

2020 Election Guidelines

Nominations:

- Nominations by members must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time at the Executive Office by filing the required forms to the attention of the Executive Director by the 14th day after the slate is presented. No late nominations shall be considered.
- A slated candidate may not be nominated for another position and remain in her slated slot. No one can appear on the slate in two places.
- If accepting a nomination for another position, the slated candidate must resign her slated slot. The Fraternity Nominating Committee will meet/confer and slate a new nominee for the vacated position.
- Staff shall not disclose progress of member nominations or identify those candidates prior to announcement by the Constitution and Elections Chairman.
- The Constitution and Elections Chairman will be responsible for notifying the voting delegates that a candidate has been nominated. In conjunction with that announcement, the Election Guidelines will be published again.
- All slated and member nominated candidates will be listed on Fraternity publication sites under position title. Listings will be alphabetical by last name, with method of nomination noted.
- The Constitution and Elections Chairman will deliver instructions to all candidates regarding the Election Forum.
- Any individual who allows her name to be considered must be in good standing with the Fraternity as evidenced by payment of her annual per capita dues or 50-year membership.

Campaigning:

- All delegates, staff and members of the Fraternity Nominating Committee will be informed that campaigning is not allowed. Campaigning is defined as working in an organized and active way to persuade delegates to support a candidate.
- All slated candidates and member nominated candidates will not utilize social media in any manner that may be construed as campaigning.
- Letters, phone calls and electronic communications sent on a candidate's behalf will not be permitted. Failure to comply will result in the Panel (consisting of the Constitution and Elections Chairman and Fraternity Parliamentarian) discussing the issue with the noted candidate and taking appropriate action.
- Signs, placards, balloons, additional literature, favors and other publicity type items are prohibited prior to and during the Convention. Non-compliance, when determined a violation by the Panel, may result in a public posting at the Convention meeting room entrance.
- Delegates to the Convention shall not be told how to vote.

- Members of the Fraternity Nominating Committee will refrain from promoting slated candidates. Questions will be referred to the process used, and biographical information published and distributed.
- Along with the biographical information, a specified, predetermined introductory paragraph adapted from the candidate's application packet will be published for each candidate. The Constitution and Elections Chairman will allow candidates to review their paragraphs prior to publication in the Convention program booklet.
- There is to be no campaigning in the regional meetings.
- All candidate information will be posted in a consistent manner as directed by the Constitution and Elections Chairman.
- A Panel consisting of the Fraternity Constitution and Elections Chairman and the Fraternity Parliamentarian will address sub-standard election behaviors.

* Any violation of campaigning restriction(s) should be reported to the Constitution and Elections Chairman. The complaint should be in writing and signed in order to authorize the Panel to gather information. The accused will be informed that a violation has been filed and who has filed the complaint.

* If, after investigation, the Panel agrees that there has been a violation, the candidate for whom the campaigning has occurred will be informed and asked to address the situation. If the Panel finds no violation, the accused/complaint filer will be informed of no violation.

* All information received or collected during the elections process (prior to and at Convention) will be destroyed by the Constitution and Elections Chairman following the Election Forum.

Presentation of Slated and Member Nominated Candidates at Convention:

(These terms will be used as per the Constitution)

- The Fraternity Nominating Committee Chairman will announce the proposed slate by position and name only and refer everyone to the electronic written material distributed to delegates. This will be prerecorded.
- The Constitution and Elections Chairman will announce any member nominated candidate(s), noting position and name only and to refer to the electronic written material distributed to delegates for further information. This will be prerecorded.

Election Panel/Forum:

- The Fraternity Parliamentarian will serve as the facilitator of the Forum and the Constitution and Elections Chairman will serve as the timer.

- When there is only one candidate for an office, she will be introduced to the Convention body and be allowed up to two minutes to introduce herself and her goals or vision for her office. This will be prerecorded.
- When there are two or more candidates for a position, each candidate will speak in alphabetical order according to last names and be allowed up to two minutes for her initial speech. A panel appointed by the President will write two questions for each candidate and they will each have two minutes to respond to each question. After the candidate's speech, the Constitution and Elections Chairman will ask each candidate two questions and serve as the timer.
- A panel consisting of no more than one alumna delegate, one collegiate delegate and one Cabinet delegate will be appointed by the President to develop questions. One question will be unknown to the candidates. One question will be given to the candidates just prior to the prerecording of their response with the Constitution and Elections Chairman and Fraternity Parliamentarian.

Adopted by Council for 2020 Convention