

BYLAWS OF THE ST. LOUIS PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

Article I

Members

Section 1. All members of the national society who reside in the St. Louis metropolitan area, which includes contiguous territory in Missouri and Illinois, shall be deemed to be members of this chapter without formal chapter action. Any member, however, may be dropped from the chapter rolls at his or her request, or by chapter action for the reason of non-payment of dues.

Section 2. Members may be initiated by the St. Louis Professional Chapter. Anyone who meets the national membership requirement is eligible, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, or sexual orientation.

Section 3. Anyone who becomes an associate of the national Society may become an associate of the St. Louis chapter. Associates need not meet the national membership requirement, but may not vote or hold chapter office.

Article II

Qualified Voters

Section 1. Only members who have paid current chapter dues and current national dues, and who are otherwise in good standing, shall be allowed to vote.

Article III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the local chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall be actively engaged in the profession of journalism.

Section 2. The President shall be the executive officer of the chapter. In his or her absence, the vice President shall exercise all of the duties, powers and responsibilities of the President. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of the President, the Vice President shall serve as President until an election can be held at the earliest convenience.

If the office of Vice President is also vacant, the chapter's Board of Directors shall convene at its earliest convenience and designate an interim President, who shall serve until an election is held.

Section 3. The Secretary shall maintain the membership records and keep minutes of all meetings. He or she shall be the custodian of the chapter archives.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and have charge of all chapter funds. He or she shall disburse chapter funds at the direction of the President, with approval by the board of directors, or as prescribed by the chapter. He or she shall send out notices of dues and be responsible for the collection of dues.

Section 5. All officers of the chapter shall serve for twelve months, or until successors have been elected and installed. Any vacancy in any office shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the chapter.

Section 6. The annual term of office shall begin in May. Candidates shall be nominated by a committee appointed by the President, provided, however, that additional nominations may be made from the floor. A majority of qualified voters in attendance at the election meeting shall be sufficient to elect.

Article IV
Board of Directors

Section 1. The chapter shall have a Board of Directors made up of at least ten members. It shall be responsible for the direction and planning of all chapter activities.

Section 2. The board shall consist of the immediate past President; the four current officers of the chapter; the Chairpersons of the programming, membership and fundraising committees; university liaison; and at least one member at large.

Section 3. The President of the chapter shall be President of the Board and shall preside at board meetings.

Section 4. The Board is empowered to meet at such times and places as a majority of its members shall deem necessary; all meetings shall be open to members in good standing.

The President may call a special meeting and must do so when so requested by a majority of board members. At least a day's notice of any meeting shall be given in writing to board members. Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. A director or officer may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors. No officer or director may be removed from office without written notice detailing the cause for action at least two weeks prior to such vote.

Article V
Due

Section 1. Dues of the chapter shall be \$15 annually, though dues for full-time students shall be \$7.

Section 2. Associates' dues shall be \$30 annually.

Article VI
Membership Meetings

Section 1. There shall be a general meeting of the chapter at least bimonthly at a time and place designated by the President, except that general meetings may be omitted during the months of July, August, and December. Special meetings may be called by the President.

Article VII
Revision and Amendment

Section 1. These bylaws may be revised or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any regular meeting. Proposed amendments and revisions shall be made in writing at a regular meeting and may not be submitted to a vote until the following meeting.