

Account of Resolutions

2024 Grand Chapter Session

By Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina
Chairman Jurisprudence Helen Lentz, GGCCM, PGM,

In accordance with the Rules of Order set forth in Article X of the Grand Chapter Bylaws, Resolutions were read beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. The following is an account of action taken by the Grand Chapter on each Resolution.

RESOLUTION 1: Adopted

Whereas in Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article VII, Section 79 states no appropriations shall be made by the Grand Chapter without having been considered and reported on by the Finance Committee; and

Whereas all contracts, leases and agreements entered into by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina with the exception of all printing of the Grand Chapter Session programs and Christmas cards have to be signed by the Grand Trustees must confer with the Finance Committee to ensure that funds are available; and

Whereas the Grand Chapter would benefit greatly by having the Finance Committee share financial information with the Grand Trustees before engaging in signing any contracts, leases and agreements; therefore be it

New Wording

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter Bylaws, Article VII, Section 79, first paragraph after last sentence add: The Grand Trustees shall serve as ex officio members on this committee.

RESOLUTION 2: In accordance with Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, **this Resolution shall lie over until the 2025 annual session of the Grand Chapter, when, if adopted, the same shall become part of this Constitution. If adopted, the inception would become effective with election of officers at the 2026 annual session of the Grand Chapter, at which time the Associate Grand Patron and Grand Sentinel would be elected by secret ballot.**

WHEREAS: The Associate Grand Patron is elected annually to serve with the Associate Grand Matron and thereby assist her in preparations for her year as Worthy Grand Matron; and

WHEREAS: Important decisions and preparations must be made by the Grand Conductress in anticipation of progressing to the position of Worthy Grand Matron; and

WHEREAS: Valuable assistance could be at the disposal of the Grand Conductress if the office of Grand Sentinel were an elected position filled by a brother, with the expectation of that brother subsequently being elected as Associate Grand Patron and ultimately, Worthy Grand Patron.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina be amended to read as follows:

“Section 2. All of the above-named officers shall be Sisters except the Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Patron and the Grand Sentinel who shall be Brothers; the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Trustee, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Organist and Grand Warder may either a Sister or a Brother.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina be amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and Grand Conductress shall be nominated and elected by the usual voting sign of the Order and a majority vote shall be necessary for election at the annual session of this Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Sentinel and Grand Trustees shall be nominated and elected by secret ballot; provided that when there is only one nominee, Grand Chapter may order otherwise. A majority vote shall be necessary for election at the annual session of this Grand Chapter.”

RESOLUTION 3: WHEREAS: Grand Chapter Bylaws Section 104(a) establishes a Web Site Committee of five members, with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron serving as ex officio members of this Committee.

WHEREAS: Section 104(a) also states a Web Master shall be appointed by this Committee and shall not be a member of the Committee.

WHEREAS: Section 104(a) states all information published on the Web Site shall be subject to the same Clearing Committee approval as that sent through the bulk mail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **Section 104(d)** be added to read:

Because information intended for the Web Site can change frequently and approval by the Clearing Committee is needed, meetings of the Web Site Committee can be held either in person, by teleconference, or by other forms of tele-communication that allows members to exchange information and conduct business appropriate to keep the Web Site accurate and timely.