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<b>Text</b>
<i>As passed by the Lay Provincial Council ...</i>
General Comment

Table 1

<b>Comment</b>
This is confusing. Is this the date of the Final Draft for forwarding to the Chapters for review and approval? This document (i.e. Draft) is not forwarded to the Master.
The formatting, include consistent font size, is inconsistent throughout the draft ... to the point of distraction. The Final Draft should be in final form ... this is not.
There are no page numbers.
Remove underline and boxes.



LINE	Text	Comment
		The outline style should be consistent including font size for outline. Make sure indentation style/space is consistent throughout.
B	Definitions	The change of "meeting" to Chapter is unnecessary and confusing. If the intent is to use the term "fraternity" throughout the Province we can just substitute fraternity for Chapter. Redefining "meeting" as Chapter causes confusion frequently in the text of the Particular Directory. Throughout the text there are references back to Chapter (in the previous usage). This can be very confusing. Additionally I think there is general use of the term "Chapter" as in a meeting of the friars that has governance implications. The usual monthly meeting of a fraternity/chapter does not raise to that level usually. It is an unnecessary complication and confusion. If we are going to commit to the term "fraternity" in lieu of "Chapter," drop almost all references to "chapter" throughout the remainder of the text.
	"Pro-Fraternity"	Should a "Pro-Fraternity" be approved by the Lay Provincial Council? The President and Executive Council shouldn't hold this authority alone ... should make a recommendation to the full LPC.
	"General Declarations ..."	The current General Declarations were promulgated on 9 March 2019 by Fr. Bruno Cadoré, OP, Master, which "... re-order the material of those made by our predecessors ... and ... those former Declarations are ... abrogated...." This point should be included in the definition so the reader is aware that all former versions of General Declarations are
		References to the Rule should indicate the applicable version, i.e., effective 24 May 2019 (promulgated 9 March 2019)
	"Lay Provincial Chapter" ("LP Chapter")	This appears to be an attempt to apply terms applicable to the friars (First Order) to Lay Dominicans (Third Order) that really don't apply. The Lay Provincial Council is composed of representatives of the Provincial fraternities. The LPC meets annually. It is not a governance council/chapter. The LPC/Executive Council does not have direct governance authority over the individual fraternities. The use of "chapter" here and throughout is extremely confusing and fundamentally contradicts the structure of the LPC/LPC Executive Council/fraternities.
	"Lay Provincial Council" or LP executive council (or executive council)	Definition seems to be an incomplete sentence and is confusing. This should be the LPC Executive Council. Otherwise it appears to be an independent governance body over fraternities that is beyond its scope. It can't be stressed enough that the use of "chapter" for meeting and dropping references to the LPC as merely a meeting and then calling the officers as the actual LPC is too confusing and does not reflect what the relationships between the various bodies should be.
	"The Rule of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic ("the RULE")	Should clarify that referring to the 2019 version and all other versions are abrogated.
	"The Statutes" ... <b>Insert</b> "General" before "Declarations" ... change "the Particular Directory" to "... this Particular Directory." <b>Delete:</b> "... and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Western Dominican Lay Provincial Council, Inc."	Reference to the General Declarations should be consistent. It is important to note that the applicable Particular Directory is this one. The referenced incorporation documents should not be designated as part of the statutes under which we live our Lay Dominican lives. They apply to how the Western Dominican Lay Provincial Council, Inc. conduct business under applicable corporate and tax laws and regulations. (This highlights some of the criticisms of the decision to create such a corporation in the first place.) <b>NOTE:</b> It seems inappropriate to include the "articles of incorporation ..." as part of the corpus of the Statutes that apply to the life of Lay Dominicans. This Particular Directory applies to the lives of the individuals and fraternities in ways in which the bylaws of the corporation do not apply.
	<b>Delete:</b> box above "I. Names and Definitions"	
I	Name and Definitions	Care must be taken in changing common terminology historically used. Details are provided below but in general it is extremely confusing to change standard language pertaining to governance and governance structure in the ways attempted here. It is important to distinguish between deliberative bodies (e.g., Councils) and activities (e.g.,
B	"Chapter" - The regular meeting ... regional or local ... '	The term "chapter" as used here has not been used in reference to meetings of Lay Dominicans/Third Order. As used by the friars (First Order) it pertains to highest governance authority at the global (General Chapter) or regional (Provincial Chapter) level, for example: "The Chapter has the highest authority in the Order, electing the Master of the Order, making laws and deciding those matters which pertain to the good of the whole Order." ( <a href="https://www.op.org/structure/#:-:text=They">https://www.op.org/structure/#:-:text=They</a> participate in the governance of the whole, pertain to the good of the whole Order.) The meeting of the LPC does not the same direct governance relationship and in fact is not a governance body. Throughout the text of the Draft PD it would be less confusing if it maintained the usual use of terms: Lay Provincial
	"Fraternity" - delete "chapter" to read "The regional or local group authorized to meet as described in this Particular Directory." Change "the Particular Directory" to "this Particular Directory." Change "Pro-Fraternity" to "Fraternity in Formation" or "Proposed Fraternity" or such. Change approved by the "... LPC council president" /... as "recommended"	"Chapter" as used by the friars usually refers to some a meeting with governmental/authoritative role that doesn't apply in either the Lay Provincial Council or LPC Executive Committee. Throughout the Draft change references to "the Particular Directory" to "this Particular Directory." While there is one Rule (and therefore appropriate to refer to the Rule) each province, or other regional body, produces its own Particular Directory to complement the universal Rule. It should be clear that references are to "this Particular Directory." "Pro-Fraternity" is a confusing term. The usual English understanding would mean: being supportive of a fraternity. Suggest that "Fraternity in Formation" or "Proposed Fraternity" is clearer and more understandable. Re approval of "Fraternities in Formation" ... the LPC president can recommend but the decision should be by Executive Committee ... confirmed by the Lay Provincial Council at its next meeting.
1		It is strongly suggested NOT to change terminology referring to the Lay Provincial Council/Officers/Executive Committee. This causes confusion, especially regarding the LP Council (vs Chapter) in addition to some of the reasons expressed above. The LP Council is an entity composed of individual Chapter (Fraternity) representatives vs referring to a meeting. The LP Council has its own responsibilities that should not be usurped or abrogated. The Executive Committee's, and especially the President's, "authorities" shouldn't exceed current limits.
2	The "Rule" ...	It should be clarified that references to the Rule are to the one approved by the Master in 2019, similarly with the General Declarations. It is important to note that all previous editions have been abrogated.
3	Change "the Particular Directory" to "this Particular Directory"	All references to our Particular Directory should be clear.

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
A		<i>Throughout ... formatting</i>	
D	1	... or if not possible, virtual participation ...	<i>Delete - determination of virtual participation should be up to the individual Chapters</i>
	7	Each fraternity has ...	<i>This is a wonderful practice but isn't appropriate in our Particular Directory ...</i>

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment	
		<i>General - Formatting</i>		
		General ...	<i>There should be description of 'candidates/Novices ... after reception they are members with nominating rights. Should be described.</i>	
		Prayer Members		
		4 "Dues"	<i>Delete ... Chapter payment of assessments is up to the individual Chapter. Additionally "dues" is a misnomer ... should be "assessments" ... Chapters determine how payment of per capita assessments are up to be made.</i>	
		5 ... and submission of appropriate forms ...	<i>Delete ... the council/Chapter should make the determination of the process. All references to letters and forms for various actions described within the Particular Directory should be deleted. There is too much of a tendency to bureaucratization of the Third Order at the provincial and individual</i>	

L I N E	Text	Comment
	<i>General - Formatting</i>	
1	Should be a little more specific.	<i>Not "ANY" practicing Catholic ... must be a Catholic in good standing.</i>
3	The Prior or the Formation ...	<i>Delete ... unnecessary.,</i>
2	During the first phase	<i>Delete: During the first phase ... unnecessary.</i>
7	... Postulants will have the option of being ...	<i>Delete and replace with "may be" so reads: ... Postulants may be received ... It is not the option of the Postulant but rather of the Chapter. Although the "inquirer"/Postulant will be extended the invitation to be received ... it is the Chapter's to offer.</i>
	... by submitting a request in writing ...	<i>Delete ... the form in which an individual expresses desire/interest in being received (and later professing) should be up to the Chapter.</i>
1	After the one year of period of reception ...	<i>Delete ... unneeded</i>
	... may also attend ...	<i>Delete .... They should be expected to attend</i>
2	... the Beatitudes ...	<i>Delete and replace with "under the guidance of the Formation Director" so reads, in part: ... continue study under the guidance of the Formation Director. The specifics of the formation and continuing formation programs should be up to the individual Chapters.</i>
5	Novices will ... three years.	<i>Delete entire first sentence ... whether or not letters are part of the process, should be up to the individual chapters.</i>
2	... according to the Dominican formula ... as provided in the Rule ...	<i>Clarify specific section in the Rule: 14. Should read: ... according the formula as provided in the Rule (No. 14). NOTE: throughout the PD reference to the Rule is shown as "The Rule." All references to the Rule should be consistent. Notably the Rule refers to itself as "the Rule" (note capitalization).</i>
3	Members wishing to renew ... three years.	<i>Delete entire sentence ... see note on Tab- III Membership (cell E7).</i>
1	Any member wishing ... three years.	<i>Clarify: This section doesn't seem to identify the first year of inquiry ... which is one year before Postulancy. That is needed to reach the "5 year" minimum formation time before possible Life Profession</i>
2	... will submit a letter in writing and ...	<i>Delete: see not on tab III Membership (cell E7).</i>
3	A member making life profession will be received according ...	<i>Delete and change to read: A member will make life profession according to the formula ...</i>
4	... full voting rights ..	<i>Delete "full" to read: ... have voting rights... NOTE: capitalization of "fraternity" should be consistent throughout.</i>

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
		<i>General - Formatting</i>	
B		... in person or virtually ...	<i>Delete: "or virtually ... whether or not a "virtual option" is available to membership should be up to each Chapter/fraternity.</i>
C		The monthly chapter ...	<i>Delete "chapter" with "meeting" Note: the substitution for of "Chapter/chapter" for "meeting" should be reversed. It is confusing, especially when get to the references to LPC ... the Rule refers to "meetings" not chapters. Attempting to change the character of the regular meetings, and the LPC, causes too much confusion to be helpful.</i>
		1 The Council should ..	<i>Change "should" to "may."</i>
		4 ... assessment of the LP Chapter ...	<i>Change "LP Chapter" to "LP Council" ... the "chapter is a meeting, at a point in time" ... the assessment is made to provide yearly funds to the LP Council throughout the year, including the annual meeting. A component of the LP Council is the Executive Committee ... all relying on the annual assessment. NOTE: the Rule refers to Provincial Councils not chapters. It is strongly suggested to return to the language, consistent with the Rule, to refer to Provincial Councils. This consistency with terminology</i>
D		... fraternity meeting ... ... and ...	<i>Reinforces previous comments about consistency with terminology ... here, appropriately "fraternity meetings" are correctly intensified (vs chapters). Delete: and ... this is not an exhaustive list.</i>
E		... otherwise ...	<i>Delete: "otherwise" ... the fraternity serving as a "source of strength for members ... " is true regardless the existence of a fraternal apostolate .</i>

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
		General - Formatting	
A	1	The term of office ...	If we are going to include the "term limits" it should be clear that the limitation to two consecutive terms is not a lifetime limitation. After a break an individual may be elected to a maximum of two consecutive term ... and so forth.
	3	Council members and of LP executive council officers ...	Delete: of COMMENT: Why introduce LP executive council in Fraternity section
B	1.b.i.	... LP Chapter representative ...	Change "Chapter" to "Council" NOTE: The new terminology referring to the LPC is unnecessarily confusing and unnecessary ... Term "Chapter" and "Council" are interchanged throughout ... sometimes in the same section. It is also noted that the language of the Rule is about Fraternity/councils .... Not "chapters." This is not an
	2	If the size of the fraternity and the demands of the tasks make it advisable ...	Delete. Start sentence with: "The offices ..."
	3		Delete entire section ... Chapters/fraternities can decide.
	4		Delete: Entire section unneeded. Extra sections like this simply make the Particular Directory unnecessarily bulky.
	5		Delete. Not needed. See VI.B.i.
C	4.a.		Format: check throughout the draft for inconsistent capitalization for Fraternity and Council. Each instance is not noted separately. This can be addressed via universal "search and replace."
	5.a.	... guidelines of the LP Chapter	Change: "Chapter" to "Council"
	5.b.	... and members ...	Delete ... as a general task the Formation Director is not going to be making recommendation on Members continuation ... unless unusual circumstance that are addressed in appropriate sections.
	6.a.	... LP Chapter	Change to "LP Council ...
		General ... formatting.	

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
A	1		Formatting
		... including all officers ... elected by the fraternity members, as described in Article II ...	Delete: "including all officers" ... redundant ...
		... as described in Article II	ADD: ... with voting rights ... to read ... fraternity members with voting rights ...
			CHANGE TO: ... as described in Article III (The reference changed with this edition.)

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
			Formatting
B	3	(Sentence 2) ... In the event ... the secretary shall provide	Change to: ... In the event ... the sub-prior/ess, or the secretary in the absence of a sub-prior/ess ...
	4	... prior/ess or other officer of the council	Delete: or other officer of the council.
			ADD a section: In the event the prior/ess is removed from office, the appeal shall be submitted to the sub-prior/ess, or secretary in the absence of a sub-prior/ess
	5	In the event of appeal	Insert "an" to read: In the event of an appeal ...
		(Sentence 2) ... quorum of the chapter ...	Change to: ... a quorum of the fraternity ...
		... to vacate the office;	Delete ";" and replace with ".".
		... ; and	Delete. If kept should be "but" not "and".  COMMENT: throughout this (and similar sections) end each section with a period. There are individual sections that are not contingent on the previous sub-section.
	6	If there is not ...	Delete entire sub-section. Unnecessary. Sub-section 2 says two-thirds needed to remove. If retained do not relate to previous subsections with a conjunction. That said, removal of sub-section is preferred.

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
			Formatting
A	1	Life profession members who wish ... ... the council of their decision ... ... good standing for their next ...	Change to: A life professed member who wishes ... Delete "their" to read: ...the council of the decision ... Delete "their" to read: ... good standing for the next fraternity ... Comment: should try to maintain correct subject/verb/number agreement. Singular subjects require reference in first person, not third. Standard use of "neutral" masculine should be
C	3	... will render profession	ADD "the" to read: ... will render the profession invalid.
D	5	... receipt of the prior/ess' letter	CHANGE to: ... receipt of the prior/ess's letter ... [ the apostrophe following an "s" is for plural possessive].
	6	(Sentence 2) ... quorum of the Fraternity ... end the fraternity ...	Comment: inconsistent capitalization.

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
			Formatting
			General Comment: Is this section really necessary? Perhaps it is better to leave the process less defined and continue the practice of working with individual chapter/fraternities in formation on an ad hoc basis. Otherwise we run the risk of leaving out something that should be addressed. That said, the following are presented based on current draft ... although it is recommended to <b>delete this section in its entirety</b> .
A	1	... any region.	ADD to read: .... In any region, within the boundaries of the Western Dominican Province. COMMENT: is there a better term than "pro-fraternity"? Seems awkward. [SEE TAB I - DEFINITION, cell E14.]
B	2	... provincial promoter must be informed and assist ...	DELETE and CHANGE: ... provincial promoter assists with the new pro-fraternity in its development. COMMENT: we should avoid appearing to enlarge the LPC Executive Committee Officers' (especially the president) responsibilities and authorities. This leads to a confusion of roles and relationships. The chapters/fraternities maintain their
	3	... permission for starting a fraternity ... ... consulted about future ...	INSERT to read: ... permission for starting an initial fraternity ... DELETE and ADD to read: ... to be consulted about subsequent fraternities ...
	5		DELETE the entire subsection. Cannot require outside Catholic sources to provided accommodations. Similarly it is possible suitable accommodations can be available other than a parish or Catholic institution.
C	1		Comment: This is a reason this entire section is unnecessary. "Minimum" is not defined and perhaps cannot be on a universal basis. Additionally the inclusion of this subsection does not make sense. Of course one must "gather a minimum of people." This sort of bloat in the Particular Directory must be avoided in every instance.
	4		DELETE the entire subsection. Why are there interviews by both the chapter/fraternity council and the LP council president. Again the aggrandizement of the president's office and role must be resisted.
	5		Delete.
	7		COMMENT: Upon LP executive council approval a pro-fraternity to be called "pro-fraternity". This highlights some of the problem with inventing new jargon and new sections to the Particular Directory. Use of the term "fraternity-in-formation" is clear and descriptive.
	8	... name for itself and submits it ... president.	DELETE to read: ... chooses a name for itself. Again, care must be taken to keep the president (and officers') role in check. When the LPC approves the regularization of a chapter in formation that includes its name. The name of the community should not be in the purview of the LPC
D	2	... next LP Chapter ...	DELETE and CHANGE to read: ... next LP Council meeting ...

LINE	Text	Comment
		Formatting
A		COMMENT: There should be resistance to the use of legalistic terminology. For example, in this section terms like "objective finding of fact," or "serious, ongoing or pervasive condition," are undefined. Many might agree on what is intended but at the same time it is unclear what when these circumstances exists.  This reinforces the benefit of silence. We can't address every circumstance. Current section IX.A of the Particular Directory is sufficient.
B	1.a. ... determined by the LP council president ...	DELETE
	1.f. ... council and provincial promoter.	DELETE after "council" ...  COMMENT: the provincial promoter is an ex officio member of the LP Executive Council
	3 Upon the LP executive council determining ...	CHANGE to read: If the LP executive council determines, in consultation with the Prior Provincial, ...  COMMENT: Dissolving or suppressing must be in consultation with the Prior Provincial (which may be via the Provincial Promoter).
C	1	COMMENT: This subsection states that "[D]issolution occurs when a fraternity determines for itself that it should cease to exist." However A.B.3 above says that LP executive council makes a determination to dissolve a fraternity.
	2 The motion for dissolution shall include the question of dissolution ...  ... in a manner advance by the LP council president ...	COMMENT: unclear what this means.  DELETE and CHANGE to read: ... approved in advance by the LP executive council ...  COMMENT: again, we must resist an expansion of the role/authority of the executive council president.
D	6 ... LP Chapter ... on the question, ...	CHANGE TO READ: ... the LPC [or LP Council] ... question: [replace comma with colon] ...
	7 ... Prior Provincial's entry of a ...	DELETE: entry of a ...
	9.b ... disposition by the LP council president ...	CHANGE to read: ... disposition by the LP executive committee ...  COMMENT: these sorts of authorities should be shared by the executive council vs. placing in the president alone.
	9.c ... under the supervision of the LP council president ... then the LP council president ...	CHANGE to read: ... supervision of the LP executive council ... then the LP executive council ...

LINE	Text	Comment
		<p>CHANGE Section title to: The Lay Provincial Council</p> <p>COMMENT: ... All references throughout the Particular Directory should change all references to "Lay Provincial Chapter," including, but not limited to "LP Chapter" to "Lay Provincial Council."</p> <p>COMMENT: Throughout the text of this proposed draft there is an attempt to change the terminology used in earlier editions of the Particular Directory. "Chapters" become "Fraternities" [with inconsistent capitalization]; "Lay Provincial Council" becomes "Lay Provincial Chapter"; "meetings" become "chapters"; "Inquirers and Candidates" become "Postulants and Novices;" "Presidents/Moderators" become "Priors," etc.</p> <p>There is reasonable concern about "religionizing" references to the Third Order (or whatever the current nomenclature is). Using religious terms, especially when not similarly used in the Rule or the General Declarations can cause confusion as to our status within the "Dominican Family." Although we are not religious, using religious terms such as novice and postulants, let alone prior/priores, implies otherwise.</p> <p>In any event, the language of our Particular Directory should complement both the Rule and the General Declarations. Throughout the Rule and the General Declarations references are to Fraternities and their Councils (officers) and Provincial Councils (i.e., the composed of representatives from the individual Fraternities of the Province). Importantly the term "Chapter" refers to a meeting of the friars at the international (General) or local (Provincial) levels. Chapters refer to specific meetings of the friars that have some legislative/authoritative, purpose and binds the friars (and the appropriate) Lay Dominican Provincial Councils and Fraternities. Chapters are not generalized meetings and usually do not occur on an annual or more frequent basis. The Lay Provincial Council meeting does not have an authoritative relationship to the Fraternities. (NOTE: "Fraternities" are capitalized in the Rule and General Declarations.)</p> <p>These are not mere semantics. The terminology matters. (SEE: Rule, Sections III)</p>
A 4	The editor of the LP executive council newsletter ...	<p>DELETE: "executive" ...</p> <p>COMMENT: It should be the LP Council newsletter, not an organ of the executive committee. It is important not to, however unintentional, grandiose the purpose and role of the executive committee. (See XII.B.3.)</p> <p>From a practical point of view the attendance of the Provincial Council Newsletter editor should be addressed in the proposed budget that should be passed by the current LPC. That way, the LPC, determines the paid attendance of the editor (albeit the following year).</p>
B 1	... maintain in a timely manner the basic ...	<p>DELETE: ... timely manner ..</p> <p>COMMENT: It is unclear what "in a timely manner" means. The development/updates of the guidelines is really an ongoing function. It should be clear they are guidelines for optional adoption and use by the individual Fraternities.</p>
	4 ... based on a per capita number ..	DELETE and INSERT to read: ... based on a per capita basis ...
	5 ... appointment of the provincial promoters ...	COMMENT: It is unclear what this means. There is a Provincial Promoter and there are "religious assistants" at the Fraternity level. Is this referring to the later?
	6 General	<p>COMMENT: The current Particular Directory adequately provides for the establishment of committees on an "as needed basis." Establishment of standing committees are to be avoided. Creating standing committees encourages the bureaucratization of the Lay Provincial Council. This is a very bad precedent.</p> <p>That notwithstanding, the legalistic and authoritarian characteristics described in the subsections must be eliminated. For example "... monitor and report ... are of Lay Dominican life and activity ..." (b.6.c); "... develop and recommend policies, procedures, rules, regulations, ..." (B.6.d); "... meet ... at such frequency as the members of the committee deem appropriate" (B.6.e). These are classic examples of mission creep or, as stated above, increasing bureaucratization of the LPC. It affects its own workings and its relationships with the individual Chapters/Fraternities in an unhealthy way.</p> <p>It should be noted that, as described above, the LPC is not tasked to develop rules and regulations pertaining to their individual lives in the manner described in this subsection.</p>
	7 General	COMMENT: Repeat language in current Particular Directory, i.e., X.B.6.
	8 ... of the larger Order of Preachers ...	<p>DELETE.</p> <p>COMMENT: What is the "larger Order of Preachers"? We are not a "smaller Order of Preachers." We are not "Order of Preachers." We are, in current parlance (based on the 2019 Rule and General Declarations) the "Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic." This distinction is imperative.</p> <p>It should be made clear that such expenditures and financial support as described herein must be subject to LP Council approval.</p>
	8.c ... the cost for appointees to participate in the meetings appropriate to the appointees' [sic] office ...	<p>DELETE</p> <p>COMMENT: This is too undefined and broad. This should be a budget expense clearly explained and articulated, subject to approval of the LP Council.</p>
C		<p>DELETE all this subsection, i.e., 8.c.1 through and including 8.c.3.</p> <p>COMMENT: This is a continuation of the bureaucratization of the LP Council (LPC). Without going in to individual edits within this subsection (i.e., 8.c) this a comment questioning the wisdom of this subsection at all.</p> <p>As previously commented, the move from ad hoc committee formation and function to permanent standing committees changes the dynamic between the LPC, the committees, and the executive committee. Creating permanent committees with a detailed description of how members are to be appointed and operation, creates concomitant pressures to develop products, procedures, "rules, and regulations," etc., often when not needed.</p> <p>The elegance of the current Provincial Directory provides for the formation of a committee, if needed (see PD X.B.6), and defines a finite term (that can be renewed) to one year. In that way a particular committee does not assume a permanent status.</p> <p>An extremely important point states that committees are formed and staffed by the Lay Provincial Council (although some functions can be delegated by the Council to the president). These are decision of the LPC, which a full representation of the individual Chapters/Fraternities. This helps prevent the executive committee, or any particular officer, from assuming inappropriate powers and authorities.</p> <p>Section X.C.1.c. states duties of the president of the LPC includes appointing members to any committee ... <i>as directed by the Lay Provincial Council.</i> (Emphasis added.) This reinforces the appropriate relationship between the LPC and the executive committee (and its officers).</p>
D 3.a	... takes minutes of the LP Chapter meetings ...	<p>CHANGE to read: ... takes minutes of the LP Council meetings ...</p> <p>COMMENT: this highlights the need to be careful in changing long-standing language and terminology. "Chapters" are meetings of friars and the local (Provincial) and universal (General) levels. As stated above we should resist the inclination to change Lay Provincial Council to Lay Provincial Chapters (similarly for Fraternities). The Lay Provincial Council exists outside the meeting and has responsibilities outside meeting. Additionally, when a Chapter is held at the Provincial or General level it addresses the life, governance, assignments, etc., that is simply not a counterpart to the Lay Provincial Council annual meeting. Chapters are met in a</p>
E 2h	General	COMMENT: although we don't know whether another pandemic may arise freezing in-person meetings we don't have to go to this level of detail regarding the feasibility of "virtual meetings." As intended such a contingency will only be in extreme circumstances. It should be clear absent such a determination, based on national declarations, all meetings are in person and a representative will not be able to attend virtually. All Chapters/Fraternities will be represented by in-persons delegates.
F 1.f	General	COMMENT: Delete ... in general any vacated executive committee office can be filled at the next annual LPC meeting. IF needed a temporary appointment can be made by the LPC executive committee as a whole. This responsibility of the executive committee should not be delegated.

¶ L I N E	Text	Comment
A	1 ... the Laity of the Dominican Order ...	CHANGE to read: ... Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic ...  COMMENT: This change is needed to help prevent confusion as to the nature of the Lay Fraternities. If we were still using more classical terminology this reference could be to "the Third Order of St. Dominic." Absent that we should use the same terminology found in the Rule and General Declarations.
B	1 ... presides over the fraternities within the Province ...	CHANGE to read: ... represents the Master of the Order to the provincial Fraternities of St. Dominic ...  COMMENT: The Prior Provincial does not "preside" over the individual Fraternities.
B	4 ... with the advice of the promoter ...	CHANGE to read: ... with the advice of the Provincial Promoter ....

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
A	1.b		COMMENT: To whom are proposed amendments submitted?

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
			This section. Is missing in the review draft. That has since been corrected and now Chapter/Section XV is "Miscellany"

¶	L I N E	Text	Comment
A	1	DELETE	CHANGE to read: A life professed member may be buried wearing the habit of the Order of Preachers, consistent with the requirements of the Province. The deceased member must have made this election known either by previous written or verbal testimony.