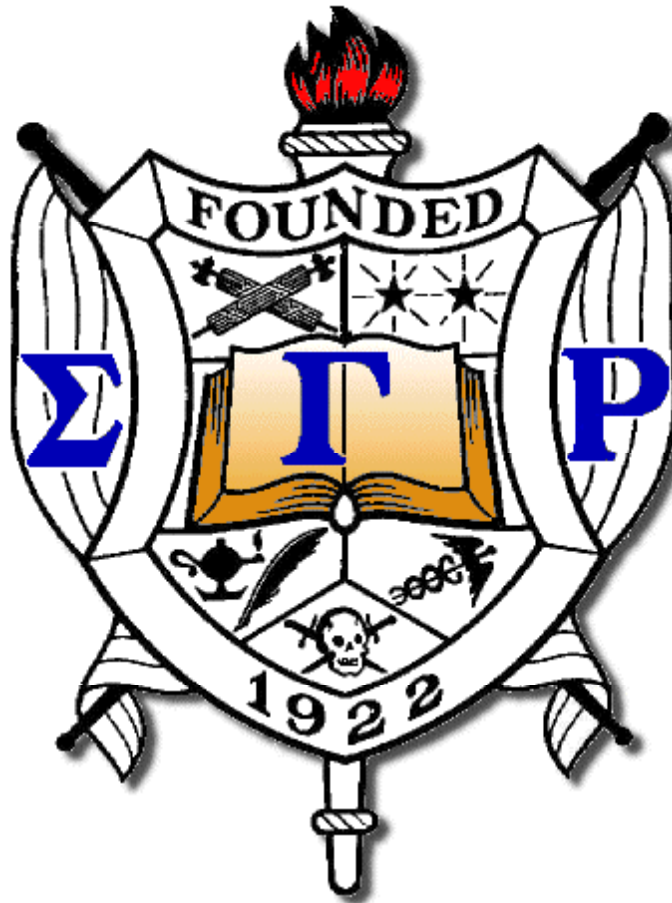


**Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Northeastern Region**

**Report of the Northeastern Region Bylaws, Policy, and Procedure Committee**

**73<sup>rd</sup> Northeastern Regional Conference ~ April 2015**

**Soror Tahir Thomas Kinsey, Committee Chair, Northeastern Region Parliamentarian**



February 28, 2015

Greetings Esteemed Sorors of the Northeastern Region,

The Northeastern Region Bylaws, Policy, and Procedure Committee received three proposed amendments for the Northeastern Region Bylaws, which are listed below. The committee voted to move adoption of all three proposed amendments. The committee did not receive any proposed amendments for the National Constitution or National Bylaws.

The six sorors of the 2014-2015 Northeastern Region Bylaws, Policy, and Procedure Committee are as follows:

**Tahir Thomas Kinsey**, Life Member, Committee Chair, Northeastern Region Parliamentarian  
Kappa Chi Sigma Chapter – Montgomery County, PA, Area VI

**Dawne Stanton**, Life Member, Northeastern Region Recommendations Committee Chair  
Lambda Delta Sigma Chapter – Anne Arundel County, MD, Area I

**Joana Hopkins**, Ruby Member  
General Member – Area VI

**Tatia Hinson**, Ruby Member  
Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter – New Castle County, DE, Area VI

**Stephanie Dixon**  
Beta Psi Sigma Chapter – Long Island, NY, Area IV

**Nakisha Boulware Reid**  
Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter – Charlotte, NC, Area III

This officer thanks the members of the Committee for their time and service and has appreciated the opportunity to serve our region as Regional Parliamentarian and Committee Chair.

In Service and Sisterhood,

Soror Tahir Thomas Kinsey, Life Member  
Northeastern Region Parliamentarian  
Chair, Northeastern Region Bylaws, Policy, and Procedure Committee

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTHEASTERN REGION BYLAWS

The Northeastern Region Bylaws, Policy, and Procedure Committee received the following three proposed amendments for the Northeastern Region Bylaws:

Item #	Sponsor	Document & Section to be Amended	Current Language	Proposed Language/Action	Rationale	Motion of the 2015 NER Bylaws Committee	Disposition
1	Lambda Nu Sigma Chapter	Northeastern Region Bylaws, Article VII Meetings Section 702 Area Meetings, C, 5	C. Each Area shall meet annually in the Fall as follows:  1. Area I – 2nd Saturday of September 2. Area II – 3rd Saturday of September 3. Area III – 4th Saturday of September 4. Area IV – 1st Saturday of October <b>5. Area V – To rotate according to the Canadian Thanksgiving date</b> 6. Area VI – 4th Saturday of October	<i>Strike the current language for C, #5 and replace with the following:</i>  <b>5. Area V – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October</b>	Remove the rotation of the Area V meeting because the Canadian Thanksgiving is a static date. The holiday does not rotate and will always be on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> weekend in October.	ADOPT	

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2	Lambda Nu Sigma Chapter	<p>Northeastern Region Bylaws, Article VII Meetings, Section 703 Mid-Winter Workshop</p> <p>Insert new language as C and re-letter subsequent sections accordingly.</p>	<p>A. The Mid-Winter Workshop shall be held for members of the Northeastern Region to gather and discuss matters pertaining to the Sorority and for training and educational purposes.</p> <p>B. No delegates shall be seated and no business shall be transacted at the Mid-Winter Workshop.</p> <p>C. The Region shall hold its Mid-Winter Workshop annually on the last Saturday of January.</p> <p>D. The date of the Mid-Winter Workshop may be adjusted from this schedule as necessary by the Northeastern Region Syntaktes, with majority vote of the Northeastern Region Executive Board, and with at least six month's notice.</p>	<p><i>Insert and re-letter subsequent sections:</i></p> <p>C. The Region shall offer the Mid-Winter Workshop as a virtual meeting.</p>	<p>Midwinter is a well-established tradition to provide opportunities for training and education. Area Meetings provide sorors in the Northeastern Region with the same opportunities for training and education.</p> <p>Due to the impracticality of attending two face-to-face training sessions within three months, we propose that Mid-Winter Workshop be designated as a virtual meeting in order to leverage the technological advances provided for in Section 705 of these bylaws.</p> <p>Other reasons for proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Savings on travel and lodging</li> <li>- Better opportunity to use the aforementioned savings to attend regional and national conferences where sorority business is transacted.</li> </ul>	ADOPT	

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3	Northeastern Region Executive Board	NER Bylaws, Article IX Committees, Section 915, Recommendations Committee	The Recommendations Committee shall annually solicit, receive, and review all recommendations from chapters, regional committees and the Northeastern Region Executive Board, and shall immediately forward all recommendations received to the Northeastern Region Parliamentarian. With the exception of recommendations for the National Constitution, National Bylaws and Regional Bylaws, the Recommendations Committee shall present all other recommendations, with proposed disposition, to the Regional Conference. The Northeastern Region Legal Advisor shall serve as an ex-officio member of this committee.	<i>Insert “<b>and Northeastern Region Parliamentarian</b>” as follows:</i>  The Recommendations Committee shall annually solicit, receive, and review all recommendations from chapters, regional committees and the Northeastern Region Executive Board, and shall immediately forward all recommendations received to the Northeastern Region Parliamentarian. With the exception of recommendations for the National Constitution, National Bylaws and Regional Bylaws, the Recommendations Committee shall present all other recommendations, with proposed disposition, to the Regional Conference. The Northeastern Region Legal Advisor <b>and Northeastern Region Parliamentarian</b> shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee.	Consistent with the current collaboration of the Northeastern Parliamentarian and the Northeastern Region Recommendations Committee Chair. Allows the parliamentary expertise of the Regional Parliamentarian to be available in the committee’s review and consideration of all recommendations received, including cross-referencing SOP recommendations or other recommendations with proposed bylaws amendments.	ADOPT	