Grand Chapter Legislative Update

Submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee

Members acted on **seven legislative items** at the 2026 New Mexico Grand Chapter Session. **All passed except Item 1**, with Items 3 and 4 adopted as amended. The following summarizes the decisions and key changes.

Item	Subject and Highlights	Result
1	**Form of Selection and Declarations of Candidacy.** Proposed changes to election procedures were not adopted; existing provisions remain unchanged.	**FAILED**
2	**Internal Audit Committee.** Clarifies provisions governing the elected committee and its reference to the constitutional method of selection.	**PASSED**
3	**Eligibility for Grand Chapter Service.** Includes qualifications for persons recommended for Grand Representative appointments. **The amendment** also clarifies that qualifications for elected Membership and Marketing Board and Internal Audit Committee positions apply to temporary appointments filling those vacancies, while distinguishing regular appointed Membership and Marketing positions.	**PASSED AS AMENDED**
4	**Session and Membership and Marketing Appointments. The amendment** preserves eligibility of any member of Grand Chapter for regular appointed Membership and Marketing Board positions, distinguishing those appointments from temporary appointments to elected vacancies.	**PASSED AS AMENDED**
5	**Grand Trustees and Benevolent Assistance Board.** Clarifies the respective responsibilities of the two boards while preserving member confidentiality.	**PASSED**
6	**Sponsored Membership.** Aligns petition requirements with General Grand Chapter Resolution 42, including one recommendation letter signed by both sponsors—a Sister and a Brother in good standing.	**PASSED**
7	**Voting, Proxies, and Credentials.** Clarifies one personal vote per member, preserves valid proxy votes, prohibits self-assignment of the required dual/plural-office proxy, and addresses accurate credentials reporting without duplicate counting.	**PASSED**

Updated Governing Materials

Over the coming month, **Red Book materials will be updated and made available to chapters. Please contact the Grand Secretary for updated materials.**

The New Mexico OES legislation page is updated with the complete revised sections. The **Member Hub** will also receive the final, current versions of the **Constitution, Grand Chapter Bylaws, and Bylaws Governing Subordinate Chapters** in the coming month. Members are encouraged to review these final versions, particularly where floor amendments changed the originally published proposals.