Alaska State Organization Rules Report

April 2019

The Constitutional Amendments adopted by the 2018 International Convention contain many changes which effect our state documents. These amendments automatically change our Alaska State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules.

The Rules Committee is working to align the Alaska State Bylaws and Standing Rules with the Constitution. As soon as this work is completed, the amended documents will be placed on the DKG Alaska website. The changes will be reported to the Executive Board at the Fall online meeting. For the time being, all the Constitutional Amendments can be found on the International website.

Three amendments you need to be aware of now are the following:

1. There is a change in the timing of dues collection. (See Constitution Article IV, Section C Payment of Dues and Fees) The membership year is still July 1 – June 30. Members will pay dues no later than June 30 for the following fiscal year. So, our membership dues are due June 30, 2019.
2. There has also been a change in membership classification. Chapters may now invite undergraduate and graduate education students to become Collegiate Members of their chapters. The specific requirements can be found in the Constitution Article III Membership, Section B.4 and the International Standing Rules #3,4, and 4.11.
3. All our official documents must use our name, Alaska State Organization.

The International Constitution Committee has reviewed our Bylaws and Standing Rules since we revised these documents after our Leadership Convention last year. They have requested a few changes.

1. The Vision and Mission statements need to be included in Article II of our Bylaws.
2. The statement, “the State President must approve all expenditures,” must be included.
3. In Article IV Finances, a provision needs to be included for funding of our scholarships.
4. We need to develop a voting procedure which will be included in our documents. This refers to how voting will be conducted online.

The Rules Committee will be working with the President to determine which committees will be asked to work on these items. This needs to be addressed before our Leadership Convention next year and before we ask the Constitution Committee to review our Bylaws and Standing Rules again.

Rules Committee,

Barbara Sell, Chair

Gretchen Van Hove and Barbara Kovarik

Motion: Present motion concerning dues amount for Collegiate Member.