CHAPTER BYLAWS

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF SNOHOMISH #1124



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PREAMBLE

A. NAME

The name of this Chapter shall be Public School Employees of Snohomish. It is an affiliate of Public School Employees of Washington/SEIU Local 1948 (PSE), a not-for-profit 501(c)5 labor union operating under the laws of the State of Washington. PSE chartered this Chapter on April 30, 1968.

B. MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Public School Employees of Snohomish to work closely with Public School Employees of Washington/SEIU Local 1948 to support the membership through good faith bargaining and the protection of those rights, promote educational enrichment opportunities, encourage membership growth, and provide quality leadership while working closely with the State Legislature in an effort to enact laws which will represent the best interests of all classified school employees in the State of Washington.

C. VISION STATEMENT

We will provide service of superior quality and value that best meets the needs of our Chapter members. We will achieve that purpose through a Chapter and working environment which attracts the finest people, fully develops and challenges individual talents, encourages our free-spirited collaboration to drive the Chapter ahead, and maintains PSE's principles of integrity and commitment to excellence.

Through the successful pursuit of this commitment, we expect to achieve a leadership position in representing all classified employees. As a result, PSE members, the school district in which we work, and the community in which we live, will grow and prosper.

D. VALUES

Recognizing the needs of members and PSE Staff, we are committed to:

- Provide the best environment in education for the students and our community.
- Strive for excellence and to demonstrate pride in our work.
- Having open, honest communications.
- Creating a work environment that is based on trust and concern for the rights of others.
- Treating others fairly, equally and respecting their individual worth and dignity.
- Demonstrate accountability for our performance, actions and behavior while supporting creativity and innovation within the Chapter.
 - Demonstrate a high level of professional, technical, and ethical responsibility.



ARTICLE I

GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

5 Section 1.1.

A representative form of government as identified herein shall govern this Chapter.

8 <u>Section 1.2.</u>

9 Members shall suffer no impairment of freedom of speech concerning the operations of this Chapter.

- 10 Active discussions of Chapter business shall be encouraged and protected.
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12 Section 1.3.

Members shall have the right to a full and clear accounting of all Chapter funds. At all levels such accounting shall include, but not be limited to, periodical reports to the membership by appropriate fiscal officers or by independent auditors or otherwise connected with the Chapter, and a financial

audit at least once a year which is made available to all members.

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18 Section 1.4.

Members shall have the right to full participation, through discussion and vote, in the decision-making processes of the Chapter and to pertinent information needed for the exercise of this right.

21 22 Section 1.5. Executive Board.

Section 1.5. Executive Board.
 Except when general meetings of the Chapter are in session, the Executive Board shall manage the
 business and property of this Chapter. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the President, or
 Co-Presidents, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer and Representative. The
 authority to govern and act on behalf of the membership is vested in the elected Executive Board who

shall decide all matters affecting the purposes, aims and means of accomplishing the purposes of this

Chapter, not specifically provided for in these Bylaws or by action of the members at a regular or

- 29 special meeting.
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31 Section 1.6. PSE Field Staff.

PSE Field Staff shall work closely with the Chapter in an advisory position. All decisions governing the business of the local Chapter shall be the sole responsibility of the elected officials and

- 34 membership of the Chapter.
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36 Section 1.7. Operating Principles.

In order to provide the Chapter with the highest quality direction and management possible, the
 following operating principles shall guide the Executive Board.

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Section 1.7.1. Board/Membership Relationships.

A positive, constructive, cooperative relationship between the Executive Board and the
 membership is essential to achieving the mission and vision of the Chapter. Therefore, the
 Board and membership will conduct themselves in a way that promotes mutual trust,
 demonstrates respect for individual dignity and displays professionalism.

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1	Section 1.7.2. Chapter Representation. The President or designee is the official spokesperson regarding the position of the body on
2 3	policy matters before the school board.
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5	Section 1.7.3. Conflict Resolution.
6	The Board shall utilize positive conflict resolution methods and maintain open, honest lines of communication that respect an appropriate chain of command within the Chapter. Actual
7 8	conflicts of interest, PSE members are also obliged to avoid actions that could be perceived or
9	interpreted as in conflict with the interests of the Chapter. Ethics, integrity, fairness and
10	concern for the Chapter's welfare shall be the accepted standard for actions.
11 12	Section 1.8. Media.
12	The President, or his/her designee, is the primary spokesperson for the Chapter. Media inquiries to
14	individual Board members about matters of Chapter concern should be referred to the Chapter
15	President. Inquiries about a position of PSE on any matter of statewide concern or specific legislation
16	should be referred to the Executive Director at State Headquarters.
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20	ARTICLE II
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22 23	OBJECTIVES OF CHAPTER
24	Section 2.1.
25	The objectives and purposes of this Chapter are:
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27 28	A. To carry out and assist on a local basis the objectives and purposes of the Public School Employees of Washington/SEIU Local 1948.
28 29	Employees of Washington/SETC Local 1940.
30	B. To promote the Chapter of Public School Employees in the Snohomish School District.
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32 33	C. To promote the welfare of the membership and the classified employees of the Snohomish School District, and to provide a voice in the determination of the terms and conditions of
33 34	employment. We are committed to the process of collective bargaining as desirable,
35	democratic and effective method to achieve this.
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37	D. To promote and provide systematic and effective employee management through collective
38 39	bargaining; to confer and negotiate in good faith, with respect to grievance procedures, personnel matters, including wages, hours and working conditions, vacations, holidays and
40	other conditions of employment for the classified employees of Snohomish School District.
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42	E. Both as members and as citizens, we shall also employ available legislative and political action
43	to establish adequate financial provisions for the improvement of public school education and
44 45	equitable consideration for the classified school employees from the State Legislators.
46	F. To establish better fellowship and understanding among classified school employees and to
47	strive for their overall betterment through training, legislation and Association benefits.
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	ARTICLE III
	MEMBERSHIP
Section	a 2.1 Elizibility
	<u>a 3.1. Eligibility.</u> as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, any person without regard to race, creed, color, national
origin,	gender, sexual orientation, or political belief, who meets the requirements hereinafter listed e eligible for membership.
A.	All persons regularly employed as a classified school employee (as defined by the Public School Employees of Washington) by or in Snohomish School District, and who are members of the Public School Employees of Washington/SEIU Local 1948, are eligible for membership in the Chapter.
Section	<u>n 3.2.</u>
A.	Application for membership shall be made on a standard application form provided by the Public School Employees.
B.	Membership dues of this Chapter shall be determined by the State convention of PSE of Washington. To be eligible to vote, a member must be in good standing. To be in good standing, the member shall be employed and current in payment of dues as are required by these Bylaws. To be eligible to hold office a member must be in good standing, have one (1) year of current employment with Snohomish School District and have completed the PSE Dual Authorization card. Any member, who is on authorized leave of absence pursuant to the Bargaining Agreement, shall retain the right to vote and hold office. Any member who is terminated from employment shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.
C.	Membership dues shall be made through payroll deduction payable monthly.
D.	Membership dues are not refundable except where an error resulting in an overpayment exists. Members who feel there has been an error shall provide PSE, in a timely manner, the appropriate pay stubs that show the amounts mistakenly withheld.
E.	<u>Chapter Rebates</u> . The Chapter, in accordance with the provision of the State Bylaws, shall receive dues rebates from the State organization if a Chapter member attends the annual convention.
Section	<u>n 3.3. Rights.</u>
A.	Members shall have the right to fair and democratic elections at all levels of the Chapter. This includes due notice of nominations and elections, equal opportunities for competing candidates, and proper election procedures which shall be specifically set forth.



1 2	B. Members shall have an equal right to run and hold office, except those persons set forth in RCW 41.56.030 Par. 2, a, b and c: and those employees classified either by State statute or
3	appropriate State regulatory agencies as being a "supervisory employee".
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6 7	ARTICLE IV
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9	MEETINGS
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11	Section 4.1.
12	There shall be at least two (2) scheduled general membership meetings. One (1) meeting shall be at
13	the beginning of the school year and the other shall be at the end of the school year. These meetings
14	shall be scheduled at a time and place to be fixed by the membership or the Executive Board.
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16	Section 4.2.
17	Special meetings may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or by petition filed with the
18	President and signed by twenty percent (20%) of the members of this Chapter.
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20	Section 4.3. The President shall provide at least five (5) days notification to all members of any meeting called.
21 22	However, said five (5) days notice may be waived by the Executive Board provided that every
22	reasonable effort is employed to notify the membership of the meeting.
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25	Section 4.4.
26	At any meeting of the membership of the Chapter, each member present shall be entitled to one vote -
27	no proxy vote will be allowed. A minimum of fifteen (15) members must be present to constitute a
28	quorum before any Chapter business may be transacted.
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31	ARTICLE V
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33	MANAGEMENT
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35	Section 5.1.
36	The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Co-Presidents, Vice President, Secretary,
37	Treasurer, Membership Officer and a classification representative elected by members from the
38	following classifications:
39	Odd Year Cluster
40	Educational Support
41 42	Custodial
43	Transportation
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45	Even Year Cluster
46	Office Personnel
47	Technology
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1 Section 5.2.

- 2 Every officer and classification representative shall, upon assuming office, subscribe to the obligation
- ³ of an officer and classification representative contained in these Bylaws.

4 5 <u>Section 5.3.</u>

⁶ The term of office of the classification representatives shall be for a period of two (2) years starting

- 7 September 1 of each year. The current classified representative will hold a timely classification
- 8 on meeting so that the new representative is elected between May 1 and the first day of school.
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- Chapter officers will be elected for two-year (2) terms beginning September 1 with the Secretary and

the Vice President being elected in odd-numbered years, the Treasurer and the President, or Co-

- ¹² President and Membership Officer, being elected in even-numbered years.
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In the event that no candidate for an office receives a majority of votes cast, the two (2) candidates who receive the most votes will be placed on the ballot for a runoff election.

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17 Section 5.4.

¹⁸ The Executive Board shall hold regular meetings and such special meetings as the President or the

Board shall deem necessary to efficiently run the Chapter. Executive board members shall be expected

to be available on most Tuesdays to conduct union business when they are provided with thirty (30)

- 21 days of advance notice.
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23 Section 5.5.

Each member of the Executive Board shall possess one (1) vote in matters coming before the Board. All voting at meetings of the Executive Board shall be by each member present in person, and voting by proxy shall not be allowed. A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

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29 Section 5.6.

An Executive Board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting of the membership of the Chapter. Notice of the proposed removal of the Board member must be given to the board member five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the removal is to be voted upon. Such notice to the board member must state the cause for the proposed removal.

3536 Section 5.7.

³⁷ Unexcused absences from three (3) meetings of the Executive Board (including meetings with the

³⁸ District and Chapter) shall be due cause for removal of the Board member by the Executive Board.

After two (2) unexcused absences, the member will receive written notification that a third unexcused

absence will result in their removal from the board. Removal of a Board member because of excessive

absenteeism shall not require the two-thirds (2/3) vote of membership.

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43 Section 5.8.

- Any vacancies occurring on the Executive Board by reason of death, resignation or removal shall be
- 45 filled as follows. In the event that such Board member was the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or
- Membership Officer, such appointment by the Board shall be from the membership at large. In the
- event the current President should resign, the Vice President shall temporarily assume the office of
- 48 President. An acting Vice President shall be appointed until the next election. All other Board



members vacancies shall be elected by the classification. Such elected member shall serve during the
unexpired term of the Board member whose position has become vacant. Appointed officers shall
serve until the next regularly scheduled election. If a resignation takes place during the first year of a
term, the subsequent election shall be for a one (1) year term. Officers elected to vacated positions
shall take office upon certification of the election results.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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¹⁴ The officers of this Chapter shall be a President, or Co-Presidents, Vice President, Secretary,

15 Treasurer, and Membership Officer.

1617 Section 6.2.

To be eligible for office, a member must be in good standing for one (1) year immediately preceding the election, must qualify under the provisions of Article III, and, must qualify under the PSE State Bylaws, including completion of the PSE Duel Authorization card.

2122 Section 6.3.

A nominating committee may make nominations, but whether or not such nominating committee is used, nomination shall be permitted from the floor at the meeting held to elect officers. Nominations for officers will be held in the May general membership meeting. Candidates must personally accept their nominations or have a signed declaration of candidacy submitted on their behalf at the meeting. Candidates who submit a written statement of withdrawal at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to balloting shall have their statement posted at the polling stations.

30 Section 6.4.

Elections shall take place within fifteen (15) days of the nominating meeting. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot vote, and the balloting shall be so conducted as to afford all members a reasonable opportunity to vote. Write-in candidates shall be allowed though only nominated candidates will have candidate statements delivered to members prior to the election. At least ten (10) days advance notice shall be given to the membership prior to the holding of the election.

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Building contacts, with the assistance of members of the Executive Board, shall conduct a secret ballot election in the buildings during posted hours on the pre-selected Election Day. Members shall vote by completing their secret ballot and placing it in a sealed envelope bearing a number that corresponds to the number on the election sign-in sheet. After the member has voted, the sealed envelope shall be placed in the election container. No politicking or advocacy for specific candidates shall be allowed within 100 feet of the polling place on Election Day.

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⁴⁴ The building contacts will take the ballots to the RSC for the count prior to six p.m. Building contacts

45 will be reimbursed five dollars (\$5.00) or the district per mile rate for a round trip between their site

- ⁴⁶ and the RSC, whichever is greater. The Executive Board shall appoint an elections committee
- consisting of three (3) non-candidates, at least one of which shall be a board member. The elections
 committee shall screen ballots for eligibility. Challenged ballots shall be set aside while still sealed.



1	Qualified ballots shall be opened in a manner to assure the privacy of secret voting. After all ballots
2	have been opened, the committee shall count them. If the number of challenged ballots would not
3	potentially change the outcome of the election, the challenged ballots shall be destroyed without
4	opening them. If the challenged ballots might affect the outcome, the election results shall not be
5	certified until the challenge issues are resolved. Disputed election results will be handled by the PSE
6	staff assigned these responsibilities.
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10	ARTICLE VII
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12	DUTIES OF OFFICERS
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15	Section 7.1. President or Co-Presidents.
16	The President or Co-Presidents shall preside at all Chapter and Executive Board meetings. The
17	President shall supervise all activities of the Chapter; execute all instruments in its behalf; counter-sign
18	all checks drawn against the funds of the Chapter; appoint all special committees of the Chapter
19	subject to the approval of the Executive Board; report periodically to the membership regarding the
20	progress and standing of the Chapter in regard to the President's official acts; prepare and send out in
21	advance an agenda for Chapter and board meetings; perform all other duties as prescribed in the
22	Bylaws and perform such other duties usually inherent in such office.
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24	Section 7.2. Vice President.
25	The Vice President shall act for the President or Co-Presidents in the President's absence and perform
26	such other acts as the President or Executive Board may direct. The Vice President shall be
27	responsible for ensuring that each building has a building contact, and will have active communication
28	with all building contacts during the school year and ensure that building contacts have the knowledge
29	and information necessary to perform their duties. The Executive Board may authorize the Vice
30	President to act as a co-signer of checks drawn on the funds of the Chapter in place of or in addition to
31	either the President or the Treasurer. The Vice President shall also serve as a member of the Chapter
32	grievance panel.
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34	Section 7.3. Secretary.
35	It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all records of the Chapter, and Executive Board, and to

perform such other acts as the President and Executive Board may direct. Draft minutes of board 36 meetings shall be distributed to board members. Approved minutes shall be distributed to board 37 members. Chapter meeting minutes shall be approved by the board and distributed to board members 38 and building contacts within five (5) days following the meeting. 39

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Section 7.4. Treasurer. 41

- The Treasurer shall receive and be accountable for all funds and monies belonging to the Chapter; 42
- develop a proposed annual budget for Board and Chapter approval; pay all obligations incurred by the 43
- Chapter in payment as authorized by the adopted annual budget or Executive Board; maintain bank 44
- and depositories designated by the Executive Board; and shall render monthly written financial reports 45
- to the Board and such additional reports as required by the Executive Board or by the membership; and 46
- keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements; and shall act as custodian of all properties of 47
- the Chapter. 48



1 Section 7.5. Membership Officer.

- It shall be the duty of the Membership Officer to maintain a current and accurate list of members of the chapter in coordination with the membership information section at PSE state headquarters; ensure that
- all members are paying dues; render periodical membership reports as required by Public School
- 5 Employees of Washington; meet with new employees as part of orientation for hires and perform such 6 other official functions as the president and Board of Trustees may direct.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

14 Section 8.1.

This Chapter shall be at all times subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Public School Employees of Washington/SEIU Local 1948.

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18 Section 8.2.

Except to the extent specified in the Bylaws, no officer of this Chapter shall have the power to act as agent for, or otherwise bind this Chapter in any way whatsoever. No member or group of members or

any other person or persons shall have the power to act on behalf of or otherwise bind the Chapter

except to the extent specifically authorized in writing by the President or Executive Board of the

23 Chapter.24

25 Section 8.3.

The latest edition of <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> shall be the guide in all cases in which they are

applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the, Bylaws and special rules of this Chapter or
 of the Public School Employees of Washington.

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30 Section 8.4. Building Contact.

Members at each worksite shall meet in September to select a building contact whose name shall be 31 forwarded to the Chapter Vice President by October 15. The Vice President will have active 32 communication with all building contacts during the school year. Communication shall be for labor 33 relations issues, discussion of current District developments, and awareness/education of significant 34 developments that will affect the membership. If the building has not elected a building contact, the 35 President can appoint one with the approval of the executive board. Building contacts shall conduct 36 the annual elections in their building. The President or Vice President may appoint acting building 37 contacts to facilitate elections when building contacts are absent or vacant. 38 39

40 Section 8.5. Legislative Representative.

The President shall appoint a legislative representative who shall be responsible for keeping the Board and membership aware of relevant developments in the federal government, state legislature or state government.

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1 Section 9.3. Grievance Committee.

- The Grievance Committee shall determine if the Chapter should support a grievance. In making such a determination, the Committee shall determine if a grievance has merit up to the arbitration step. At the
- arbitration step, the Committee shall determine if the grievance is a valid violation of the collective
- ⁵ bargaining agreement. The Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall consist of
- ⁶ the Vice President and one member from each classification. The Committee shall elect its chair.
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8 Section 9.4. Scholarship Committee.

⁹ The Chapter shall award a minimum of one (1) scholarship at each high school. The President shall ¹⁰ appoint a Scholarship Committee chairperson who shall be responsible for ensuring that scholarship ¹¹ recipients, if any, are selected in a confidential, fair way. The term shall be for a school year. The ¹² chair shall appoint an even number of additional members; provided however, no member with a ¹³ graduating senior can serve on the Committee; and provided further that no member who is related in ¹⁴ any manner to an applicant may serve on the committee. The chair shall provide a verbal or written ¹⁵ report at Board meetings.

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17 Section 9.5. Professional Development Pooled Funds.

The Chapter Executive Board shall approve expenditures from the professional development fund on a
 monthly basis.

21 Section 9.6. Other Special Committees.

The Executive Board shall designate such special committees as it determines are necessary to carry out the objectives and purposes of this Chapter.

ARTICLE X

CHAPTER EXPENSES

30 31 Section 10.1. Budget.

The Executive Board shall annually develop a budget which shall be submitted to the membership for approval at the September meeting. The fiscal year shall run from September to August.

34 35 Section 10.2. Annual Convention.

The maximum number of delegates and/or alternates who may attend the Annual Convention shall be 36 determined by the PSE State Bylaws; the maximum the Chapter will send will be determined by the 37 Executive Board. The Chapter President shall be an automatic delegate should she/he choose to 38 attend. Convention delegates shall be recommended by the Executive Board and voted upon by the 39 membership at the final general membership meeting of the curriculum school year. Nominations 40 from the floor shall be taken at the meeting. Members and alternates shall represent the best interests 41 of the membership by attending workshops and meetings. After the Convention, they shall make a 42 summary report at the next Chapter meeting. Delegates with unexcused absences who are not replaced 43 by alternates, may not be eligible to attend future conventions and may be held financially responsible 44 for reimbursing the Chapter for forfeited convention expenses. Delegates who do not give a report at a 45 Chapter meeting or submit it in writing shall be ineligible for financial support for the succeeding two 46 (2) conventions. The delegate with the most votes shall be the delegation chair. Unsuccessful delegate 47



- candidates shall be designated as alternates in the order of votes received, and shall be entitled to
- 2 replace withdrawn delegates.
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- 4 Convention expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:
- 5 <u>Mileage Reimbursement.</u> The mileage reimbursement will be paid at the District per mile rate.
- 6 Mileage reimbursement will be calculated by the most direct route from the RSC to the destination.
- 7 Those drivers pooling with two (2) or more delegates or alternates shall receive an additional ten (10)
- 8 cents per mile. Parking costs shall be reimbursed after an acceptable receipt is received.
- <u>Rooms.</u> The Board shall select the appropriate double occupancy room(s) for the delegates and
 alternates.
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- 12 <u>Registration.</u> The Chapter will pay the registration fee of the delegates.
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Meal reimbursement per convention. Each delegate will receive a per diem amount for meals. The per
 diem amount to be adjusted annually by the Board.

- Chapter Gift and Emergency Relief Donation. The gift and donation amount shall be determined in
 the annual budget.
 - Section 10.2.1. PSE Trainings.
 - Mileage for travel to attend PSE trainings shall be compensated as provided in Section 10.2.
- 23 <u>Section 10.3. Legislative Conference.</u>
- The Executive Board will determine the number of members to attend conference. Conference expenses will be reimbursed by the Chapter.
- 26 <u>Mileage Reimbursement.</u> The mileage reimbursement will be paid at the District per mile rate.
- Mileage reimbursement will be calculated by the most direct route from the RSC to the destination. Those drivers pooling with two (2) or more members shall receive an additional ten (10) cents per
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- 32 <u>Rooms.</u> Double occupancy rooms up to two (2) nights.
- Registration. The registration fee of the four (4) members attending the conference will be paid by the
 Chapter.
- Meal reimbursement per conference. Each member will receive a per diem amount for meals. The per
 diem amount to be adjusted annually by the Board.
- 40 <u>Chapter Gift for Donation.</u> The Chapter will pay up to forty dollars (\$40.00) for a Chapter auction gift.
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- 42 Section 10.4. Zone Meetings.
- 43 Any member may attend a zone meeting. Zone meeting expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:
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45 <u>Mileage Reimbursement</u>. The mileage reimbursement will be at the District per mile rate. Mileage

- reimbursement will be calculated by the most direct route from the RSC to the destination. Those
- drivers pooling with two (2) or more members shall receive an additional ten (10) cents per mile.
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1 2	<u>Registration</u> . The Chapter will pay the registration fee, if any, of any member attending a zone meeting.
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6	ARTICLE XI
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8	AMENDMENTS
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10	Section 11.1.
11	These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of those attending any duly authorized called
12	meeting of the general membership providing, that a notice of the intent to amend any specific
13	provision be given to the members of the Executive Board and membership at least five (5) days prior
14	to the meeting at which said vote is to be taken. These Bylaws will be reviewed each year prior to
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