

CHAPTER 11: CONVERSION PROVISIONS

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- A. Upon the approval of the amended Constitution by the Special Meeting of the International Assembly on April 16, 2011, conversion to the new branch governance structure described in this Constitution and known as the Member Network, will begin immediately.
- B. The new Branch governance structure must be in place no later than March 31, 2012.
- C. The Board of Directors will select the Conversion Date by which each new Regional Assembly and Branch will be formed, chartered and made operational in the new governance structure.
- D. Immediately following the Special Meeting, the International Fraternal President and the Fraternal Committee of the Board, the Fraternal Consultation Group and Membership Department staff shall begin the work of converting the existing branch system to the new Branch governance structure, prescribed in this Constitution.
- E. The implementation plan will include recommendations on branch names, officers, territories, branch size, branch funds, and any other items needed to implement the new structure. The implementation plan will encourage existing branches to become satellites, to be known as a Legacy Satellites, either prior to or upon the Conversion Date for each Branch. Existing branches which convert to Legacy Satellites will have access to a Legacy Fund, which will provide funding for long standing branch activities such as socials, camp outs and Christmas parties. This Legacy funding will be available for a period of time after Conversion to be determined by the Board of Directors following consultation with the Regional Councils.
- F. The member to branch formula to be used for the conversion of the branch system is 1:15,000 (+/- 15%).
- G. Every person who holds an office in a Branch or Regional Council, or is a delegate to a Regional Assembly or a Representative to the International Assembly, on April 16, 2011, shall continue in that office until the Conversion Date for that Branch, Regional Assembly, or Regional Council. All these offices shall cease to exist on the Conversion Date. Any position or office which becomes vacant in the period between April 16, 2011 and the Conversion Date for that Branch or Region shall remain vacant. Following April 16, 2011, there shall be no Branch elections until after the Conversion Date for each Branch. Thereafter, Branch elections shall be held under this Constitution.

H. Upon each Conversion Date, the Branch or Regional Council shall be dissolved and no longer be in existence. The Branch or Regional Council assets, property and funds will be transferred to the new Branch or Regional Council as provided in the conversion plan.

I. FIRST SET OF OFFICERS FOR EACH NEW BRANCH AND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Following consultation with the outgoing Branch and Regional Council, the first set of officers for each new Branch and Regional Council will be appointed by the Board of Directors. These appointments will be effective on the Conversion Date for that Branch or Regional Council.

J. FIRST SET OF BRANCH ELECTIONS

The first set of elections for Branch Councillors in the new Branches after the Conversion Date will take place on the date specified in the conversion plan for that Branch. The first election date shall be no later than March 31, 2013.

K. FIRST MEETINGS FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES

The first meetings of the new Regional Assemblies shall take place no later than March 31, 2014.

L. The officers elected under H, I and J are the successors to all officeholders elected in the 2008-2009 and 2010 branch elections, as per s 37 of 2009 Constitution.

M. The International Assembly shall meet no later than June 30, 2013.

N. SUNSET PROVISION

This Transition Chapter of the 2011 Constitution shall have no further effect as of the opening of the International Assembly in June 2013.