

NBS-AERho Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Changes for 2018

(Additions are in **bold**; deletions are struck out)

Constitution

ARTICLE NINE The Board of Governors

SECTION 5. VACANCIES AND IMPEACHMENT PROCEDURES:

- A. Board of Governors: In the event that any Board member's position shall become vacant, the Board of Governors, by majority vote, shall elect a successor who shall serve in the office until the next national convention when a permanent successor shall be elected by the National Council for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of Chairperson until the election of a successor **by the Board of Governors**.

In the current text, it is unclear whether, in the case of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson of the Board of Governors, the election of a successor is to be conducted by that board (as is the case in filling that office annually – cf. Constitution, Article 10, Section 1) or by the National Council. This addition provides clarity.

ARTICLE ELEVEN President of Alpha Epsilon Rho

SECTION 1. ELECTION: The President of AERho shall be elected to the Board of Governors as outlined in Article 9 Sections 2 and 3 by the AERho chapters from a slate of candidates presented by the National Elections Committee. ~~All candidates~~ **Each candidate** must be an **active member of AERho and an active (dues-paid) member of NBS**. The term of the President of Alpha Epsilon Rho shall be nominally two years, beginning upon election at the national convention, and there are no restrictions regarding self-succession.

The changes correct a grammatical lack of agreement between the plural subject and the singular object, and add to the requirement of AERho membership the need for a candidate for election as AERho President to be a current professional member of NBS.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN The Executive Director (ED)

SECTION 1. DEFINITION: The ED, **who may or may not be compensated, as determined by the Board of Governors**, shall be responsible for all NBS-AERho operations.

The addition allows for a person to fill the role of Executive Director (ED) on an uncompensated basis, if deemed necessary by the Board of Governors because of the financial situation of the organization, the availability of qualified candidates, and/or other factors.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN
Dissolution of Residual Assets

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the National Broadcasting Society ~~and/or~~ - Alpha Epsilon Rho will be turned over to one or more organizations that themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) and/or Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to federal, state or local government for exclusive public purposes.

This change simply replaces “and/or” with a hyphen to be consistent with the official name of the organization, as recorded with the Internal Revenue Service.

Bylaws

CHAPTER SIX
Finances

SECTION 1. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

- A. New Chapters: An application fee shall be sent to the National Office upon application for a charter, amount to be determined by the Board of Governors.
- B. Student Membership Dues

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~~3. Student members who have paid for two or more years of membership will receive one year of professional membership free upon graduation. It is the student member's responsibility to notify the National Office of his or her current home, work, and e-mail addresses in order to be eligible for professional membership under this provision. Notification must be received by July 1 following graduation. The National Office shall annually provide each chapter with a list of that chapter's active student and professional members and recent alumni.~~

This deletion removes the provision for granting one free year of professional membership to qualified graduates. Students have rarely provided the information required to receive this benefit, and this category of membership cannot be accommodated with the transition to a new member management system. Also removed is the requirement for the National Office to send a list of active chapter members each year. This information will be more readily accessible through the new system.

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~~SECTION 4. A minimum balance of \$200.00 shall be maintained in the National Treasury. National convention expenses of Board members and appointees have priority on remaining funds above that amount. The Board of Governors and the ED shall be responsible for maintaining the financial solvency of NBS-AERho.~~

This deletion removes the requirement for a specified minimum balance in the National Treasury. Following a now common and recommended practice for not-for-profit organizations, NBS-AERho has recently transitioned from a *cash accounting* to an *accrual accounting* system of financial management, which does not incorporate the designation of a minimum balance. The added text reinforces the duty of the Board of Governors and the ED to manage the finances of NBS-AERho responsibly.