

September 26, 2020

To: GSO Executive Board and Membership

From: Ad Hoc Committee on Standing Rules Revision (Gail Springstead, Chair, Dr. Corinne Daniel, Virginia McChesney GSO Parliamentarian, Judy Scarboro)

Re: Report and Documents

The Ad Hoc Committee was charged with revising the GSO Standing Rules (SR) and creating a GSO Manual containing Guidelines, Policies and Procedures.

The rationale for revising our rules and creating a manual is (1) to reformat the SR so that they correspond to the bylaws to which they relate, (2) remove redundancy and non-essential details, (3) increase flexibility and (4) create a manual of guidelines and procedures that will guide state officers and committees in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

The first task was to change the numbering system in line with *Robert's Rules of Order* and accepted practice. Standing Rules now carry a number that corresponds to the Bylaw with the same subject. So, Bylaw Article VI Officers and Related Personnel correspond to SR 6.0.

All officers and committee chairs provided input to their position's portions of the standing rules. Each indicated what should be added, deleted or moved to the GSO Manual. While the vast majority of the content remains the same (although shifted or moved to the Manual), you will notice some changes (highlighted in yellow).

These changes include:

- 6.3 One of the duties of the First Vice President has been expanded. The 1st VP will in addition to coordinating the work of district directors now also coordinate the work of the Expansion & Chapter Support and Membership Committees. This will continue the focus of the 1st VP on chapter support and allow for the coordination of GSO resources as needed especially to struggling chapter.
- 6.4 The Second Vice President will continue to be the contact for EEC but the GSO EEC Committee will no longer exist. The 2nd VP will coordinate the work of all the Society Mission and Purposes Committees. This will allow for coordination of all program and project resources that fulfill our mission and purposes.
- 7.0 GSO needs authority in our Bylaws and SR to meet and conduct business electronically. These provisions already exist in chapter rules.
- 8.0 Committees have varying needs in terms of the number of members and whether it is essential that a member represent each district. Changes in the number of members and designations about those members are being changed for selected committees to allow more flexibility.
- 8.0 The EEC and Non-Dues Revenue Committees are being deleted. Duties of non-dues is being absorbed by Leadership Development Committee with one of its members given that specific duty. Global Impact and International and State Projects Committees are

being combined into Global/Community Impact. Combining these two committees has been the practice for the last two biennia.

The Ad Hoc Committee will make two motions:

Motion 1 The Ad Hoc Committee moves that the GSO Executive Board approve the Ad Hoc Committee's report and forward the **Proposed Revise GSO Standing Rules** to state convention for consideration.

Motion 2 The Ad Hoc Committee moves that the GSO Executive Board approve the **Proposed GSO Manual** and send it to state convention for consideration.