

FSMTA Constitution and By-laws Revision Committee Report

The Constitution and By-laws Revision Committee has been working with FSMTA Vice President for Membership Becky Barlar on by-laws revisions under Membership. The following are the suggested changes to the by-laws to be considered by the FSMTA Executive Board:

1. Article V, Section 2b. (Provisional Members)

current: 2b. an extension of one (1) or two (2) years may be granted.

proposed revision: 2b. an extension of one (1) or two (2) years may be granted *for special circumstances*.

reason: [This is to try to encourage provisional members to work toward active membership rather than expect an automatic extension.]

2. Article V, Section 3 (Student Membership)

current: [last sentence] Teachers who have held *full* membership in MTNA or FSMTA may not be considered for Student Membership.

proposed revision: Teachers who have held *active* membership in MTNA or FSMTA may not be considered for Student Membership.

reason: [clarify definition of "full"]

3. Article V, Section 3d. (Student Membership)

current: 3d. Student members may teach no more than ten (10) students.

proposed revision: 3d. Student members may teach no more than ten (10) *private* students.

reason: [To exclude students in classes taught by Student Members who are graduate assistants.]

4. Article V, Section 6c. (Life Members)

current: 6c. Life members *shall receive the official publication of FSMTA without charge*.

proposed revision: 6c. Life Members *who desire to continue reading the official publication of FSMTA may download it from the website.*

reason: [To conform with Article V, Section 7d, Retired Membership.]

5. Article VII, Section 1. (Dues)

add new section subclass: 1b. Dues are non-refundable.

reason: [Clarify through by-laws that dues are non-refundable.]

6. Article VII, Section 3. (Dues)

current: Honorary, Life, and Retired members shall not be required to pay dues to the Association; *however, if they wish to receive any of the benefits of membership in MTNA, they must pay annual dues to the National Association.*

proposed revision: *...however, they must pay annual dues to the national and local associations.*

reason: [To clarify that members must belong to all three levels of affiliation.]

Respectfully submitted,

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