

Rationale

- Making election section include a reference to the graduate representative is prudent.

#17

Article and Section

- 604.23

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Proposed Amendment

- Fix to include new language of the COO position.

Rationale

- As enumerated above. All references to secretary-treasurer or “chairman” need to be addressed.