

The Keynote Spring 2024

CTSO Bylaws Amendments

At the 2024 DKGCT Spring Convention (April 27, 2024) the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws Committee will present the following three motions for amending the April 21, 2021 Connecticut State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Amendments in bold.

Motion #1: The Bylaws Committee presents a motion to approve the following amendment to the CTSO Standing Rules. It has been approved by an affirmative vote at the September 23, 2023 meeting of the DKG Connecticut State Executive Board.

CTSO Standing Rules I. Duties of Officers and Related Personnel

CURRENT:

1. Duties of Officers and Related Personnel

I. Executive Secretary (recommended by the president, selected by the executive board)

6. Shall serve as a member ex-officio, without a vote, on the international and state executive boards.

TO:

1. Duties of Officers and Related Personnel

I. Executive Secretary (recommended by the president, selected by the executive board)

6. Shall serve as a member ex-officio, without vote **if under remunerative contract** for her services on the CTSO Executive Board.

RATIONALE: Membership voted to approve a balanced budget which resulted in neither the treasurer nor the executive secretary receiving remuneration. Both the treasurers and the executive secretary are under contract. Both offices are ex-officio, and both are appointed, not elected, but language differs. In the *DKG Constitution* it states that a treasurer is without vote if under remunerative contract for her services. The recommendation is to include language to clearly state that both the Executive Secretary and the Treasurers can vote if not receiving remuneration under the terms of their contract.

Motion #2: The Bylaws Committee presents a motion to approve the following amendment to the CTSO Bylaws. It has been approved by an affirmative vote at the September 23, 2023 meeting of the DKG Connecticut State Executive Board.

CTSO Bylaws Article VIII Executive Board

CURRENT:

A. State Executive Board

1. The voting members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers, the immediate past state president, the standing committee chairs, elected committee members, and state members of International Committees for the

length of their term on those committees. Each chapter is also entitled to two votes on the Executive Board. The chapter president casts one vote. The additional chapter vote is cast by a second member of the chapter. The state offices of treasurer, assistant treasurer, executive secretary, and the parliamentarian shall be ex-officio members, without vote.

TO:

A. State Executive Board

1. The voting members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers, the immediate past state president, the standing committee chairs, elected committee members, and state members of International Committees for the length of their term on those committees. Each chapter is also entitled to two votes on the Executive Board. The chapter president casts one vote. The additional chapter vote is cast by a second member of the chapter. **The parliamentarian shall be an ex-officio member without vote. The state offices of treasurer, assistant treasurer, and executive secretary shall be ex-officio members, without vote if receiving remuneration.**

RATIONALE:

An amendment is necessary because the current language contradicts the newly approved amendment in the CTSO Standing Rules clarifying that the positions of treasurer, assistant treasurer, and executive secretary shall have voting privileges if there is no remuneration.

Motion #3: The Bylaws Committee presents a motion to approve the following amendment to the CTSO Bylaws. It has been approved by an affirmative vote at the September 17, 2022 meeting of the DKG Connecticut State Executive Board.

CTSO Bylaws Article X Activities

CURRENT:

Section B. Recruitment Grants

3. High School Grants
 - a. The Hannah C. Griswold Grant
 - i. This grant shall be awarded to a graduating Connecticut minority high school student entering a planned program in education.

TO:

Section B. Recruitment Grants

3. High School Grants
 - a. The Hannah C. Griswold Grant
 - i. This grant shall be awarded to a graduating Connecticut high school student **demonstrating financial need and** entering a planned program in education.

RATIONALE: The word minority is no longer used on CTSO grant and scholarship applications. The intent of the grant is to provide financial assistance to a senior in need.

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Bylaws Committee