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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Grand Chapter

FROM: Bonita M. Herring, International Grand Basileus

DATE: November 4, 2014

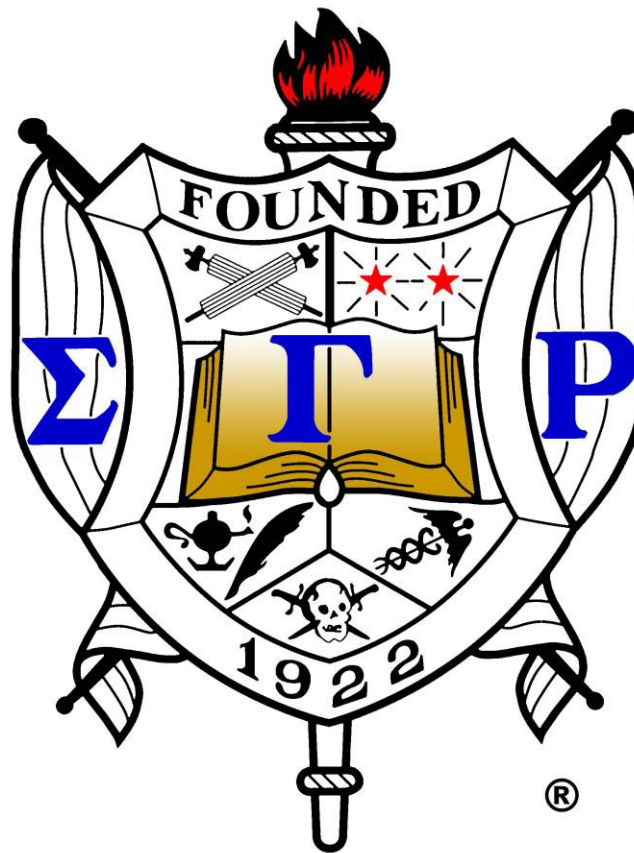
RE: 2014 Boule Grand Chapter Action Index

CC: LaTonya T. Nelson, International Grand Anti-Grammateus
Frances C. Jackson, International Parliamentarian
Venita Brown, International Recommendations Committee Chair
Rachel E. Morris, Executive Director

Please find attached the action index which reflects all actions taken by the Grand Chapter at Boule 2014 in National Harbor, MD. The updated version of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Constitution, By-laws and Standard Operating Procedures will be available for sale in the coming weeks as we await their completion. Thank you for your patience during this update and verification process of our governing documents.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
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National Harbor, Maryland
Action Item Index

(includes all PASSED legislation during this meeting of the Grand Chapter)



Item #	Section to be Added or Amended	Current Language	Proposed Language/Action	2014 Grand Chapter Disposition
2	National Bylaws, Article II Membership Section 201	None	A 1. Undergraduate candidates matriculating on a four-year level accredited degree program, housed on a community or junior college campus, shall be admitted to membership. A 2. Students seeking membership through this avenue, must provide 1. A sealed transcript from the degree granting institution 2. A verification of enrollment from the housing institution	PASSED
3	National Bylaws, Article II Membership Section 202 (a)	Shall be a graduate from a four-year regionally accredited institution.	Shall be a graduate from a four-year regionally accredited institution	PASSED
5	National Bylaws, Article II Membership Section 205: Members-at-	None	ADD: f. Advise undergraduate chapters upon approval from the Regional Syntaktes	PASSED
7	National Bylaws, Article II Membership Section 209 Transfer (A) (2)	None	i. If the transferring soror is the Basileus of the undergraduate chapter, she and an officer of the Advising graduate chapter or advising member at large shall sign the transfer form.	PASSED

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9	National Bylaws, Article II Membership Section 212 Rights of a Member	No current language	<i>Add a new part (h):</i> h. General members shall receive all mailings and communications as the local chapter and all other membership services.	PASSED
10	National Bylaws, Article II, Section 212. Insert new “b” and re-order remaining.	None	During the grace period (July 2 – September 30), sorors and chapters whose dues were paid the previous year and who are in good standing have the right to participate in all sorority activities, including T.O.R.C.H. training. However, chapters who wish to submit a T.O.R.C.H. calendar between July 1 and October 1, must pay assessments at the regional and national levels before a T.O.R.C.H. calendar and induction will be approved, even if their dues and assessments were paid the previous year.	PASSED
11	National Bylaws, Article II Membership Section 212	Every person upon induction into membership in Sigma Gamma Rho shall be entitled to a membership certificate, membership card, handbook (Constitution & Bylaws/ Standing Operating Procedures), wear the official badge, receive The Aurora; attend meetings of the Sorority or be represented by a delegate to the Boule and the Regional Conference; and share in all other privileged that may be hereinafter acquired by the Sorority.	Every person upon induction into membership in Sigma Gamma Rho shall be entitled to a membership certificate, membership card, handbook (Constitution & Bylaws/ Standing Operating Procedures), wear the official badge, receive The Aurora; attend meetings of the Sorority or be represented by a delegate to the Boule and the Regional Conference; and share in all other privileges that may be hereinafter acquired by the Sorority.	PASSED

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12	National Bylaws, Article II Membership Section 212 (D)	Reinstatement. A non-financial member shall apply for reinstatement through her local chapter, or if a member-at-large or General Member, through the Grand Grammateus, upon meeting financial and other requirements. In a city where there are two alumnae chapters, the alumnae member may reactivate with the chapter of her choice, following the proper procedure for reinstatement and transfer.	Reinstatement. A non- financial member shall apply for reinstatement through her local chapter, or if a member-at-large or General Member, through the Grand Grammateus, upon meeting financial and other requirements. In a city where there are two alumnae chapters, the alumnae member may reactivate with the chapter of her choice, following the proper procedure for reinstatement and transfer.	PASSED
13	National Bylaws, Article II Membership To be added - Section 214	None	<i>ADD:</i> Cultured Pearls. All applicants for the Cultured Pearl recognition will fulfill the following criteria: 1) Be financial members of the organization at the time of recognition 2) 30 or more financial years of the 50 as a member of Sigma Gamma Rho	PASSED

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13	National Bylaws, Article II Membership To be added - Section 214	None	<i>ADD:</i> Cultured Pearls. All applicants for the Cultured Pearl recognition will fulfill the following criteria: 3) Be financial members of the organization at the time of recognition 4) 30 or more financial years of the 50 as a member of Sigma Gamma Rho	PASSED
14	National Bylaws, Article II Membership, Section 213 Member Taxes; National Bylaws Article XIII Financial Regulations, National Bylaws Article XIV National Expenditures	As currently written	Strike: Section 213 of Article II Member Taxes in its entirety. Strike: Article XIII Financial Regulations in its entirety. Insert: A new Article III Financial Regulations Insert proposed new language into the current Article XIV, Section 1402. Annual Budget, as new subsections (b) and (d). Move the amended Article XIV in its entirety to be positioned and renumbered as Article IV National Expenditures, immediately following the newly proposed Article III Financial Regulations. Renumber subsequent bylaws articles and sections accordingly. For purposes of confidentiality, this segment of language will not be released online and will be available in governing documents to be released in the coming weeks.	PASSED SEE APPENDIX BELOW

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15	National Bylaws, Article II Membership, Section 213 Member Taxes (e)	e. Transfer fee (which includes certificate) shall be required.	<i>Add (bolded):</i> e. Transfer fee (which includes certificate) shall be required. 1. Undergraduate sorors who transfer within 90 days after graduation into an alumnae chapter will be exempt from paying transfer fees.	PASSED
17	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations Section 301 Undergraduate Chapters	Section 301. Undergraduate Chapters a. Undergraduate chapters shall be composed of students in attendance at a school accredited by its Regional Association. b. Membership shall be extended to eligible junior and community college students who submit proof of their intention to enter and obtain a degree in a four-year accredited college. The proof must come from the Registrar of the junior community college. c. A regional undergraduate chapter will be established for inducting members on campuses when the institution does not allow the charting of Greek letter organizations on its campus.	<i>Substitute:</i> Section 301. Undergraduate Chapters a. Undergraduate Chapters 1. Undergraduate chapters shall be composed of students in attendance at a school accredited by its Regional Association or by professional accreditation association recognized by the Department of Education. 2. All undergraduate chapters shall be audited using the Auditing Form from the Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator. b. Regional Undergraduate Chapters 1. The regional undergraduate chapter will be utilized in cases where a prospective undergraduate student attends an educational institution that does not permit the chartering of Greek-lettered organizations on their campus.	PASSED

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		d. All undergraduate chapters shall be audited using the Auditing Form from the Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator e. A regional undergraduate expansion chapter will be established for making members on campuses when the criteria for the establishment of a chapter are not met. This chapter will be under the direct supervision of the region with the assistance of a sponsoring alumnae chapter for each school where an expansion chapter is established.	2. A graduate chapter must sponsor the prospective undergraduate student, conduct the T.O.R.C.H. process, and accept the prospect as an affiliate member of the graduate chapter. 3. The prospective member would ultimately be granted membership into the sorority as long as all membership eligibility requirements are met. 4. The prospective member and sponsoring alumnae chapter must sign an addendum prescribing additional terms and conditions to the regional undergraduate chapter category of membership. 5. The undergraduate member is NOT allowed to operate on any university, but may participate in activities on that campus.	
19	National Bylaws, Article III. Chapter Regulations Section 301. Undergraduate Chapters.	e. A regional undergraduate expansion chapter will be established for making members on campuses when the criteria for the establishment of a chapter are not met. This chapter will be under the direct supervision of the region with the assistance of a sponsoring alumnae chapter for each school where an expansion chapter is established.	e. A regional undergraduate expansion chapter will be established for making members on campuses when the criteria for the establishment of a chapter are not met. This chapter will be under the direct supervision of the region with the assistance of a sponsoring alumnae chapter or advising Member-at- Large for each school where an expansion chapter is established.	PASSED

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20	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations Section 303 (A)	Alumnae chapters shall elect as many Anti-Basilei as there are undergraduate chapters in a given city. Each Anti-Basileus shall be the advisor to an undergraduate college.	Alumnae chapters shall elect as many Anti-Basilei as there are undergraduate chapters in a given city. Each Anti-Basileus shall be the advisor to an undergraduate chapter.	PASSED
21	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations Section 306 Induction	Induction. No chapter shall hold an induction until all requirements of TORCH have been completed.	Induction. No chapter shall hold an induction until all requirements of the current process for membership intake have been completed.	PASSED
22	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations Section 309 (A)	Chapters older than 15 years and single Greek lettered chapters can only lose their original chapter name/charter in the event of a sorority infraction, such as hazing, but not due to inactivity, lack of members, or not meeting financial obligations.	Chapters older than 15 years and single Greek lettered chapters can only lose their original chapter name/charter in the event of a sorority infraction, such as hazing, but not due to inactivity, lack of members, or not meeting financial obligations.	PASSED
23	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations Section 310 (A)	When a soror reinstates, the chapter may keep one-half of the reinstatement fee and the local dues, if any. The balance of the reinstatement fee plus head tax shall be forwarded to National headquarters	When a soror reinstates, the chapter may keep one-half of the reinstatement fee and the local dues, if any. The balance of the reinstatement fee plus head tax shall be forwarded to National headquarters.	PASSED

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24	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations, <i>New Section 316. Chapter Officers</i>	No current language	<i>New Section 316. Chapter Officers</i> Section 316. Chapter Officers. The elected officers of the chapter shall be the Basileus, 1st Anti-Basileus, other Anti-Basilei, Grammateus, Anti-Grammateus, Tamiochus, and Epistoleus. The Basileus shall appoint, with the consent of the chapter Executive Board, the Parliamentarian, and other officers as it shall be deemed necessary and provided for in the chapter bylaws.	PASSED
25	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations, <i>New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (a)</i>	No current language	<i>New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (a)</i> Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers a. Candidates for chapter Basileus and Anti-Basilei shall at least: 1. Possess knowledge of the policies and programs of the sorority; 2. Be familiar with the sorority's mission statement and have the desire to promote it; and 3. Possess the ability and desire to lead impartially.	PASSED
26	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations, New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (b)	No current language	<i>New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (b)</i> <i>b. Candidates for chapter Grammateus and Tamiochus shall at least:</i> 1. <i>Have knowledge of financial management and accounting practices;</i> 2. <i>Have clerical ability and computer skills to produce financial reports; and</i> 3. <i>Be familiar with the sorority's remittance policies and procedures.</i>	PASSED

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27	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations, <i>New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (c)</i>	No current language	<i>New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (c)</i> c. Candidates for chapter Anti-Grammateus shall at least: 1. Have clerical ability and computer skills to produce reports; 2. Possess well developed writing skills; 3. Have knowledge and understanding of the proper format and method of taking minutes; and 4. Have strong organizational skills.	PASSED
28	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations, <i>New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (d)</i>	No current language	<i>New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (d)</i> d. Candidates for chapter Epistoleus shall at least: 1. Have good recordkeeping skills; 2. Have knowledge of document preservation; 3. Have knowledge of preserving chapter history; and 4. Possess well-developed writing skills.	PASSED
29	National Bylaws, Article III Chapter Regulations, New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (e) Section 1, part j and Section 2	No current language	<i>New Section 317. Qualifications of Chapter Officers, part (e)</i> <i>e. Candidates for chapter Parliamentarian shall at least:</i> 1. <i>Have a working knowledge of the local, regional, and national bylaws and policies of the Sorority.</i> 2. <i>Have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.</i>	PASSED

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30	National Bylaws, Article IV Disciplinary Actions Section 401	Special Circumstances. Under special circumstances, a soror accused of membership intake violations or conduct that demeans the sorority can be immediately, temporarily suspended by the Regional Syntaktes, the First Grand Anti-Basileus or the Grand Basileus until the accused has been afforded the opportunity to defend herself in accordance with the grievance procedures and disciplinary process.	Special Circumstances. Under special circumstances, a soror accused of membership intake violations or conduct that demeans the sorority can be immediately, temporarily suspended by the Regional Syntaktes, the First Grand Anti-Basileus or the Grand Basileus until the accused has been afforded the opportunity to defend herself in accordance with the grievance procedures and disciplinary process.	PASSED
32	National Bylaws, Article IV Section 405 Grievance Procedures and Disciplinary Action	General Policy It is the intent of the sorority to provide the right to a fair hearing to each financial soror, chapter and region on a complaint or grievance during membership in the sorority. These procedures are designed to address complaints and grievance included but not limited to allegations in Section 402 or Section 403 of the Bylaws and other areas covered by Federal laws. The soror and Sorors chapter whose actions have given rise to the complaint must make every effort to resolve the complaint as quickly as possible once it is identified. No retaliatory actions of any kind shall be taken against a soror seeking redress under these procedures. Any person who is a part of the grievance should not be a part of the panel.	General Policy It is the intent of the sorority to provide the right to a fair hearing to each financial soror, chapter and region on a complaint or grievance during membership in the sorority. A soror will be permitted to submit National and Regional dues until such time that the grievance can be resolved and transfer form can be signed. An exception shall be made that a transfer form shall not be signed if the grievance involves a financial matter. These procedures are designed to address complaints and grievance included but not limited to allegations in Section 402 or Section 403 of the Bylaws and other areas covered by Federal laws. The Soror and Sorors chapter whose actions have given rise to the complaint must make every effort to resolve the complaint as quickly as possible once it is identified. No retaliatory actions of any kind shall be taken against a Soror seeking redress under these procedures. All complaints and grievances should be considered "confidential" in nature. Any person who is a part of the grievance should not be a part of the panel.	PASSED

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33	National Bylaws, Article IV Section 405. Grievance Procedures and Disciplinary Action	Grievances involving Regional Syntaktes, First Grand Anti-Basileus, Grand Basileus	Grievances involving Local Basileus, Regional Syntaktes, First Grand Anti-Basileus, Grand Basileus 1. Local Basileus a. The chapter or member(s) must send a formal grievance filing charges against the Basileus to the Regional Syntaktes. b. The Regional Syntaktes, upon receipt of the formal grievance, will request needed documentation from all parties involved within 10 days. c. The Basileus will have 10 days to respond. d. The Regional Syntaktes will render a decision within 30 days of the response from the Basileus. The decision will be sent to the chapter/member(s), the Basileus and the First Grand Anti-Basileus. e. The Basileus or the chapter/ Member (s) have 20 days to appeal the decision of the Regional Syntaktes. f. The procedure of appeal will utilize the Hearing Panel and trial as described in the Expulsion Policy.	PASSED

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34	National Bylaws, Article IV Section 405d. Grievance Procedures and Disciplinary Action	None	c. d. Grievance Communication d. 1. When an inquiry, grievance or complaint has been filed, the receiving officer will follow-up with the grievant electronically (email) within 3 days of receipt acknowledging receipt of the inquiry, grievance or complaint (See form letter- GrievCommACK) e. f. 2. After the 20th day of the grievance process, the leader will send electronically (email) communication number two to follow-up and acknowledge receipt of all documentation.(See form letter – GrievCommFolUP) g. 3. No later than the 50th day of the process, a final decision will be rendered to all parties involved.	PASSED
35	National Bylaws, Article V Regional Regulations	None	All regional officers shall be qualified and in good financial standing at the local, regional and national levels to be eligible for election to regional office. The elected officers shall be the Regional Syntaktes, Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator, Youth Services Coordinator, Grammateus, Anti- Grammateus, Tamiochus and Epistoleus. The appointed offices shall be the Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Anti-Grammateus, Music Directress, Regional National Program Coordinator, Philo Coordinator, Rhoer Coordinator, and Regional Legal Advisor. No more than two (2) regional officers shall be elected from one chapter. The Syntaktes is not allowed to appoint more than three (3) Sorors to serve as a committee chairperson or appointed position from her chapter.	PASSED

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36	National Bylaws Article V, Section 501, new part c5 (for regional) National Bylaws Article VII, Section 704, new part e (for Boule) National SOP, new Section 6.570 (for regional) National SOP, Section 7.180, new c (for Boule)	None	To be eligible for Regional Conference and Boule registration sorors must be financial on all levels. Non-financial Sorors may register as guests. Non-financial Sorors may register for conferences if a reactivation package is being offered as part of the conference registration.	PASSED
37	National Bylaws, Article V Regional Regulations Section 501(E)	All monies handled by the regional Philos shall be included in the regional Tamiochus report which should also be submitted to the national headquarters.	Delete entirely	PASSED
38	National Bylaws, Article V Regional Regulations, Section 504. Officers, (a)	The Regional Chapter shall elect the Regional Syntaktes, Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator, Youth Services Coordinator, Regional Grammateus, Regional Tamiochus, Regional Epistoleus, and other such officers as it shall be deemed necessary and provided for in the Regional Policies.	<i>Substitute:</i> The Regional Chapter shall elect the Regional Syntaktes, Regional Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator, Regional Youth Services Coordinator, Regional Grammateus, Regional Anti-Grammateus, Regional Tamiochus, Regional Epistoleus, Regional Nominations Committee Chair, Regional Elections Committee Chair, and other such officers as it shall be deemed necessary and provided for in the Regional Bylaws or Policies. The Elections Chair may be elected or appointed.	PASSED

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40	National Bylaws, Article V Add Section 506	None	a. All Foundations that receive a per capita assessment from members of the sorority will have a regional representative that is selected in accordance with regional regulations. b. The Regional Syntaktes will notify the appropriate Foundation president/chair of who has been elected/appointed to serve as the regional representative.	PASSED
43	National Bylaws, Article IX National Officers Section 903 Duties of the National Officers, a. Grand Basileus, 5	5. Appoint the National Philo Coordinator, the National Rhoer Coordinator, and the National Programs Coordinator.	5. Appoint the Parliamentarian, National Philo Coordinator, the National Rhoer Coordinator, and the National Programs Coordinator.	PASSED
45	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1007	The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall	The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, whose chair shall be the Parliamentarian shall:	PASSED
46	National Bylaws, Article X Committees	As written	<i>Action:</i> Correct the numbering of subsections in Article X, beginning on page 52. The Project Reassurance Committee is to be numbered as 1018, and all subsequent sections renumbered accordingly.	PASSED

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47	National Bylaws, Article X, Section 1003 (m) and Section 1016 National Bylaws Article XII, Section 1201, c	Nominating Committee, Nominating Committee Chairman	Nominations Committee, Nominations Committee Chair	PASSED
48	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1014 Membership Committee	The Membership Committee shall...	<i>Insert (bolded):</i> The Membership Committee whose chair shall be the First Grand Anti-Basileus shall...	PASSED
49	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1014	The Membership Committee shall: a. Plan and implement a national program for retaining, reactivating and increasing membership in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. b. Study and evaluate local chapter problems relating to membership in the Sorority. c. Advise and assist local chapter in planning a continuing program of membership promotion.	<i>Add a new part (d):</i> d. Have a Reclamation Team, represented by all 5 regions, to work specifically on the retention and reactivation of members	PASSED

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50	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1015 National Youth Projects Committee	The National Youth Projects Committee shall...	<i>Insert (bolded):</i> The National Youth Projects Committee whose chair shall be the Second Grand Anti-Basileus shall...	PASSED
52	National Bylaws, Article V Regional Regulations, Section 504. Officers, INSERT A NEW SUB-SECTION (b)	None	b. Each region shall have the following appointed officers: Regional Legal Advisor, Regional Parliamentarian, Regional Philo Coordinator, Regional Rhoer Coordinator, Regional Programs Coordinator, and an Area Coordinator for each area of the region. The method of appointment of these officers shall be established in each region's bylaws.	PASSED
56	National Bylaws, Article V Regional Regulations Section 505 3. Duties of Youth Services Coordinator	None	<i>Add:</i> f. Be the chairman of the Undergraduate Concern Committee in her region	PASSED

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57	National Bylaws Article VII Grand Chapter Section 707 Boule Calendar (d)	1. a minimum of four hours to be devoted the undergraduate training and development workshops to be organized by each region's Youth Services Coordinator, Undergraduate Coordinator, and International Second Grand Anti-Basileus, which shall culminate in a special recognition program for the outstanding undergraduate chapter and the awarding of \$250.00 2. A workshop for the Regional Syntatki, Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator, Youth Services Coordinator and Chapter Advisors.	<i>Insert (bolded):</i> Section 707. Boule Calendar 1. A minimum of four hours to be devoted the undergraduate training and development workshops to be organized by each region's Youth Services Coordinator, Undergraduate Coordinator, and International Second Grand Anti-Basileus, which shall culminate in a special recognition program for the outstanding undergraduate chapter and the awarding of \$250.00. 2. A minimum of two hours be devoted to the development of the Grand Body, as women, to include but not limited to the following topics: debt management, wealth building, life skills, weight management, healthy eating, and beauty maintenance. 3. A workshop for the Regional Syntatki, Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator, Youth Services Coordinator and Chapter Advisors.	ADOPT AND REFER TO INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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74	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees, Section 1003	Standing Committees:	<i>Add:</i> History and Archive Committee	PASSED
75	National Bylaws, Article X, Section 1003	None	<i>Add:</i> Music and Arts	PASSED
79	National Bylaws, Article X, Section 1008	The Education (and Music) Committee shall:	The Education Committee shall:	PASSED
80	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1008 b	Encourage members of each undergraduate and alumnae chapter to include Carver Memorial, Black History, and Vocational Guidance activities in their local and regional planning.	Encourage the members of each undergraduate and alumnae chapter to include educational programs in their local and regional planning for youth that engage them with their culture and encourage them to develop social and academic skills.	PASSED
81	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1008 c	Promote music appreciation, encouraging composing new songs (words and music).	Secure exhibitors in new trends in education and technology	PASSED
82	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1008 e	Secure exhibitors in new trends in education and technology	Remove	PASSED

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85	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees, Section 1017. Planning and Budget Committee	The Planning and Budgeting Committee whose chairman shall be the Grand Tamiochus shall:	<i>Add:</i> e. Provide the financial membership, via the Regional Syntakti, with a final disposition report of all assessments and fees applied to members and affiliates, 60 days in advance of the Boule. The disposition report shall include: all National fees and assessments collected, the status of any procurement or contracts to be used with the collected assessments (with corresponding due diligence and research), and an action item list identifying use of funds with corresponding dates. The disposition report shall be provided to the Regional Syntakti. The Regional Syntakti will distribute to Chapter Basilei, Life Members, and Members-at-Large by June 1. Chapter Basilei will provide, review and discuss with their local chapters in advance of the Boule.	ADOPT AND REFER TO INTERNATIONAL GRAND TAMIOCHUS
86	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees, Section 1017. Planning and Budget Committee	The Planning and Budgeting Committee whose chairman shall be the Grand Tamiochus shall:	<i>Add:</i> f. Create a line item to identify each assessment and fee on both the National Budget Report and as a part of the Assets account on the General Ledger.	ADOPT AND REFER TO INTERNATIONAL GRAND TAMIOCHUS

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89	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees <i>Add new section</i>	None	<i>Add new section, (insert alphabetically):</i> The History and Archives Committee shall: a. Be chaired by the International Grand Epistoleus. b. Be responsible for serving as liaison for the sorority to ensure that printed and non- printed material are housed and accessible to the membership at Butler University, ICHQ, historical societies, or designated archives monitored by International Grand Epistoleus and archivist at a designated location (i.e., Butler University or local Library/Historical Society). c. Be responsible for the development and implementation of an archival records policy. d. Establish standardized policies and procedures.	PASSED
90	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1023	None	The Music and Arts Committee	PASSED
91	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1023a	None	Promote music appreciation encouraging composing new songs (words and music),	PASSED

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92	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1023b	None	Promote appreciation for performing, visual, and literary arts encouraging participation and support of members and youth in the Arts.	PASSED
93	National Bylaws, Article X Standing Committees Section 1023 (c)	None	The sorority utilizes volunteers within the sorority to provide music for official sorority meetings and to share other artistic expressions as appropriate for local, regional and international meetings, conferences, trainings, and special events.	PASSED
97	National Bylaws Article XII Nominations and Elections Section 1201. Nominations, part c, 2	2. Consider candidates suggested by individual members. Individual members of Sigma Gamma Rho planning to nominate a soror for national office may file their intentions in writing with the National Nominating Committee Chairman, along with a statement of consent of the candidate, picture and biographical data of the candidate by December 30 of the year preceding the Boule.	2. Consider candidates suggested by individual members. Individual members of Sigma Gamma Rho planning to nominate a soror for national office may file their intentions in writing with the National Nominating Committee Chairman, along with a statement of consent of the candidate, picture and biographical data of the candidate by November 30 of the year preceding the Boule.	PASSED
99	National Bylaws, Article XIII Financial Regulations, Section 1307 Financial Report	Financial Report. Complete financial reports of all monies received, expended and on hand must be forwarded to National Headquarters by each chapter and each region. c. The Grand Grammateus shall make a complete report to the Board of Directors and Grand Chapter.	<i>Add (bolded):</i> c. The Grand Grammateus shall provide a complete financial report to the Board of Directors and Grand Chapter within 120 days after the closing of Boule.	PASSED

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101	National Bylaws, Article XVI National Names Section 1601 (a)	NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM shall be the name used for the National Program.	PROJECT REASSURANCE shall be the name used for the signature program of the sorority.	PASSED
102	National Bylaws, Article XVI, National Names Section 1601	No current language	<i>Add new subsection:</i> National Nicknames. The official nicknames of the organization shall be “SGRho” or “Sigma”. The term “Rho” shall not be used publicly to promote or represent the organization.	PASSED
103	National Bylaws, Article XVIII General Regulations, Section 1801	Section 1801. Archives. The archives of the Sorority shall be in the principal office sorority under the direction and supervision of the Executive Director.	<i>Substitute:</i> Section 1801. Archives. a) The archives of the Sorority shall be housed at designated sites and IHQ of the sorority under the direction and supervision of the International Grand Epistoleus. b) The International Grand Epistoleus will coordinate with the Executive Director in regards to archival records housed and maintain at IHQ. c) There will be an archive records policy developed to address archival records.	PASSED
105	National Bylaws, Article XVIII, General Regulations	None	<i>Add a new Section 1803 to Article XVIII:</i> Section 1803. The amended National Bylaws and National Standard Operating Procedures shall be made electronically available to the membership by 90 days after the closing of the Boule.	PASSED

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106	National Bylaws Insert a new Bylaws article "Technology" and renumber subsequent articles accordingly.	No Current Language	<i>Insert a new Bylaws article and renumber subsequent articles accordingly. This will be implemented during the 2014-2015 sorority year:</i> Article XIX Technology Each chapter will have a space in the international website to upload a chapter profile. It will include chapter mailing address, email, and social media listings and chapter websites.	ADOPT AND REFER TO INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS
107	National Bylaws Insert a new Bylaws article "Technology" and renumber subsequent articles accordingly.	No Current Language	<i>Insert a new Bylaws article and renumber subsequent articles accordingly:</i> Article XIX Technology Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority will utilize the sorors only section to be accessed by all members of the sorority. Non-financial members will have limited access to certain areas.	PASSED
108	National Bylaws	regional syntaktes	Regional Syntaktes	PASSED
109	Achievements & Awards	N/A	Attendance Award Criteria: The Host Chapter of a Regional Meeting cannot be eligible for the Attendance Award.	PASSED

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111	National SOP Amend: Membership Section 2 Add: 2.110 (a)	None	Candidates submitting applications for consideration must be from a regionally accredited institution for consideration.	PASSED
113	Amend: National Standard Operating Procedures Membership Section 2 Add: 2.180	None	Undergraduate candidates for membership must have completed their first term of enrollment at the college or university where they are currently enrolled in order to be considered eligible for membership consideration. The candidates also must have obtained 12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours at the home institution and this will not be inclusive of transferable credit.	PASSED
114	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 2.300 Grievance Procedures and Disciplinary Action.	The advising graduate chapter must be notified of all disciplinary actions regarding an undergraduate chapter including investigations, hearings, appeals and all other communication concerning the undergraduate chapter from the regional and/or national level(s).	The advising graduate chapter or advising Member at Large must be notified of all disciplinary actions regarding an undergraduate chapter including investigations, hearings, appeals and all other communication concerning the undergraduate chapter from the regional and/or national level(s).	PASSED
115	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 2.300 (e) (4)	Grounds for Expulsion and Disciplinary Action Procedures According to Robert's Rules of Order Newly revised...	<i>Insert:</i> “ the current version of... ” as follows: According to the current version of Robert's Rules of Order Newly revised...	PASSED

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116	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 3 Chapter Organization and Administration Add Section 3.110 i	None	Review and approve all graduate teams and mixed teams' public presentations including but not limited to Step Shows, Neophyte Presentations, and Yard Shows etc.	PASSED
117	SOPs Section 3 - Chapter Organization and Administration 3.120 ADD e	None	All graduate Anti-Basilei who serve as undergraduate chapter advisors must complete the National Advisor Certification webinar training on the sorors only section before becoming active in her position. If Level 1 training was not completed prior to election than it must be complete by the end of August at the start of the 2 year term. Advisors who fail to complete the training must work with the graduate chapter basileus and Syntaktes to resolve any issues but could be subject to removal from office. The Syntaktes will review all such incidents and special circumstances regarding certification requirements on a case by case basis.	PASSED
118	National SOPs Section 3 – Chapter Organization and Administration ADD 3.120f	None	In order to maintain certification, undergraduate chapter advisors must complete four Level 2 workshops from the advisor certification Level 2 syllabus as continuing education every two years. Regional leadership shall ensure Level 2 certification based workshops are available each sorority year. Effective 2015-2016 sorority year	PASSED

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119	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 3 Chapter Organization and Administration Add Section 3.121 c	None	Review and approve all Undergraduate public presentations including but not limited to Step Shows, Neophyte Presentations, and Yard Shows etc.	PASSED
121	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 3 Chapter Organization and Administration 3.500	a) Complete the New Chapter Report Form in sextuplet b) Send the original copy and all fees to the Grand Grammateus c) Retain copy for her files, and send one copy each to the Grand Basileus, First Grand Anti-Basileus and Executive Director. (If undergraduate chapter, send a copy to the Second Grand Anti-Basileus and the Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator).	a) Review and approve the request from charter form b) Send the approved copy to First Grand Anti-Basileus and Membership Services as acknowledgement c) Retain copy for her files, and send one copy each to the Grand Basileus, First Grand Anti-Basileus, Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator, Grand Grammateus and Executive Director.	PASSED
122	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 3 Chapter Organization and Administration 3.600	3.600 There shall be at least five qualified candidates for the establishment of chapters. In the event that sorority and university requirements differ, the university's requirements will take precedence.	3.600 There shall be at least five qualified undergraduate candidates for the establishment of an undergraduate chapter and at least ten qualified graduate candidates for the establishment of an alumnae chapter. In the event that sorority and university requirements differ, the university's requirements will take precedence.	PASSED

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124	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 3 Chapter Organization and Administration 3.600 a) 1. Place in Alumnae Chapter 303	None	e. A list of proposed charter members, providing proof that a majority of the proposed charter members have alumnae status, at least one member resides in proposed charter city and at the majority of proposed charter members reside in the designated charter region.	PASSED
125	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 3.6000 (b) Requesting a New Undergraduate Charter or Reactivation of an Undergraduate Chapter	b.1 Requesting alumnae chapters wishing to charter or reactivate an undergraduate that has been inactive for five years or more must first be a chapter in good standing and meet the requirements for undergraduate sponsorship. The requesting alumnae chapter must submit a proposal package to the Regional Syntaktes that includes:	b.1 Requesting alumnae chapters or Members at Large wishing to charter or reactivate an undergraduate that has been inactive for five years or more must first be a chapter in good standing and meet the requirements for undergraduate sponsorship. The requesting alumnae chapter or Member at Large must submit a proposal package to the Regional Syntaktes that includes:	PASSED
126	National SOP Section 3.800, sentence 2	In 2004, The National Board of Directors voted to not charter any more metropolitan chapters.	In 2004, The National Board of Directors voted not to charter any more metropolitan chapters.	PASSED
127	National SOP Section 6.120	Northeastern Region geographic section (Haiti and Virgin Islands are included as part of the Northeastern Region.	Delete Haiti and Virgin Islands from the listing	PASSED

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128	National SOP Section 6.130	Southeastern Region geographic section (Haiti and Virgin Islands are omitted as part of the Southeastern Region.)	Insert Haiti and Virgin Islands into the listing	PASSED
129	National SOP, Supplemental Information, Appendix B, item 2	Sorority Pledge (final sentence, third word)	That the third word of the final sentence be corrected from the number zero to the letter/word "O".	PASSED
130	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 3.810 Regional Undergraduate Chapter	Regional Undergraduate Chapter	<i>Add:</i> Section 3.810 Regional Undergraduate Chapter- The review procedure for this membership category is as follows: a. A letter from the educational institution stating that Greek organization charters are not allowed shall be received from the institution by the sponsoring alumna chapter. This shall initiate the regional undergraduate chapter review process. b. The sponsoring alumna chapter shall petition the Regional Syntaktes for the utilization of the regional undergraduate chapter providing documentation of the requirements, which apply to the situation. c. Upon the receipt of items (a) and (b), the Regional Syntaktes will utilize the following factors in determining whether to approve such request: 1. The undergraduate's educational institution is located no more than THIRTY (30) miles from the sponsoring graduate chapter's address of record. The graduate chapter's address of record is the address on file at Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated International Corporate Headquarters. 2. A letter of recommendation is provided from a member of the sponsoring graduate chapter on behalf of the candidate. 3. At least fifty-one (51) percent of the sponsoring graduate chapter's membership must support and sign the petition presented to the Regional Syntaktes.	PASSED

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131	National Supplementary Information Appendix B (p. B-5)	No current language	Insert and renumber subsequent sections accordingly: 11/ The Official Nicknames – SGRho or Sigma	PASSED
133	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 6.310 (p 6-2)	“The regional chapter shall elect the Regional Syntaktes, Regional Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator, Youth Services Coordinator, Regional Anti-Grammateus, Regional Grammateus, Regional Tamiochus, Regional Epistoleus, Regional Nominations Committee Chair, Regional Elections Chair “	“The Regional Chapter shall elect the Regional Syntaktes, Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator, Youth Services Coordinator, Regional Grammateus, Regional Anti-Grammateus, Regional Tamiochus, Regional Epistoleus, Regional Nominations Committee Chair, Regional Elections Chair”	PASSED
137	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 6 Regional Regulations, Section 6.120 Northeastern (p 6-1)	...Other geographical areas: Africa, Bermuda, Canary Islands, Haiti, Madagascar, Madeira Islands, Virgin Islands	Add: Korea	PASSED

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138	National Standard Operating Procedures, Section 6 Regional Regulations, Section 6.310 (p 6-2), Section 6.490 (p 6-4) Any and all other references to the election of a regional Trustee of the National Education Fund in all national governing documents.	Section 6.310 The regional chapter shall elect...the Regional Trustee of the National Education Fund and such other officers as are necessary and for in regional policies. Section 6.490 The Regional Education Fund Trustee shall...	Remove the requirement for regions to elect a Regional Trustee of the National Education Fund and remove this office from the list of regional officers. Strike from Section 6.310: “the Regional Trustee of the National Education Fund” Delete: Section 6.490 in its entirety	PASSED

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139	National Standard Operating Procedures, Section 6 Regional Regulations, Sections 6.241 and 6.440 through 6.485	As currently written in Sections 6.241 and 6.440 through 6.485	Change the order of the listing of regional officers and their duties in the SOP to be consistent with the order of the listing of the national officers. The regional officer titles and the sub-sections on their duties of office shall be listed in the National SOP this order: 1. Regional Syntaktes 2. Regional Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator 3. Regional Youth Services Coordinator 4. Regional Grammateus 5. Regional Anti- Grammateus 6. Regional Tamiochus 7. Regional Epistoleus 8. Regional Nominations Committee Chair/ 9. Regional Elections Committee Chair 10. Regional Legal Advisor 11. Regional Parliamentarian 12. Regional Philo Coordinator 13. Regional Rhoer Coordinator 14. Regional Programs Coordinator 15. Area Coordinators (move the language in Section 6.241 to appear in the correct order)	PASSED

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140	National Standard Operating Procedures, Section 7.500 – National Standing Committees	No Current Language	Add a new section: Section 7.501 National Committee Membership Chapter Basilei shall electronically submit the National Committee Membership Request form identifying all chapter members who are in good standing and thus approved to serve on National Committees, to the Grand Anti-Grammateus by October 1st. A courtesy copy shall be provided to the corresponding Regional Syntaktes. This would not apply to General Members or Members at Large.	
141	National Standard Operating Procedures Section 7	None	Insert as a new section and renumber subsequent sections. The amended National Bylaws and National Standard Operating Procedures shall be made electronically available to the membership by 90 days after the closing of the Boule.	PASSED

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142	National Standard Operational Procedures, Section 8 Awards Amend Section- 8.222	Quality Performance. The undergraduate Soror entering her junior year, nominated by her region as the outstanding Soror of the Region, shall receive expense-paid transportation by her Region to the Boule. She shall be a candidate for Second Grand Anti- Basileus.	Quality Performance Winner. The undergraduate Soror entering her junior year, selected by her region as the outstanding Soror of the Region, shall receive expense-paid transportation by her Region to the Boule. She shall be the region's candidate for Second Grand Anti-Basileus.	PASSED
143	National Standard Operating Procedures, Section 9 Finances	None	The funds collected for the Centennial Celebration, including the initial \$100 assessment collected from all sorors during the 2013-2014 sorority year, shall be placed in a restricted, interest-bearing account with biannual reports made available to all Chapter Basilei, Life Members, Members-at-Large and Cultured Pearls with a designated line item in the financial statements.	PASSED

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145	National Standard Operating Procedures	Undergraduate Chapter Development Fund. Two dollars (\$2.00) of each member's head tax shall be earmarked from each region for its undergraduate chapter development based on the undergraduate membership at the close of the prior year; this fund shall be funded by the national budget, and be remitted to each region by October 1 to fund initiatives for developing undergraduate chapters.	Undergraduate Chapter Development Fund. Five dollars (\$5.00) of each member's head tax shall be earmarked from each member for its undergraduate chapter development. Money will be distributed based on each region's undergraduate membership at the close of the prior year by percentage; this fund shall be funded by the national budget, and be remitted to each region by October 1 to fund initiatives for developing undergraduate chapters.	PASSED
147	Section 9 of the National Standard Operating Procedures, Appendix A in the National Handbook, and any reference to Appendix A in the National Bylaws and National Standard Operating Procedures.		Strike Section 9 of the National Standard Operating Procedures in its entirety, strike Appendix A in its entirety, and strike any reference to Appendix A in the National Bylaws and National Standard Operating Procedures. Insert a new Section 9 of the National Standard Operating Procedures as follows (For purposes of confidentiality, this segment of language will not be released online and will be available in governing documents to be released in the coming weeks)	PASSED

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177	NONE	N/A	Create a task force in charge of researching, evaluating, and coordinating the creation of an official Rhosebud affiliate for girls ages 5-11 which shall be available for implementation July 1, 2015.	PASSED
180	Reinstatement / Transfer Form	N/A	Basileus email address_ Basileus phone number_____ Add the email address and phone number of the Basileus of the chapter from which a soror is transferring.	PASSED
183	N/A	No Current Language	<i>A Special Committee, delegated by the First Grand Anti-Basileus, shall be created to review and streamline all current duplicative data collection processes (i.e. administrative processes). New standardized forms and processes shall be created to preclude any future duplicative processes and released via the Sorors Only section on the National Website by June 30, 2015 to reduce time and effort, thereby increasing productivity.</i>	PASSED
184	NA	No current language	<i>A Special Committee shall be developed to review Sigma's image and branding at high-visibility, corporate sponsored step- shows and stroll competitions (i.e. Howard Homecoming, Bayou Classic, Atlanta Greek, Sprite Steppoff) and identify strategic action items and goals that can be implemented nationally as a brand improvement campaign.</i> <i>The Committee shall be delegated by the First Grand Anti-Basileus and Second Grand Anti- Basileus.</i> <i>The Committee shall:</i> a. Create a strategic action plan in the 2014 – 2015 sorority year with full implementation of the designed campaign by the 2015-2016 sorority year. b. Official document the resulting action plan and campaign within the existing National SOPs.	PASSED

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189	National Bylaws, Article II, Add a new section 214	Currently No Language	<i>Add:</i> Section 214. All Rhoer Coordinators and Rhoer Advisors shall have a criminal history and child registry check not more than ninety (90) days old upon appointment.	ADOPT AND REFER TO INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ADVISOR
190	Add under 805e Change 805e to 805f	None	A Financial Executive Committee will be established to manage the operations of the sorority. The chair shall be the grand tamiochus and other members shall include the grand basileus, first grand anti-basileus, grand grammateus, legal advisor and executive director. The purpose of this committee will be to act on behalf of the board between meetings and to address urgent situations. The committee shall: a. Review matters referred to the national organization and prepare plans for action. b. Monitor the budget and make recommendations for adjustment of budget lines as necessary. c. Refer to the Board of Directors for the approval of disbursement of funds for capital expenditures, contractual commitments, and expenditures in excess of the maximum threshold as set by the Board of Directors. d. Meet on a monthly basis or more frequently if needed	PASSED
192	Bylaw Section 802 e	None	The Board of Directors may hold meetings via telephone conference or other electronic media. At a minimum, all members must be able to hear simultaneously. Such a meeting must have at least 7 days prior notice. All actions taken during such a meeting must be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. If the Board needs to vote on an issue outside of a meeting, the Grand Basileus can authorize a vote via e-mail.	PASSED

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193	National Bylaws, Article IV Disciplinary Actions	As currently written	Strike this section in its entirety and replace with the following: ARTICLE IV Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Section 401. Code of Conduct. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. expects that all members shall conduct themselves in a manner which promotes the organization's mission of enhancing the quality of life in the community. The expected standards of conduct of all members can be found in the <i>Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Manual</i> and is incorporated herein. Section 402. Disciplinary Actions. It is the intent of the sorority to treat each member fairly and justly in all matters, especially in matters that can adversely affect a member's membership status or rights. Except as provided in Section 403, no disciplinary action shall be taken against a financial member, chapter, region or officer until such has been served with written special charges by certified mail, given at least 30 days to prepare a defense, and offered an opportunity for a fair hearing. All members serving on Hearing Panels must be financial and certified in the sorority's current membership intake process. The disciplinary action policies and procedures can be found in the <i>Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Manual</i> and is incorporated herein. No retaliatory actions of any kind shall be taken against a member or chapter seeking redress under these procedures. Any person that is a party to the matter shall not be a member of the panel. Section 403. Special Circumstances. Under special circumstances, a member or chapter accused of membership intake violations or conduct that causes harm to or demeans the sorority can be immediately, temporarily suspended by the Regional Syntaktes, the First Grand Anti-Basileus or the Grand Basileus until the accused member/chapter has been afforded the opportunity to prepare a defense in accordance with the <i>Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Manual</i>.	PASSED

			Section 404. <u>POLICY ON HAZING:</u> HAZING IS WRONG, PROHIBITED AND UNAUTHORIZED. Hazing Defined: Hazing is any activity, which causes or threatens to cause emotional or physical injury, or which causes emotional or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. By way of example, such prohibited activities and situations include, but are not limited to, blindfolding; hollering at or berating people; personal servitude; running errands or performing maid services; activities likely to cause fatigue; physical and psychological challenges; treasure or scavenger hunts; wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in stunts, pranks, degrading or humiliating games and activities; late work sessions; physical or emotional assaults; drinking games; or, the encouraged, suggested or forced consumption of alcohol or other disorienting substances. Any such activity is wrongful and in violation of the Sorority's policy regardless of whether any person or persons involved in the conduct believes that the participants in the activities are doing so by consent. The Sorority also adopts and incorporates herein the hazing policies established by the National Pan Hellenic Council.	
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			PENALTIES/AND WAIVERS: Any person who engages (or participates) in, encourages, aids, or assists in hazing is in violation of the Sorority's policy against hazing and subject to: 1. DISCIPLINARY ACTION by the Sorority, including permanent expulsion and loss of privileges; 2. DISCIPLINARY ACTION by the College/University in accordance with applicable campus and student rules of conduct; 3. CRIMINAL PROSECUTION in accordance with local, state and federal criminal codes and statutes; 4. CIVIL CLAIMS filed by this Sorority against any person who violates the Sorority's policy and thereby causes the Sorority to be demeaned in the eyes of the public or made the subject of litigation involving an alleged violation of this policy; and 5. WAIVER OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE SORORITY: Any person who participates in an incident or incidents of hazing, including any person subjected to, or claiming injuries as a result of alleged hazing, releases and agrees not to hold the Sorority, its Directors, Officers or Staff liable or responsible for any and all claims, suits, losses, costs, expenses or damages (including attorney's fees or punitive damages) that arise out of or otherwise relate in any way to such incident or incidents.	

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			c. OTHER PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND COMMITMENTS: IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES: The individual conduct and the activities of our members and membership must be lawful, dignified and in complete accordance of the Sorority's policy on hazing. IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES: There are no "above" or "underground" activities required to gain or retain admission into this Sorority's policy against hazing or applicable local or federal law. IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES: Any PERSON who might ever be requested to violate the Sorority's policy against hazing, or who might otherwise be asked to engage in demeaning or dangerous conduct, agrees to REFUSE such a request and immediately report such conduct to the Sorority, so that the Sorority can take appropriate action.	
194	National Supplemental Information Appendix B, Supplemental Information Amend 7	The Official Hand Sign –The American Sign Language sign for the number seven and is the appearance of the lower case Sigma.	The Official Hand Sign –The American Sign Language sign for the number seven and is the appearance of the lower case Sigma. Pictured below is the Official Hand Sign which shows that the second and third fingers are slightly apart. 	PASSED