On November 11, 2014, the Grand Council adopted a policy that authorizes the Worthy Grand Associate Architect to sign a contract or written agreement on behalf of the fraternity, provided that the contract is less than $1,000. In addition, this policy allows the Grand Council as a whole to authorize an officer to sign a contract or agreement on the fraternity’s behalf in the absence of the Worthy Grand Architect. A copy of all signed contracts and agreements must be forwarded to the Worthy Grand Architect for fraternity records.

The purpose of this policy is to alleviate the burden on the Worthy Grand Architect during the convention planning process, as this event generates numerous small-dollar amount agreements. The amount of $1,000 was chosen to align with the Grand Council policy on dual signatures in which the Worthy Grand Estimator may sign checks of behalf of the fraternity for amounts of $1,000 or less. Second, the policy seeks to provide stability to the fraternity in case an emergency situation should arise and the Worthy Grand Architect is unable to perform this duty in a timely manner.