**CSO Bylaws Amendments**

The Connecticut State Organization Bylaws Committee will present two motions for amendments to the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws (April 24, 2021) at the CTSO Spring Convention (May 6, 2023).

**Amendments in bold.**

**MOTION 1:** The Bylaws Committee presents a motion to approve the following amendment to the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws. It has been approved by an affirmative vote at the February 11, 2023 meeting of the DKG Connecticut State Organization Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VII, MEETINGS**

**Current: Section A. Convention**

1. Business of the Connecticut State Organization shall be conducted annually, either in person or electronically, at a convention held at a time and place approved by the Executive Board, for the purpose of taking action on reports, adopting policy, adopting the budget, and amending bylaws. Business shall be conducted electronically so long as all members can hear each other simultaneously and actively participate in the meeting. In the odd-numbered years officers shall be elected and the amount of dues established.

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**b. If an unforeseen circumstance arises the CTSO president and CTSO first vice president have the authority to make changes to the meeting including date, location, meeting virtually or in person.**

**Current: Section B. Other Meetings**

1. An annual Professional Conference shall be held for the general membership, preferably in the fall.

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*Rationale: The additional language states considerations to hold a meeting virtually and the circumstances when the president and vice president, not the Executive Board, would make this decision. A virtual meeting provides members unable to attend an in person the opportunity to attend and is a cost saving to members and to the Connecticut State Organization.*

**MOTION 2:** The Bylaws Committee presents a motion to approve the following amendment to the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws. It has been approved by an affirmative vote at the February 11, 2023 meeting of the DKG Connecticut State Executive Board.

**ARTICLE X: ACTIVITIES**

**Current: Section D. Publications**

1. A state newsletter *The Keynote* shall be published (in print and/or electronic Form) four times a year. Print versions will be mailed to members.

**To:**

1. A state newsletter *The Keynote* shall be published in electronic form **a minimum of** **two** times a year; **published** **in the spring and in the fall.**.

1. **If there are amendments to the Bylaws and/or Standing Rules, a spring edition must be published electronically, posted on the CTSO website, and distributed to members at least 30 days prior to the spring convention.**
2. **CTSO President or her designee will email a copy to all chapter presidents at least 30 days prior to the spring convention.**
3. **The chapter president or her designee will email a copy of *the Keynote* to all chapter members who can receive information electronically.**
4. **The chapter president or her designee will copy and mail *The Keynote* to all chapter members who cannot receive information electronically.**

*Rationale*: *The decision by the CTSO Executive Board to to publish The Keynote electronically eliminates the need to print and mail copies of The Keynote to all members. This will reduce CT State Organization expenses in a time of budget constraints. A requirement of only two issues of The Keynote does not eliminate the importance of ongoing communication. This change provides the time and flexibility to explore and consider alternative ways to effectively communicate with members. Additional language clarifies who is responsible for distribution of the Keynote.*