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<p>Article III. Membership Section 2: Qualifications for Membership</p> <p>a. Candidates for all categories of membership shall be considered without regard to race, age, gender, creed, color, national origin, disability or other legally protected categories dependent upon jurisdiction.</p> <p>b. Student candidates shall have demonstrated superior academic achievement, academic integrity and professional leadership potential.</p> <p>c. Regular Member</p> <p>1) Students in Basic Program</p> <p>a. Definition – Basic program is defined as a baccalaureate or equivalent nursing degree program that leads to the first professional nursing degree.</p> <p>b. Academic Achievement – Students shall have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent of this measure of academic achievement. When grade point averages are not available or used by the nursing degree program, “B” or the second highest grade of the institution shall be used.</p> <p>c. Rank in class – Basic students who are elected shall rank not lower than the highest 35% of their class in scholarship.</p> <p>d. Curriculum – Students shall have completed at least one-half of the required nursing curriculum.</p> <p>e. Exceptions – Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the chapter’s governance committee following the guidelines adopted by the International Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Article III. Membership Section 2: Qualifications for Membership</p> <p>a. Sigma Theta Tau International does not discriminate. Candidates are qualified for membership so long as eligibility requirements are met.</p> <p>b. Student candidates shall have demonstrated superior academic achievement, academic integrity and professional leadership potential.</p> <p>c. Regular Member</p> <p>1) Students in Basic Program</p> <p>a. Definition – Basic program is defined as a baccalaureate or equivalent nursing degree program that leads to the first professional nursing degree.</p> <p>b. Academic Achievement – Students in basic programs shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the Society.</p> <p>c. Rank in class – Basic students who are elected shall rank not lower than the highest 35% of their class in scholarship.</p> <p>d. Curriculum – Students shall have completed at least one-half of the required nursing curriculum.</p> <p>e. Exceptions – Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the chapter’s governance committee following the guidelines adopted by the International Board of Directors.</p>	<p>This change should not affect chapter operations as no candidates should be discriminated against for any reason. The change makes a more general statement about not discriminating on any basis.</p> <p>This change should not affect existing chapters. The specific grade point average membership criterion was moved from bylaws to the organization’s policies/procedures document. Candidates attending a university that uses a 4.0 grade point average system to measure academic achievement must still obtain at least a 3.0 grade point average to be eligible for membership. The change allows for broader definitions of excellence and accommodates a variety of grading systems/standards of excellence worldwide. The changes make the bylaws more applicable to a global organization. The International Governance Committee will continue to review a school’s measure of academic achievement at the time of chapter charter application when a school does not use a grade point average system.</p>

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<p>2) Students in Graduate Programs</p> <p>a. Definition – Graduate program is defined as an accredited program of graduate study in nursing including master, post-master, doctoral and post-doctoral.</p> <p>b. Academic Achievement – Students in graduate programs shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. An equivalent of this measure of academic achievement shall be used when grade point averages are not available or used by the nursing degree program.</p> <p>c. Curriculum – Students shall have completed a minimum of one-quarter of the required graduate curriculum.</p> <p>d. Exceptions – Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the chapter's governance committee following the guidelines adopted by the International Board of Directors.</p> <p>3) Nurse Leader</p> <p>A nurse leader, who is a registered nurse, legally recognized to practice in his/her country with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field, and who has demonstrated achievement in nursing, shall be eligible for membership.</p> <p>d. Honorary Member</p> <p>An honorary member is any person who is not eligible for regular membership in Sigma Theta Tau International, but who has gained national and/or international recognition in the field of nursing or in any field contributing to nursing.</p>	<p>2) Students in Graduate Programs</p> <p>a. Definition – Graduate program is defined as an accredited program of graduate study in nursing including master, post-master, doctoral and post-doctoral.</p> <p>b. Academic Achievement – Students in graduate programs shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the society.</p> <p>c. Curriculum – Students shall have completed a minimum of one-quarter of the required graduate curriculum.</p> <p>d. Exceptions – Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the chapter's governance committee following the guidelines adopted by the International Board of Directors.</p> <p>3) Nurse Leader</p> <p>A nurse leader, who is a registered nurse, legally recognized to practice in his/her country with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field, and who has demonstrated achievement in nursing, shall be eligible for membership.</p> <p>d. Honorary Member</p> <p>An honorary member is any person who is not eligible for regular membership in Sigma Theta Tau International, but who has gained national and/or international recognition in the field of nursing or in any field contributing to nursing.</p>	<p>This change should not affect existing chapters. The specific grade point average needed to be eligible for membership was moved from bylaws language to the organization's policies/procedures document. Candidates attending a university that uses a 4.0 grade point average system to measure academic achievement must still obtain at least a 3.5 grade point average to be eligible for membership. The change allows for broader definitions of excellence and accommodates a variety of grading systems/standards of excellence worldwide. The approved changes make the bylaws more applicable to a global organization. The International Governance Committee will continue to review a school's measure of academic achievement at the time of chapter charter application when a school does not use a grade point average system.</p>

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<p>Section 3. Selection of Members a. Regular Members: 1) Student member candidates are required to be enrolled in an institution of higher education where the chapter is located to be considered for membership in that chapter. 2) The nurse leader candidate may be selected for membership by any chapter. b. Honorary Members: 1) Honorary membership is awarded only by the Board of Directors of Sigma Theta Tau International. 2) Any active member through a chapter or the Board of Directors may nominate persons for honorary membership. 3) Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote for each nominee based on established criteria. A favorable vote of three-fourths of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for election to honorary membership.</p> <p>Section 4. Membership Status Members may be designated as active or inactive. Active members pay annual chapter and international fees. Honorary members are designated as active without payment of fees. Inactive members have not paid annual chapter and international fees, but shall become active at any time by paying current renewal fees.</p> <p>Section 5. Rights and Responsibilities of Active</p>	<p>Section 3. Selection of Members a. Regular Members: 1) Student member candidates are required to be enrolled in an institution of higher education where the chapter is located to be considered for membership in that chapter. If there is no chapter at the institution of higher education in which the student attends, student member candidates may be considered for membership in another chapter. 2) The nurse leader candidate may be selected for membership by any chapter. b. Honorary Members: 3) Honorary membership is awarded only by the Board of Directors of Sigma Theta Tau International. 4) Any active member through a chapter or the Board of Directors may nominate persons for honorary membership. 5) Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote for each nominee based on established criteria. A favorable vote of three-fourths of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for election to honorary membership.</p> <p>Section 4. Membership Status Members may be designated as honorary, active or inactive. Members may also formally request to discontinue membership. Active members pay annual chapter and international fees. Honorary members are designated as active without payment of fees. Inactive members have not paid annual chapter and international fees, but shall become active at any time by paying current renewal fees.</p> <p>Section 5. Rights and Responsibilities of Active</p>	<p>With this change, chapters can begin inducting students from accredited nursing schools that do not have a chapter if the inducting chapter agrees the student meets the eligibility criteria. Students from schools without chapters would be responsible for providing supporting documentation that shows the eligibility criteria have been met to the inducting chapter's satisfaction.</p> <p>This change does not change chapter operations. It clarifies that members have the right to request that their membership be permanently discontinued. Some national laws require this right.</p>

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<p>Members</p> <p>a. Regular Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Active regular members shall make a commitment to the purposes of the Society. 2) Active regular members shall receive: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) official society publications; b) priority for education programs; and c) priority for research funding. 3) Active regular members are eligible: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) to vote (as outlined in the Sigma Theta Tau International Bylaws and Chapter Bylaws); and b) to hold elective and appointive office. 4) Active regular members may hold dual membership in more than one chapter by remitting multiple chapter fees and the society fee annually. 5) Active regular members may transfer from one chapter to another. <p>b. Honorary Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Honorary members shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) be inducted at the biennial convention and awarded the official key; b) receive the society's publications; and c) be responsible for promoting and supporting the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International. <p>Section 6. Revocation of Membership Membership in the society may be revoked at any time by the inducting chapter for just cause and after due process. Revocation of membership shall be determined at a meeting of the inducting chapter, at which a quorum is present, by at least three-fourths vote for revocation by those present.</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>a. Regular Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Active regular members shall make a commitment to the purposes of the Society. 2) Active regular members shall receive: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) official society publications; b) priority for education programs; and c) priority for research funding. 3) Active regular members are eligible: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) to vote (as outlined in the Sigma Theta Tau International Bylaws and Chapter Bylaws); and b) to hold elective and appointive office. 4) Active regular members may hold membership in more than one chapter by remitting multiple chapter fees and the society fee annually. 5) Active regular members may transfer from one chapter to another. <p>b. Honorary Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Honorary members shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) be inducted and awarded the official key in locations and times decided upon by the international board of directors; b) receive the society's publications; and c) be responsible for promoting and supporting the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International. <p>Section 6. Revocation of Membership Membership in the society may be revoked at any time by a chapter to which the member belongs for just cause and after due process. Revocation of membership shall be determined at a meeting of the chapter, at which a quorum is present, by at least three-fourths vote for revocation by those present.</p>	<p>This change is only a change in terminology, not operations. Members will still be allowed to join as many chapters as they wish. Membership is not limited to two (thus deletion of the word "dual") chapters.</p> <p>This change does not affect chapters as chapters cannot induct honorary members.</p> <p>This change would allow any chapter to which a member belongs to revoke membership of someone for just cause, not just the inducting chapter. Guidelines will require the revoking chapter notify the member's inducting chapter and any other chapters to which the member belongs.</p>
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<p>chapters following established guidelines. Two or more established chapters may merge to form an at-large chapter following established guidelines.</p> <p>4) Alumni Chapter An established chapter may become an alumni chapter when the school of nursing that housed the chapter closes. Active members must agree to meet all of the requirements for a chapter in good standing with the exception of inducting members a minimum of one time annually. The chapter must maintain an active membership of at least 100 members.</p> <p>5) Other models may be considered by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Section 5. Chapter Officers</p> <p>a. Each chapter elects at least a chapter president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and a faculty counselor. Duties and terms of office shall be outlined in the chapter bylaws.</p> <p>b. Officers shall assume their duties by at least July 1 of the year in which they are elected.</p> <p>Section 7. Chapter Meetings Each chapter shall have at least one annual (business) meeting and at least two programs of a scholarly nature during each fiscal year. The annual (business) meeting, where officers and committees present written annual reports to the membership, may be held in conjunction with a scholarly program.</p> <p>Section 8. Chapter Responsibilities</p>	<p>at-large chapter may split into separate chapters following established guidelines. Two or more established chapters may merge to form an at-large chapter following established guidelines.</p> <p>4) Alumni Chapter An established chapter may become an alumni chapter when a school of nursing no longer offers an eligible degree. Active members must agree to meet all of the requirements for a chapter in good standing with the exception of inducting members a minimum of one time annually.</p> <p>5) Other models may be considered by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Section 5. Chapter Officers</p> <p>a. Each chapter elects at least a chapter president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and a faculty counselor. Duties and terms of office shall be outlined in the chapter bylaws.</p> <p>b. Officers shall assume their duties at a date determined by the chapter bylaws in the year in which they are elected.</p> <p>Section 7. Chapter Meetings Each chapter shall have at least one business meeting each year. Each chapter will also sponsor at least two (2) events or programs supporting the purposes and goals of the Society.</p> <p>Section 8. Chapter Responsibilities</p>	<p>This change makes a more general statement as to why alumni chapter status might be applicable for reasons other than the closing of a school of nursing. The amendment also eliminates the requirement for alumni chapters to maintain at least 100 active members as no such minimum is required for non-alumni chapters and there is not evidence that a minimum number of members insures viability.</p> <p>This change gives chapters greater flexibility in determining an election process and officer transition timeline that works best for them.</p> <p>Chapters now have greater flexibility in how they define chapter programs to include more than research-related programs as part of the required two annual programs.</p>

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<p>Chapters shall fulfill the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support the purposes of this Society. b. Observe the provisions of these bylaws and comply with the Society's policies and regulations. c. Participate in the biennial convention House of Delegates. d. Select and induct eligible members a minimum of one time annually. e. Meet all financial obligations. f. File required reports according to established guidelines. <p>Section 9. Suspension, Revocation, Dissolution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The activities of a chapter may be suspended by the Board of Directors of Sigma Theta Tau International for failure to comply with these bylaws or policies and regulations. b. Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, the House of Delegates may revoke the charter of a chapter. c. Any chapter may vote to dissolve itself. d. Upon revocation of a charter, or dissolution of a chapter, all cash and other assets remaining after the chapter's outstanding debts are paid should be returned to the treasury of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Incorporated, or any other appropriate non-profit organization approved by the Board of Directors. The chapter's charter and coat-of-arms shall be returned to Headquarters. All members of the chapter have the opportunity to transfer their membership to a chapter of their choice. 	<p>Chapters shall fulfill the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support the purposes of this Society. b. Observe the provisions of these bylaws and comply with the Society's policies and regulations. c. Participate in the biennial convention House of Delegates and other business brought before the House of Delegates during the term. d. Select and induct eligible members a minimum of one time annually. e. Meet all financial obligations. f. File required reports according to established guidelines. <p>Section 9. Suspension, Revocation, Dissolution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The activities of a chapter may be suspended by the Board of Directors of Sigma Theta Tau International for failure to comply with these bylaws or policies and regulations. b. Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, the House of Delegates may revoke the charter of a chapter. c. Any chapter may vote to dissolve itself. d. Upon revocation of a charter, or dissolution of a chapter, all cash and other assets remaining after the chapter's outstanding debts are paid should be returned to the treasury of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Incorporated, or any other appropriate non-profit organization approved by the chapter board of directors. The chapter's charter and coat-of-arms shall be returned to Headquarters. All members of the chapter have the opportunity to transfer their membership to a chapter of their choice. 	<p>This change clarifies that chapters are expected to participate whenever the House of Delegates has business, not just at the biennial convention. This primarily refers to online voting for chapter charter approvals that takes place between conventions.</p> <p>This clarifies that if a chapter is dissolving, the <i>chapter</i> board of directors selects what is done with any remaining chapter assets, not the <i>international</i> board of directors.</p>

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<p>Article IX. Elections Section 4. Terms</p> <p>a. Officer Directors</p> <p>1) Term length: The five (5) officer directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they were elected.</p> <p>2) Term Limits: Officer directors may serve for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms</p> <p>3) Exception: A director who is elected as president-elect may serve a maximum of four (4) terms on the Board of Directors. Once an officer director serves a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms as an officer director, that officer director will only be eligible to serve in the next biennium as president-elect.</p> <p>b. Non-Officer Directors</p> <p>1) Term length: The five (5) non-officer directors will be elected for a term of four (4) consecutive years or until their successors are elected. Non-officer directors will be elected in alternating biennia; three (3) in one biennium; two (2) in the next biennium.</p> <p>2) Term Limits: Non-officer directors may serve a maximum of one (1) term on the Board of Directors.</p> <p>3) Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair term length and limits: The Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair holds a non-officer position on the board of directors and will be elected each biennium for a two (2) year term and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the Board as Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair.</p> <p>4) Exception: Once a non-officer director serves the maximum of four (4) consecutive years as a non-officer director, that non-officer director will only be eligible to serve in</p>	<p>Article IX. Elections Section 4. Terms</p> <p>a. Officer Directors</p> <p>1) Term length: The five (5) officer directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they were elected.</p> <p>2) Term Limits: Officer directors may serve for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms</p> <p>3) Exception: A director who is elected as president-elect may serve a maximum of four (4) terms on the Board of Directors. Once an officer director serves a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms as an officer director, that officer director will only be eligible to serve in the next biennium as president-elect.</p> <p>b. Non-Officer Directors</p> <p>1) Term length: The five (5) non-officer directors will be elected for a term of four (4) consecutive years or until their successors are elected. Non-officer directors will be elected in alternating biennia; three (3) in one biennium; two (2) in the next biennium.</p> <p>2) Term Limits: Non-officer directors may serve a maximum of one (1) term on the Board of Directors.</p> <p>3) Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair term length and limits: The Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair holds a non-officer position on the board of directors and will be elected each biennium for a two (2) year term and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the Board as Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair. The four (4) consecutive years on the Board must not exceed the six (6) year maximum consecutive year service on the Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee.</p>	<p>This change does not affect chapter operations.</p>

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<p>the next biennium as president-elect.</p> <p>c. Committees Governance, Leadership Succession and Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee members' term of office shall be two (2) years. A committee member may not serve longer than six (6) consecutive years.</p> <p>d. Members shall hold no more than one elected office at a time.</p> <p>e. Full Term A member holding an elected position who has served more than half a term in that position is considered to have served a full term.</p>	<p>4) Exception: Once a non-officer director serves the maximum of four (4) consecutive years as a non-officer director, that non-officer director will only be eligible to serve in the next biennium as president-elect.</p> <p>c. Committees</p> <p>1) Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee members' term of office shall be two years.</p> <p>2) Two (2) members of the Governance Committee and two (2) members of the Leadership Succession Committee shall be elected each biennium for a four-year (4-year) term, and three (3) members of the Governance Committee and the Leadership Succession Committee shall be elected for a two-year (2-year) term.</p> <p>3) A committee member may not serve longer than six (6) consecutive years.</p> <p>d. Members shall hold no more than one elected office at a time.</p> <p>e. Full Term A member holding an elected position who has served more than half a term in that position is considered to have served a full term.</p>	<p>This change does not affect chapter operations.</p>

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<p>Article XI. Finance Section 2. Chapter Fees and Assessments a. The annual fee shall be collected from each chapter each fiscal year or, for new chapters, the odd-numbered year after a charter is granted. This fee will be based on the number of regular members excluding inactive members in the chapter for the prior membership year ending June 30. b. The House of Delegates may levy special assessments by a three-fourths vote.</p> <p>Section 3. Induction Fee Each new member shall pay a Society induction fee and a chapter induction fee as determined in the chapter bylaws. This shall entitle the new member to active membership with all its benefits from the date of induction for one year to the member's anniversary date of induction.</p> <p>Section 4. Active Membership Fee a. Each member shall pay an annual fee for active member benefits. b. These fees shall be used to fund the publications, research grants, educational programs, cost of collection of fees and to advance the activities of the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library and Center for Nursing Scholarship.</p> <p>Section 8. Expenses of Host Chapter – Biennial Convention The host chapter of the biennial convention shall be reimbursed by the Society treasury in accordance with approved policies and procedures.</p> <p>Section 9. Expenses – Evaluation Visit to a School(s) Applying for a Charter The expenses for an evaluation visit to a school of</p>	<p>Article XI. Finance Section 2. Chapter Fees and Assessments a. The annual fee shall be collected from each chapter each fiscal year. For new chapters, fees shall be collected during the year following the granting of a charter. This fee will be based on the number of regular members excluding inactive members in the chapter for the prior membership year ending June 30. c. The House of Delegates may levy special assessments by a three-fourths vote.</p> <p>Section 3. Fees a. Membership Fee: Each member shall pay an annual fee to maintain active member benefits. b. Induction Fee: Each new member shall pay a society membership fee and a chapter induction fee as described in the chapter bylaws. This fee covers the cost of induction and active membership for one twelve-month period.</p>	<p>This change only applies to first-year chapters as it clarifies when those chapters pay their first chapter assessment fee.</p> <p>This change clarifies the terminology of “induction” and “membership” fees.</p> <p>This change does not affect chapter operations.</p> <p>This change does not affect chapter operations.</p>

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<p>nursing that has applied for a charter shall be paid by the school(s) that submitted the application.</p>		
<p>Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority <u>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</u> shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order of the Society.</p>	<p>Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority The rules contained in the current edition of <u>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</u> shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order of the Society.</p>	<p>This change only clarifies which edition of <u>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</u> governs the society.</p>

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