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There are currently six (6) proposals on the Convention ballot.

Any questions concerning this handbook and any information it contains should be directed to the National Parliamentarian at nebparliamentarian@nsbe.org.
Proposal 1: Membership demographic addition of 3rd-5th grade students

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**Background**
Since the addition of the Summer Engineering Experience for Kids Camp (SEEK), NSBE has expanded our programming to students outside of our current demographic. However, our current Constitution does not allow us to engage with these students beyond the 3-week summer experience and thus losing the opportunity to expose children to engineering as young as 3rd grade. Research demonstrates that the earlier and more frequent students are engaged with STEM programming, the more likely they are to pursue STEM career options.

**Current Membership pipeline:**
- **NSBE Jr.**
  - Collegiate
  - Professional
  - Lifetime
  - 6th – 12th grade
  - Undergraduates/Graduates
  - Graduates/Graduated members
  - Dedicated members

**Proposed Membership pipeline:**
- **NSBE Jr.**
  - Collegiate
  - Professional
  - Lifetime
  - 3rd – 12th grade
  - Undergraduates/Graduates
  - Graduates/Graduated members
  - Dedicated members

By expanding this demographic we are now able to extend our membership below 6th grade and are better able to reach our interested elementary students.

**AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

**Section as it reads now:**

**ARTICLE III – OFFICES**

**Section 3.**
(c): A NSBE Jr. member shall be defined as a pre-college student enrolled in junior high or high school and who has met the criteria to receive a registered membership card through the payment of annual membership fees.

**Section as it will read:** *(Proposed changes indicated with red italicized text)*

**ARTICLE III – OFFICES**

Section 3.
(c): A NSBE Jr. member shall be defined as a pre-college student enrolled in grades 3rd to 12th and who has met the criteria to receive a registered membership card through the payment of annual membership fees.

NSBE Jr. membership shall vote only in NSBE Jr. meetings and only on NSBE Jr. matters.
### Proposal 2: Capital “M” member status for Graduate Students

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### Background

Currently, the constitution outlines a Capital M member specifically as an undergraduate enrolled in an accredited educational institution or program for engineering or physical science fields, but the same requirements are not matched for graduate students. The constitution as it’s written only allows for graduate students to be capital M members based on their undergraduate degree. Graduate students are also engineering students that can and do benefit from programming and events for the society. This change would just match the requirements for undergraduate students.

### AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

**Section as it reads now:**

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.**

The term "member" when printed without an initial capital, where used in this Constitution, includes all categories of membership. The term "Member" when printed with an initial capital, where used in this Constitution, is defined in Article III, Section 3(A).

**Section 2.**

Membership in the National Society shall be designated as Member, Affiliate member, NSBE Jr. member, Professional member, Professional Affiliate member, Lifetime member, or Honorary member.

**Section 3.**

A. Members shall be defined as:

1. An undergraduate enrolled in an accredited educational institution or program that offers a degree in the field of engineering and is a candidate for a degree in engineering, engineering technology, or applied/physical science or
2. A graduate student who has received an undergraduate degree in engineering, engineering technology, or applied/physical science, and
3. has received a registered membership card through the payment of annual membership fees.

**Section as it will read:** *(Proposed changes indicated with red italicized text)*

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Proposal 3: TORCH as a Standing Committee

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**Background**

Technical Outreach and Community Help (TORCH) positions the society to build a sustainable, national, STEM engagement program. TORCH standing committee will be the first line of offense for our society becoming a household name, while creating a pipeline for the black community.

**AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

Section as it reads now:

**ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

Section 1.
There shall be eight standing committees of the National Society, which are:

A. Academic Excellence  
B. Membership  
C. Communications  
D. Finance  
E. Pre-College Initiative  
F. Publications  
G. Public Relations  
H. International

**Section as it will read:** *Proposed changes indicated with red italicized text*

**ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

Section 1.
There shall be nine standing committees of the National Society, which are:

A. Academic Excellence  
B. Membership  
C. Communications  
D. Finance  
E. Pre-College Initiative  
F. Publications  
G. Public Relations  
H. International  
I. Technical Outreach and Community Help

**Section as it reads now:**

**Article VIII- COMMITTEES**

Section 2.
Does not currently exist.

**Section as it will read:** *Proposed changes indicated with red italicized text*
Article VIII- COMMITTEES
Section 2.

I. Technical Outreach and Community Help

1. Identify and implement methods by which our society can be culturally and socially responsible.

2. Shall manage and coordinate activities of the Technical Outreach and Community Help Program and Regional and Professional Technical Outreach and Community Help Chairs.

3. Collect and maintain data needed for Technical Outreach and Community Help Hours.
Proposal 4: Redefining capital “M” member

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**Background**

Members who desire to serve at the Regional and National level start their terms May 1st. Under the current constitution, if said leader graduates in between November and January (in either semester or quarter system), they are technically no longer considered a capital M member thus deeming them ineligible to remain in their position and should be slated for removal from their position after serving 7/12 months of their term. This practice disrupts Regional and National business two months before Annual Convention our biggest event of the academic year. The reason this change is being made is to update the National Constitution to allow students who graduate in the middle of NSBE’s membership year to serve the full term of their position (through end of April).

Ex: Jane Doe was elected Regional Secretary at Convention March 2020
Jane Doe is scheduled to graduate with their B.S. in Engineering December 2020

Under the current Constitution: Jane Doe will be removed as Regional Secretary in January 2021

Under the proposed change: Jane Doe will remain as Regional Secretary through the end of April 2021 (Jane Doe is ineligible to hold an elected collegiate position unless they attend graduate school).

**AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

**Section as it reads now:**

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 3.**

A. Members shall be defined as:

1. An undergraduate enrolled in an accredited educational institution or program that offers a degree in the field of engineering and is a candidate for a degree in engineering, engineering technology, or applied/physical science or
2. A graduate student who has received an undergraduate degree in engineering, engineering technology, or applied/physical science, and
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**Section as it will read:** (Proposed changes indicated with red italicized text)

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3. has received a registered membership card through the payment of annual membership fees whereas

4. said Membership status will be maintained throughout the NSBE membership year in which dues were paid so long as any conferred degree is obtained after November 1st of the same membership year.
Proposal 5: National Executive Board Vote for Professionals Chair

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Background
As a member of the National Executive Board (NEB), the National Professionals Chairperson represents a significant portion of the NSBE membership. In order to ensure the proper representation of voting matters brought before the NEB, the Professionals Chairperson should be a voting member.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL
Section as it reads now:
ARTICLE V – VOTING
Section 3.
Professional members shall vote only in Professional meetings and only on Professional matters.

Section as it will read: (Proposed changes indicated with red italicized text)
ARTICLE V – VOTING
Section 3.
Professional members shall vote only in NSBE Professionals meetings and only on NSBE Professionals matters with the exception of the National Professionals Chairperson who shall have a vote on matters proposed to the National Executive Board.

Section as it reads now:
ARTICLE VII – Administration
Section 1.
There shall be an Executive Board of the National Society which shall consist of the:
A. National Chair
B. National Vice-Chair
C. National Secretary
D. National Treasurer
E. National Programs Chair
F. Six (6) Regional Chairs
G. Standing Committee Chairs
H. Professionals Chair, who shall serve as a nonvoting member.
I. Ad-hoc National Executive Board positions as approved by the National Executive Board

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H. Professionals Chair, who shall serve as a nonvoting member.
I. Ad-hoc National Executive Board positions as approved by the National Executive Board
Proposal 6: Increasing National Membership Dues

Author(s) of Proposal
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Background
Over the past 10 years, NSBE’s expenses have fluctuated averaging $11.75 million in which expenses have come close to or exceed that average in the past 6 years (Figure 1). However, in this same time period, membership dues have remained stagnant (Figure 2).

NSBE has done it’s best to be creative in generating revenue to cover current expenses during this time period however this is practice is not sustainable long-term. Given the pricing of membership dues in organizations similar to ours Table 1:

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as well as accounting for our own expenses and inflation, we are proposing that our membership dues increase to:

- NSBE Jr. $5 -> $15
- Collegiate $15 -> $30
- Professionals $50 -> $100

These numbers were chosen as a compromise after thorough research, risk-analyses, and feedback from membership. In order to maintain similar cost for major events in the Society (FRCs, PDC, Convention) while also working to expand our offerings, increasing membership dues is critical to reducing financial stresses on the Society and expand benefits.

PROPOSAL
NSBE membership dues will be increased as follows:

NSBE Jr. membership dues shall be $15
Collegiate membership dues shall be $30
Professionals membership dues shall be $100