



Members of Oklahoma TSA,

Attached are three amendments submitted and drafted by Darick Pham and Elizabeth Grounds. These amendments have been endorsed by our 2023-2024 State Officer Team for submission for consideration at the 2024 Oklahoma TSA State Leadership Conference.

We have drafted three amendments:

- 1.) State Dues Adjustments (Article III. Finance - Section 1. Dues)
- 2.) Addition of Officer Positions (Article II. Duties of Officers - Section 2 & Article VII. State Officers)
- 3.) Rank Choice Voting Procedure (Article I. Election of State Officers - Section 2. Election Procedures)

We believe that the first amendment will enable greater financial flexibility for the growth in local and state membership as we advance forward in accordance with National TSA. The implementation of our second amendment will enhance the productivity of the Oklahoma State Officer team. Through the reorganization of titles and duties, we anticipate a more evenly spread workload throughout the officers. The third amendment will restructure our voting system for state office elections. By combining the popular "Pool Voting" and "Rank Choice" systems, we create a steady compromise that will produce stronger, more qualified officers.

Our goal with these amendments is to create an environment that encourages adaptability for future State Officer Teams and the members of Oklahoma TSA. Our hope is that the implementation of these amendments will optimize not only our State Conference, but the yearly efficiency of Oklahoma TSA.

We understand the concerns of presenting such drastic alterations to our bylaws, but we believe that with this unique solution, the proper education, and the priority this issue holds with our state membership, this could be the year that we obtain true compromises and pioneer the growth of a more efficient Oklahoma TSA.

We submit this series of amendments to Article III Sec. 1, Article II Sec. 2, Article VII, and Article II Sec. 2 of the Oklahoma Technology Student Association Bylaws as a proposal to be considered by the voting delegates of the 2024 Oklahoma State Leadership Conference in Norman, Oklahoma.

If you have any questions or concerns as you review our proposal, please contact Darick Pham, Elizabeth Grounds, or State Advisor Tami Redus.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Darick Pham, *2023-2024 Oklahoma State Secretary*
Elizabeth Grounds, *2023-2024 Oklahoma State Treasurer*

Proposed Bylaw Amendment
A series of amendments to the Oklahoma TSA Bylaws

Amendment I

To amend Article III. Finance, Section 1 - "Dues"

Current Wording

1. State membership dues shall be \$3 per member as determined by the executive committee with approval from the voting delegates at the annual state conference.
2. Dues for the State Association shall be paid by each active member of the local chapter in order for the local chapter to become affiliated with the State Association.
3. The amount set by the National Board of Directors of TSA as national dues shall be collected by the state advisor and forwarded to the national office by the established annual deadline.
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Amendment II

To amend Article II. Duties of Officers, Section 2 - “5. Reporter” & “7. Region Representative”

Current Wording

Section 2. Specific individual officer duties shall include:

1. President

- a. Preside at and conduct meetings according to parliamentary procedure.
- b. Appoint committees and serve as ex officio member of each except the executive committee.
- c. Keep the meeting moving at an interesting pace.
- d. Call upon other officers to take the chair when necessary or desirable.
- e. Keep association activities progressing in a satisfactory manner.
- f. Represent the association in outside activities.

2. Vice President

- a. Assist the President.
- b. Serve as President in the absence of the President.
- c. Succeed the President in case of vacancy.
- d. Serve as chairperson of the membership and program committees.
- e. Meet with and be responsible for all committees.

3. Secretary

- a. Prepare and read the minutes of each meeting.

- b. Count and record member votes.
- c. Read correspondence and communications at meetings.
- d. Keep the association's permanent records.
- e. Post notices to members pertaining to association activities and send invitations to guests.
- f. Be responsible for association correspondence.
- g. Call the meetings to order in the absence of the presiding officer.

4. Treasurer

- a. Report all financial standings at each meeting.
- b. Obtain and present ideas and suggestions for increasing the treasury and financing activities.
- c. Assist the planning and arranging of association activities.

5. Reporter

- a. Prepare articles of publication.
- b. Contact members to obtain news regarding the association.
- c. Contact personnel in charge of other publications and provide copy conforming to their requests.
- d. Plan and arrange the association exhibits.
- e. Act as editor of association publications with the responsibility of developing and publishing.

6. Sergeant-at-Arms

- a. Serve as parliamentarian for the association.
- b. Arrange meeting rooms and care for association paraphernalia.

- c. Be responsible for the comfort of those present at all meetings.
- d. Assist officer candidates prior to and during elections.
- e. Arrange entertainment, refreshments, and other details related to meeting programs.

7. Region Representative

- a. Promote leadership development in the two regions of Oklahoma.
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8. Historian

a. Compile, organize, and assist in maintaining media records of the association's activities, achievements, and milestones with the Secretary including contributing ideas for promotional events and initiatives.

b. Assist the Reporter with planning and arranging association exhibits.

c. Collect photographs/videos and document key moments that can be used for future reference and promotional purposes.

To amend Article VII. State Officers, Section 1

Current Wording

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Amendment III

To amend Article I. Election of State Officers - Section 2 “Election Procedures”

Current Wording

1. State officers shall be elected by voting delegates who have been selected by the local chapter. Each chartered local chapter is entitled to two voting delegates, plus one additional voting delegate for each state officer and/or national officer that is an active member from that chapter, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting business of the state association.
2. Nomination of state officers shall be submitted on the officer nomination form supplied by the state association office and received by the state advisor prior to the published deadline for this form.
3. A chapter may nominate a maximum of two state officer candidates.
4. Candidates are able to run for state office through their junior year and serve as a graduating senior.
5. State Officers shall be elected by a ballot or electronic vote by the voting delegates at the annual state conference.
6. An election will be held to select the Oklahoma TSA State President.
 - i. A majority vote is required to elect the President if there are two or more candidates.
 - ii. If there are more than two candidates for the office of President and a majority is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and a second ballot vote will be taken, and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot will be dropped until a majority is reached.
7. After the presidential election has been held, all eliminated presidential candidates shall be placed in the officer pool. All eliminated presidential candidates and other candidates (the “officer pool”) will be submitted to the delegates for election of the other five offices.
8. In the election of the five officers other than president, each voting delegate will have five votes to cast. Any delegate may cast no more than one vote per candidate.
9. The five candidates with the top number of votes will be named Oklahoma TSA State Officers.
 - i. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be Vice President, the second most votes shall be Secretary, the third most votes shall be Treasurer, the candidate receiving the fourth most votes shall be Reporter, and the candidate receiving the fifth most votes shall be Sergeant at Arms. (For the purposes of elections this shall be the order of officers.) If for any reason the state TSA advisor finds it necessary to change the position of the officer they have the authority to do so.

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9. ~~The five candidates with the top number of votes will be named Oklahoma TSA State Officers.~~ After all elections have been completed, and the annual business meeting has been adjourned, there shall be a private meeting with the new president elect, the Oklahoma TSA State Advisor(s), and all candidates for the current election. In this meeting, the position rankings of the candidates shall be announced. Then, the candidates shall be advised on the selection of their offices.
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highest ranking shall have the choice to select one of the remaining positions or decline their pick. This process shall be continued until all of the offices have been filled. The positions that were chosen by the candidates will consist of the new state officer team. If for any reason the State TSA Advisor finds it necessary to change the position of the officer, they have the authority to do so at any time. If for any reason the state TSA advisor finds it necessary to change the position of the officer they have the authority to do so.

Respectfully submitted,



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