

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES OF ALABAMA STATE CHAPTER

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1. Submitted by the Executive Board of the Alabama State Chapter.

(page B-4) Amend ARTICLE V, Section 2, bullet 1, by striking out the words “residing in the state” so that if adopted the bullet will read:

A convention fee of three dollars (\$3.00) per active chapter member.

EXPLANATION: Would require each local chapter to send annually with dues, a state convention fee of three dollars (\$3.00) per active member; and would remove the exemption for members living outside of the state.

RATIONALE: Online annual reporting no longer has the capability to separate sisters residing in or out of state for collection of a convention fee.

2. Submitted by the Executive Board of the Alabama State Chapter.

(page B-5) Amend ARTICLE V, Section 6, paragraph 1, by inserting a new sentence 4, so that if adopted it will read:

The state chapter will incur the cost of housing, at a half room rate, when it is necessary for entitled members of convention to arrive the day before the start of convention activities.

EXPLANATION: Would provide that the state chapter will incur the cost of housing, at half-room rate, when it is necessary for entitled members of convention to arrive the day before the start of convention activities.

RATIONALE: Voting members of Convention of International Chapter are required to attend a Credentials dinner the night before convention starts.

3. Submitted by the Executive Board of the Alabama State Chapter.

(page B-8) Amend Article IX, Section 1, bullet 1, sentence 3, by inserting the word “absent” following the words “sent to” so that if adopted the subsection will read:

To write an annual letter and report to the president of the state chapter informing her of the activities and status of the chapter. The letter and report shall be read and approved at a chapter meeting in February and mailed before March 1. A copy of this letter and report shall be retained in the local chapter president’s box and copies shall be sent to absent members.

EXPLANATION: Would remove the requirement that all members shall be sent the local chapter president’s annual letter; and would stipulate that absent members shall be sent a copy of the local chapter president’s annual letter.

RATIONALE: Members of a chapter in attendance at the February meeting will hear the President’s letter. By sending the annual president’s letter to absent sisters, they will be more connected with the activities of the chapter.

EDITORIAL RESOLUTION

Resolved, That the 2024-2025 Executive Board of Alabama State Chapter be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of Alabama State Chapter.

ADDENDUM

The following changes are to be made in the Bylaws and Standing Rules of Alabama State Chapter in order to conform with the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, as amended at the 2023 Convention of International Chapter. These changes require no vote by convention.

1. Each s/p/d chapter shall increase annual dues to International Chapter from twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) to thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) with the proviso to implement the increase in two steps.

(page B-4) ARTICLE V -- FINANCE, Section 1—DUES will now be stated as:

Section 1—DUES. The annual dues of Alabama State Chapter shall be fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) per active member, which shall be allocated as follows: Thirty-six dollars (\$36.00)* for International Chapter dues, which shall include six dollars (\$6.00) for Cottey College; and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for state chapter dues.*

**PROVISO: The increase of International Chapter dues to thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) shall be implemented in two steps; an increase of five dollars (\$5.00) to thirty-one dollars (\$31.00) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and an increase of five dollars (\$5.00) to thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) beginning the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The total annual dues of Alabama State Chapter shall be forty-six dollars (\$46.00) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) beginning the 2025-2026 fiscal year.*

2. Each s/p/d chapter shall remove the words “resident” and “nonresident” when reference is made to active local chapter members.

(page B-8) ARTICLE IX -- SPECIAL DUTIES OF LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICERS, Section 1—PRESIDENT, bullet 1, sentence 3 will now be stated as:

A copy of this letter and report shall be retained in the local chapter president's box and copies shall be sent to members.

NOTE: This change will only take place if amendment #3 is defeated.

(page B-9) ARTICLE XIV -- AMENDMENTS, Section 1—PROCEDURE, sentence 2 will now be stated as:

Local chapters desiring to submit an amendment must have that proposal approved by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting provided the amendment was submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting and all absent members notified that a vote will be taken at the next regular meeting.

At the direction of the Executive Board of International Chapter based on the opinion of legal counsel, the following change is to be made in the Bylaws of Alabama State Chapter. This change requires no vote by convention.

1. No s/p/d shall have provisions in their bylaws that conflict with applicable governmental laws. All s/p/d chapter bylaws shall include an article stating that the bylaws shall comply with governmental laws applicable to the operation of the s/p/d chapter.

(page BL-9) A new ARTICLE XIV will be inserted in the bylaws and will be stated as:

ARTICLE XIV -- GOVERNING LAW

These bylaws shall comply with governmental laws applicable to the operation of the state chapter.

NOTE: The subsequent article will be renumbered to conform.