



KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Q & A for Presidents and CEOs

1. WHY DID COUNCIL VOTE TO POSTPONE GRAND CONVENTION?

The past few months have been an unprecedented time for everyone ... a time that, for many, has been filled with difficulty and uncertainty. Campuses have closed; internships have been cancelled; workplaces have shuttered; people have been laid off. We have lost friends and loved ones.

We do not know when the human, environmental, and economic effect of the crisis caused by the coronavirus will be fully understood. We do know that our top priority is for the health and well-being of our sisters.

2. WHY ARE WE CONSIDERING POSTPONING TO 2022 INSTEAD OF 2021?

We considered delaying Convention until 2021, but back-to-back Conventions—in 2021 and 2022—are not financially feasible for most college and alumnae chapters, or for Theta as a whole. And the potential long-term effects of travel restrictions and the health concerns of gathering hundreds of Thetas in ballrooms and meeting rooms make the idea of staging a Convention worthy of Kappa Alpha Theta in 2021 unrealistic.

3. WHY MUST CHAPTERS CONSENT TO THIS CHANGE?

Our laws state that in situations where it is inadvisable or impossible for Convention to take place, Grand Council must seek chapter consent to postpone for a time period longer than one year. *Kappa Alpha Theta Constitution*, Article V, Section 1.C.3.

4. WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR LETTING THETA KNOW THAT OUR CHAPTER CONSENTS TO THE RESCHEDULE?

A link to a survey was sent to each alumnae chapter president and college chapter CEO on April 28. The president or CEO will simply respond to the survey to submit her consent.

5. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR PRESIDENTS AND CEOS TO SUBMIT THEIR CONSENT?

The deadline is May 7 by noon EDT, but we recommend chapters submit their consent as soon as possible. The consent process should take no more than two minutes.

6. DOES THE CONSENT NEED TO BE UNANIMOUS?

No, in accordance with the Kappa Alpha Theta Constitution, Article V, Section 1.C.3., the consent needs to be “a majority of the college and alumnae chapters.”

7. IF CONSENT IS GIVEN TO POSTPONE GRAND CONVENTION 2020, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE MONEY COLLEGE CHAPTERS CONTRIBUTED TOWARD DELEGATE ATTENDANCE FOR THIS CONVENTION?

These funds would remain in a reserve fund for Grand Convention 2022. Chapters would see a reduction in their 2020-21 and 2021-22 Fraternity billing amounts since money would already be in reserves for GC 2022.

8. WOULD CANCELLING GC 2020 COST OUR ORGANIZATION MONEY?

There would be a cost to Theta; the amount would be dependent on many factors, including gathering restrictions at the time of cancellation and how airlines are handling flights at that time.

9. IF CONSENT TO POSTPONE TO 2022 IS GIVEN, WOULD COUNCIL BE ELECTED AND LEGISLATION VOTED ON THIS SUMMER, OR WOULD THIS HAPPEN AT GRAND CONVENTION 2022?

Council elections and legislation would be voted on at the 2022 Convention if chapters consent to the reschedule.

10. WHAT HAPPENS IF A MAJORITY OF THE CHAPTERS DON'T CONSENT TO POSTPONING UNTIL 2022?

The situation with the pandemic is still so unstable, it's not possible to offer a concrete plan at this point. We don't know what the world will look like over the coming months. Council recommends postponing to 2022 as this is the most fiscally and socially responsible route to take.