

## Guidelines for Nominations from the Floor - Draft

September 16, 2022

1. Nominations from the floor will be accepted from capitulars (voting members) only.
2. Professed members wishing to make a nomination from the floor may suggest the name to their elected representative (Regional Minister), who at their discretion, may make the nomination from the floor at the Chapter.
3. For a nomination from the floor to go forward, proof of profession must be verified in one of the following ways:
  - a. Consult the national database
  - b. A member of the electorate attests to the profession of the nominee
  - c. Contacting a council member of the potential nominee's local fraternityIf profession cannot be verified, the nomination does not go forward.
4. Procedure for nominations made from the floor, one or more days prior to the election:
  - a. If the nominee is present, they are given time to discern whether to accept or decline the nomination. If they accept the nomination, they send a resume to the National Secretary, who immediately distributes it among the electorate by email or other means.
  - b. If the nominee is not present, there are several options:
    - i. The one making the nomination may present a signed and dated letter, and a resume from the person they wish to nominate. The letter must state which office(s) the potential nominee is willing to accept nomination for, and if elected for that office, that they will accept the result of the election. The letter and resume are given to the National Secretary for immediate distribution among the electorate by email or other means.
    - ii. A phone call may be made to the potential nominee, who is asked to consider the nomination, and prior to the election, send a letter of acceptance and a resume, as above.
    - iii. The nominee may not be added to the slate for an office that is not specifically noted in the letter, or confirmed by phone.
5. Nominations made from the floor at the final call for each office:
  - a. If the nominee is present, they immediately accept or decline the nomination. If they accept the nomination, they are given an opportunity to orally respond to the resume questions, or other questions from the electorate.
  - b. If the nominee is not present, and no acceptance letter and resume are presented on their behalf, a phone call to the nominee may be made. If the person is not reachable by phone, the nomination does not go forward. If they accept the nomination, they are given an opportunity to respond to the resume questions, or other questions from the electorate. If they are elected, they must be available by phone to accept the results of the election.
  - c. In either case, if a new nominee is given the opportunity to address the electorate, the other candidates for that office are also offered an opportunity to speak.