



## Resolution 6: To Amend Current Wording Related to Term Limits

**WHEREAS**, the *Alpha Gamma Delta Constitution and Standing Rules* specifies term limits for International Council Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Constitution and Standing Rules* has been amended to change the titles of International Council Officers

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Article III, Section 3. Be amended to read:

### Sec 3. TERM OF OFFICE

- a. The International Officers shall serve for a term of office of two (2) years or
  - (1) Until their successors are elected or appointed in accordance with the Constitution, or
  - (2) ~~Until they have served a maximum of three (3) two-year (2) terms in that office~~  
Until they have served a maximum of five (5) 2-year terms.
- b. An International Officer may be removed from office without assigning cause by the unanimous vote of the International Officers exclusive of the vote of the officer who is the subject of the action.
- c. ~~International Officers shall serve not more than six (6) two-year terms (12 years) either consecutively or nonconsecutively on International Council.~~
- c. International Officers shall serve not more than five (5) two-year terms (10 years), either consecutively or non-consecutively, on International Council in any combination of service/role (i.e. President or Vice President).
- d. The President may serve no more than three (3) two-year terms, either consecutively or non-consecutively.
- e. International Council Officers appointed to International Council shall be subject to term limits in accordance with the *Constitution and Standing Rules*.
  - (1) If an International Council Officer is appointed within one calendar year from the date of International Council Installation, her service shall be considered a full term.
  - (2) If an International Council Officer is appointed after one calendar year from the date of International Council Installation, her service shall not be considered a full term, and therefore is not credited toward cumulative years served.

And,

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this amendment takes effect beginning with the installation of International Council officers at the 2020 Convention and that past International Council years of service for the newly installed officers will be counted as part of the term limit.

**RATIONALE:**

1. With the change to International Council job titles, the current wording of the *Constitution and Standing Rules* related to term limits becomes incompatible with the new structure.
2. Term limits reduce the risk of a stagnant International Council, create a formal process of assuring periodic introduction to Alpha Gamma Delta of new energy, new viewpoints, and diverse backgrounds and skills.
3. Ten years paves the way for generational transition of ideas and new thoughts, providing for changes in organizational needs and adjusting to societal and social norms.
4. A 10-year term limit for International Council brings Alpha Gamma Delta into a closer alignment with other non-profit organizations.
5. Allowing for nonconsecutive terms within the 10-year limit would allow women to come back to IC service at various stages and abilities of their lives.

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**International Council Response:**

Upon passage of the resolution to remove IVP titles, International Council unanimously supports this resolution. Ten years of IC service is a significant commitment, and if the change to no titles for IVPs occurs, this resolution will allow for both continuity of institutional knowledge as well as new ideas and energy to be realized.