

RHO CHI SOCIETY

Proposed bylaw changes for 2023

1. Attendance at National Convention

ARTICLE IV MEMBER CHAPTERS Addition only

Section 3

Any chapter failing for three successive years to have a delegate in attendance at the National Convention shall be declared "Inactive" by the Executive Council and may not elect members unless and until reinstated. "Attendance at the National Convention" shall be defined by the Executive Council, and chapters and delegates shall be advised of this criterion at least one month before the National Convention. Attendance may include, for example, virtual attendance at the National Convention, voting as part of the National Convention, or as otherwise defined by the Executive Council.

2. Election processes

ARTICLE V NATIONAL OFFICERS AND REGIONAL COUNCILORS

Section 4

The election of National Officers and Regional Councilors shall take place at or within several weeks before the National Convention of the Society unless the President calls for a special election. Election will be conducted by written ballot as directed by the Executive Council. A simple majority of the votes cast by the voting delegates in attendance and voting will be required to elect. In the event of a tie vote, the Executive Vice President shall break the tie by polling the remaining National Officers.

3. Communications Committee

ARTICLE VI RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AND REGIONAL COUNCILORS Addition only

Section 4.

Secretary. The National Secretary shall, in consultation with the National President and Executive Vice President, develop the agenda for the National Convention of the Society and the Executive Council meetings. The National Secretary shall record and maintain the records

of the proceedings of those meetings and distribute copies to local chapters and members of the Executive Council via the National Office. **The National Secretary shall serve as chair of the Communications Committee.**

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES Addition only

Section 1.

The Society shall have the following standing committees: Nominating, Scholarship/Fellowship, Faculty Advisor Award, Rho Chi Lecture Award, Chapter Awards, Auditing, and **Communications**. These committees shall report each year at the National Convention of the Society.

Section 8.

Communications Committee: The Communications Committee shall consist of up to nine members appointed annually by the National President. The National Secretary will serve as chair, and committee members shall include at least one member from the National Office, Regional Councilors, Faculty members (not Regional Councilors), Chapter Award Winner student representative(s), and Student members (non-chapter award winners). The Communications Committee shall monitor website functionality, promote communication with Rho Chi chapters, determine social media campaigns, engage members via social media, coordinate with other committees/taskforces to promote activities of the Society, and other activities and responsibilities as determined by the Executive Council or National President.

4. Credentials Committee

ARTICLE XI NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Section 6

~~In advance of the National Convention, the National President shall appoint an ad hoc Credentials Committee usually composed of the faculty advisor(s) and members of chapters in the vicinity of the National Convention. The Credentials Committee will seat chapter delegates and alternates, report chapters in attendance, and declare chapters absent. During the National Convention, the Committee will also collect and count ballots and report election results for national offices to the Executive Vice President.~~ **The Executive Vice President or designee will oversee the execution and tabulation of the voting process, and the Executive Vice President will submit the election results for verification by the ad hoc Credentials Committee. The**

Credentials Committee will be comprised of the Executive Vice President and two National Officers not balloted in the current election.