

NORTHEASTERN PROVINCE LEGISLATION

2005 Provincial Council Meeting

PROPOSAL 1

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 on behalf of the Northeastern Province Regional Boundary Task Force

Summarization of the Proposal:

Proposes that the regional boundaries be redrawn in order to optimize the level of support that chapters receive from their elected leaders. The current number of regions remains the same, at 6. Boundaries were redrawn to minimize the distance that must be traveled by the Regional Vice President to conduct chapter visits (see Proposed Regions below).

PROPOSED REGIONS:

		Driving Time	Boundaries
Region #1:			
Lambda Tau	Bentley College	2.25	The states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut and all points North and East
Xi Phi	University of Massachusetts Boston		
Upsilon Mu Alpha	University of Massachusetts Amherst		
Nu Sigma	Roger Williams University		
Xi Psi	Bryant College		
Theta Iota	University of Connecticut		
Region #2:			
Mu	Georgetown University	1.5	Northern Virginia (North of Route 301), Maryland, Washington DC and western West Virginia (East of Route 40) and Delaware
Iota Rho	Howard University		
Xi Rho	George Washington University		
Iota Kappa	James Madison University		
Mu Tau	George Mason University		
Chi	Johns Hopkins University		
Epsilon Kappa	Shepherd College		
Region #3:			
Alpha Theta	University of Cincinnati	5.5	Ohio West and South of Columbus and West Virginia West of Route 77
Theta Lambda	Xavier University		
Xi Upsilon	Marshall University		
Alpha Upsilon	Miami University		
Epsilon Tau	University of Dayton		
Beta Mu Chi	Wright State University		
Alpha Omicron	Ohio University		
Theta Pi	Bowling Green State University		

		Driving Time	Boundaries
Region #4:			
Beta Pi	Kent State University	5.5	Columbus, Ohio and all points north and east from Columbus (no points south nor west of Columbus), Western Pennsylvania (to Route 322 to the north and Route 40 to the east) and West Virginia (from Route 77 to Route 40)
Theta Kappa	University of Akron		
Nu	Ohio State University		
Omicron Delta			
Upsilon	Ohio Dominican University		
Lambda	University of Pittsburgh		
Theta Rho	Duquesne University		
	Pennsylvania State University - Behrend College		
Mu Pi	College		
Nu Upsilon	West Virginia University		
Region #5			
Omega	Temple University	4	New Jersey, New York City (North to Route 52), Eastern and Central Pennsylvania (West to Route 40)
Alpha Gamma	Pennsylvania State University		
Beta Nu	University of Pennsylvania		
Zeta Pi	St. Joseph's University		
Eta Xi	Philadelphia University		
Beta Xi	Rider University		
Zeta Eta	St. Peter's College		
Mu Omega	The College of New Jersey		
Region #6:			
Alpha Kappa	University of Buffalo	4.5	Upstate New York (from Route 52 and all points North, East and West) and Northeastern Pennsylvania (South to Route 322 and east to route 40)
Zeta Psi	University of Albany		
Theta Upsilon	Siena College		
Kappa Lambda	Binghamton University		
Xi Tau	Syracuse University		
Omicron Rho	Cornell University		

Explanation Provided by Submitter:

- A straw poll at the 2004 Provincial Council meeting directed the Provincial Vice President to appoint a task force to perform this analysis and present a report to the province.
- Chapters are better represented due to lessened travel times and, in many cases, resized regions.
- More equal representation due to less variance in region sizes.
- More equal distribution of provincial funds due to less variance in region sizes.

Some negative aspects of implementing the proposal are:

- Chapters/leaders/staff will have to adjust to new structure.
- Some chapters may feel an attachment to their current region and be reluctant to move.

A brief cost analysis of the proposal:

Fraternity guides (Pledge Manual, etc.) and the website would have to represent these changes. Web site change costs are limited to the time that it takes to make the change. The task force recommends that Fraternity publications not be reprinted on account of this change, but that they are modified the next time they are reprinted.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

At the close of Grand Chapter Congress in Orlando to align with the existing election calendar. Currently elected leaders will continue to serve in the existing regional structure until Grand Chapter Congress closes and elections have been held for the newly created regions. Nominations for office and elections for the next biennium would be held for the new regional structure.

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