**2024 Proposed Amendments to the TNSO Rules**

**#R1**

**Reference Number:** Rule 4. FINANCE, 4.0 Finance: General, 4.0.12

**Rule Now Reads**: All reimbursement checks should be cashed within two weeks of issue date and will be void after 30 days.

**Proposal:** Change “two weeks” to “90 days” and “30 days” to “180 days.”

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full**: All reimbursement checks should be cashed within 90 days of the issue date and will be void after 180 days.

**Rationale for Change**: This wording makes this rule consistent with the Uniform Commercial Code and allows sufficient time for the recipient to receive a reimbursement check via postal mail and then cash it.

**Financial Impact**: None

**Proposer**: Finance Committee, Dr. Dorrie Powell, Chair

**#R2**

**Reference Number**: 4.1 Dues and Fees 4.1.5

**Rule Now Reads**: Collegiate members are not required to pay an induction fee of $2.30 or a scholarship fee of $1.00.

**Proposal**: Delete 4.1.5

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full**:

4.1 Dues and Fees

4.1.1 The state organization annual dues shall be fourteen dollars ($14.00) per active member and seven dollars ($7.00) per reserve and collegiate member.

4.1.2 All dues and fees shall be collected by the chapter treasurer. State organization and International dues and fees shall be forwarded as instructed by the state and international organization. Chapters that have a chapter scholarship for members retain 80 cents of the international scholarship fee and forward the remaining 20 cents to the state organization treasurer.

4.1.3 All state organization and international dues and fees should be sent, as instructed, no later than July 10 of each year.

4.1.4 The treasurer shall transfer one dollar annually per active and reserve members’ state organization dues to the state organization scholarship fund.

**Rationale for Change**: To comply with International governing documents.

**Financial Impact**: None

**Proposer**: Bylaws and Rules Committee, Linda McCrary, Chair

**R#3**

**Reference Number:** 4.7 Scholarships 4.7.2 Named Scholarships and their purpose. B.

**Rule Now Reads:** 4.7.2 B. Evangeline Hartsook Scholarship for study beyond the bachelor’s degree $1,250.

**Proposal:** Omit “$1,250” and insert “$1,500.”

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full:** 4.7.2 B. Evangeline Hartsook Scholarship for study beyond the bachelor’s degree $1,500

**Rationale:** Tuition costs for further study are more than $700 per class. This increase in scholarship funds could promote more interest in applications for scholarships.

**Financial Impact:** $250 (when awarded)

**Proposer:** Scholarship Committee, Cindy Lynn, Chair

**R#4**

**Reference Number:** 4.7 Scholarships 4.7.2 Named Scholarships and their purpose. D.

**Rule Now Reads:** 4.7.2 D. Lottye McCall Scholarship for study beyond the bachelor’s degree $1,250

**Proposal:** Omit “$1250” and insert “$1,500.”

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full:** 4.7.2 D. Lottye McCall Scholarship for study beyond the bachelor’s degree $1,500.

**Rationale:** Tuition costs for further study are more than $700 per class. This increase in scholarship funds could promote more interest in applications for scholarships.

**Financial Impact:** $250 (when awarded)

**Proposer:** Scholarship Committee, Cindy Lynn, Chair

**#R5**

**Reference Number:** 4.7 Scholarships 4.7.2 Named Scholarships and their purpose. E.

**Rule Now Reads:** 4.7.2 E. Louise Oakley Scholarship for study beyond the bachelor’s degree $1,250

**Proposal:** Omit “$1,250” and insert “$1,500.”

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full:** 4.7.2 E. Louise Oakley Scholarship for study beyond the bachelor’s degree $1,500.

**Rationale:** Tuition costs for further study are more than $700 per class. This increase in scholarship funds could promote more interest in applications for scholarships.

**Financial Impact:** $250 (when awarded)

**Proposer:** Scholarship Committee, Cindy Lynn, Chair

**#R6**

**Reference Number:** 4.7 Scholarships 4.7.2 Named Scholarships and their purpose. F.

**Rule Now Reads:** F. Eleanor Osteen Scholarship for study beyond the bachelor’s degree $1,250

**Proposal:** Omit “$1,250” and insert “$1,500.”

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full:** 4.7.2 F. Eleanor Osteen Scholarship for study beyond the bachelor’s degree $1,500

**Rationale:** Tuition costs for further study are more than $700 per class. This increase in scholarship funds could promote more interest in applications for scholarships.

**Financial Impact:** $250 (when awarded)

**Proposer:** Scholarship Committee, Cindy Lynn, Chair

**#R7**

**Reference Number:** 4.7 Scholarships. 4.7.3. Requirements. A

**Rule Now Reads:** 4.7.3 A. Applicant must have been a member for at least three years.

**Proposal:** Delete 4.7.3 A and insert new 4.7.3 A

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full:** Applicant must be an active member of the Society for a minimum of three (3) years if pursuing a doctoral degree or a minimum of one (1) year at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies such as a master’s degree.

**Rationale:** To align with the requirements for International Scholarships

**Financial Impact:** None

**Proposer:** Scholarship Committee, Cindy Lynn, Chair

**#R8**

**Reference Number**: 6.3 Second Vice President

**Rule Now Reads**:

**6.3 Second Vice President** The second vice-president shall

6.3.1 Serve as chair of the Tennessee State Organization Convention Steering Committee;

6.3.2 Appoint all necessary committees for the convention;

6.3.3 Confer with members of the Executive Committee to make plans for the convention;

6.3.4 Select host chapters for meal events, receptions, and other social hours (Host chapters shall rotate alphabetically. Chapters are asked to participate, but are not obligated to serve);

6.3.5 Maintain a file of hostess chapters and dates of their serving;

6.3.6 Select and order bags/folders to be used at the convention. Oversee filling of packets with convention materials that include, but are not limited to, 1) convention reports, 2) convention program, 3) special seating information, 4) meal function tickets, and 5) name badges;

6.3.7 Process all convention registrations, fees, refunds, and expenses, maintaining a convention bank account in accordance to guidelines set by the organization’s auditor and treasurer;

6.3.8 Give names to president of those who indicate 50-year membership on registration form;

6.3.9 Identify chapters with highest convention attendance based on 1) percentage of chapter members and 2) actual members in attendance and give information to the Tennessee State Organization Membership Chair;

6.3.10 Manage all convention expenditure and receipts as stated in Rule 4.3.7;

6.3.11 Publish the convention financial report in the DKG Tennessee News each year following the convention; and

6.3.12 Update convention electronic files and transfer them to incoming second vice president.

**Proposal**: Delete 6.3.7 and 6.3.10 and renumber the remaining duties

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full**:

**6.3 Second Vice President**

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6.3.6 Select and order bags/folders to be used at the convention. Oversee filling of packets with convention materials that include, but are not limited to, 1) convention reports, 2) convention program, 3) special seating information, 4) meal function tickets, and 5) name badges;

6.3.7 Give names to president of those who indicate 50-year membership on registration form;

6.3.8 Identify chapters with highest convention attendance based on 1) percentage of chapter members and 2) actual members in attendance and give information to the Tennessee State Organization Membership Chair; and

6.3.9 Update convention electronic files and transfer them to incoming second vice president.

**Rationale for Change**: The duties described in 6.3.7 and 6.3.10, are assigned to the treasurer.

**Financial Impact**: None

**Proposer**: Bylaws and Rules Committee, Linda McCrary, Chair

**#R9**

**Reference Number** 6.6.4 (New)

**Rule Now Reads:** 6.3.11 Publish the convention financial report in the DKG Tennessee News each year following the convention;

**Proposal:** Delete 6.3.11 as a responsibility of the TNSO Second Vice President and reassign it to the treasurer as 6.6.4.

**Proposed Change would read in full:** 6.6.4 Publish the convention financial report in the DKG Tennessee News each year following the convention;

**Rationale for Change**: The duty of writing the financial portion of the convention report would be a natural sequence and current practice, since she processes all convention registrations, fees, refunds, and expenses, maintaining a convention bank in accordance with guidelines set by the organization’s auditor and Finance Committee.

**Financial Impact**: None

**Proposer:** Bylaws and Rules Committee, Linda McCrary, Chair

**#R10**

**Reference Number**: 8.19 Special Events 8.19.2

**Rule Now Reads**: 8.19.2 Plan and implement the annual Essay Contest;

**Proposal**: Delete the word “annual.”

**Proposed Change to Rule would read in full**: 8.19.2 Plan and implement the Essay Contest

**Rationale for Change**: The State Projects Committee is piloting a new state project supporting Early Career Educators. If the committee were to decide to implement the Essay Contest one year of the biennium and the Early Career Educators’ project the other year, this change in wording would enable them to do so. If the committee decides to do both projects both years, the change in wording would not hinder them from doing both.

**Financial Impact**: None

**Proposer**: State Projects Committee, Mary Wadley, Chair