

Tennessee State Numismatic Society Bylaws

The Tennessee State Numismatic Society, in order to best accomplish the objectives and purposes set forth in the Charter from the State of Tennessee in 1965, does hereby adopt the following by-laws.

ARTICLE 1

NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - The name of this organization shall be the "Tennessee State Numismatic Society" hereinafter referred to as TSNS.

Section 2 - TSNS is formed as a non-profit, non-stock organization of coin collectors and persons interested in the study and science of numismatics.

Section 3 - The objects of this organization are to promote, extend, and protect numismatic activity throughout the state, and to foster and encourage the study of numismatics in all its forms and branches; to assist in bringing about better cooperation between all persons interested in numismatics in the state.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - The membership in TSNS shall consist of:

Regular Members
Junior Members
Life Members
Club Members
Life Club Members
Honorary Life Members

Memberships are not transferable from one person to another.

Section 2 - All members shall be entitled to all privileges of TSNS including the right to vote, hold office, and receive the official publications of TSNS, except as follows:

- (a) Junior Members may not hold office.
- (b) Honorary Life Members shall not be eligible to hold office unless they were Regular Members or Life Members of TSNS at the time Honorary Membership was conferred upon them.
- (c) Club Memberships may not hold office.
- (d) No member shall be eligible for election to the Office of President or First Vice President unless he shall have first held membership in TSNS a minimum of three years and have served at

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least one term as a member of the Board of Governors, Second Vice President, or Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3 - Members shall be individuals, numismatic clubs and kindred associations, elected in the manner hereinafter set forth.

- (a) Any individual of good moral character 18 years of age or over shall be eligible for Regular Membership or Life Membership.
- (b) Persons of good moral character who have not attained the age of 18 shall be eligible for Junior Membership.
- (c) Any numismatic club, society, association, or corporation and any museum, archives, library, school, or kindred association shall be eligible for Club Membership or Life Club Membership.
- (d) Honorary Life Membership may be conferred upon any person who has performed for TSNS, or the science of numismatics, some particular or noteworthy service and who is considered deserving of the special and distinctive title of Honorary Life Member. This honor shall be conferred only by unanimous vote of the Executive Board present at the time of it being submitted.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, ADMISSION, DUES

Section 1 - Application for membership in TSNS shall be in writing on a membership application form as prescribed by the Executive Board.

Section 2 - Any individual applying for membership shall be vouched for by a member of TSNS in good standing.

Section 3 - Any individual applying for membership shall agree to abide by the rules of TSNS and subscribe to its Code of Ethics.

Section 4 - The application, with the endorsement of the required sponsor and the advance dues, shall be sent to the Secretary. If written and timely objection to such admission be received by the Executive Board, they shall thereupon advise applicant of the nature of the objection and request an answer thereto. This information shall be forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration and action. The Executive Board may accept or reject such application. In the event that the applicant is rejected, he will be notified by the Secretary-Treasurer and his advance dues returned.

Section 5 - Dues of this organization shall be as follows:

Regular membership	\$7.00
Junior membership	\$ 2.50
Club membership	\$10.00
Life membership	\$150.00 (ages 18 to 50)
	\$75.00 (age 50 and up)
Life Club	\$150.00

Life Members, Life Clubs, and Honorary Life Members shall be relieved from payment of yearly dues.

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Section 6 - Annual dues shall be payable to the Secretary in January of each year.

- (a) Any member who fails to pay his dues in any year shall be dropped from the roster and the mailing list.
- (b) Members dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by payment of the current year's dues.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBER RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION

Section 1 - No member shall be permitted to resign from TSNS while he is indebted to it in any manner or while charges are pending against him.

Section 2 - Any member violating the bylaws of TSNS, committing any unethical act in his dealings with others, interfering with the activities of the association, engaging in conduct unbecoming a member of TSNS, or engaging in conduct prejudicial to the welfare of TSNS shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from TSNS.

Section 3 - Proceedings for expulsion or other disciplinary action shall be initiated by written charges signed by the person making them. Said person need not be a member of TSNS. Such charges, with particulars thereof, shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer and the President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail a written copy or summary thereof in an envelope sent by certified mail to the accused member at the last address furnished by him to the Secretary-Treasurer. The accused member shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity, which shall in no case be longer than 60 days, to enter a written defense to such charges. The matter shall then be referred to the Executive Board which it may adopt. The Executive Board may dismiss such charges, or it may recommend censure, suspension or expulsion of the accused member. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify all members as to any disciplinary action.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS DUTIES

Section 1 - The Officers of TSNS shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer (which may be a joint or separate position at the discretion of the President), Historian-Curator, Parliamentarian and at least seven Governors, one of which shall be the immediate Past President serving Ex-Officio. All Officers shall be elected for a term of two years by a written vote of the membership, except Secretary-Treasurer and Parliamentarian, who will be appointed by the newly elected President with approval of the Executive Board.

- (a) The Board of Governors shall consist of the immediate Past President serving Ex-Officio and six members elected by the membership to serve a four-year term. Election of Board members

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shall be staggered so that three members of the Board are elected at the same time as the other elective Officers every other year.

- (b) No member shall be eligible for election to the office of President or First Vice President unless he shall have first held membership in TSNS a minimum of three years and have served at least one term as a member of the Board of Governors, Second Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2 - Any Officer or member of the Board of Governors who misses three consecutive board meetings may be removed from his position.

Section 3 - The President shall have general supervision over all the affairs of the Association. His duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) To preside at all meetings of TSNS.
- (b) To call meetings of the Board and preside thereat.
- (c) To appoint all committees and district or club representatives that may be necessary; and, to remove them with the approval of the Executive Board.
- (d) To receive regular annual reports from the Secretary.
- (e) To make a call or nominations to appear in the fall issue of the official publication.
- (f) To inform other members of the Board of all significant action relating to the association.

Section 4 - The duties of the First Vice President shall be:

- (a) To assist the President, upon his request, in the discharge of his duties.
- (b) To act in the place of the President in case of his absence or disability.
- (c) To succeed to the position of President in case of death or resignation.

Section 5 - The duties of the Second Vice President shall be:

- (a) To assist the President or First Vice President, upon his request, in the discharge of his duties.
- (b) To act in place of the First Vice President in case of his absence or disability.
- (c) To succeed to the position of First Vice President in case of his death or resignation.

Section 6 - The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be:

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- (a) To keep a true record of the minutes and transactions of TSNS and preserve all documents pertaining to his office.
- (b) To act as Secretary to the Executive Board, keeping a true record of its proceedings and, sending a copy of each official meeting to each Board Member.
- (c) To perform such duties in connection with the nominations and election of officers as may be required by these By Laws.
- (d) To receive all properly prepared applications for membership.
- (e) To receive all money of TSNS collected from any source.
- (f) To pay out money on warrants authorized by the Executive Board.
- (g) To invest and reinvest the funds of TSNS in accordance with the instructions of the Executive Board.
- (h) To prepare an accounting of all funds received and issue a full and final report of all matters pertaining to his office at the end of a fiscal year, together with proper vouchers, and render the same to TSNS through its President.

Section 7 - The duties of the Curator-Historian shall be:

- (a) To supervise all numismatic property of TSNS.
- (b) To keep a chronological account of events important to TSNS including but not limited to the following:
 - The organization and beginnings of TSNS
 - Names of officers and important committees
 - Growth in membership and area
 - Summary accounts of annual conventions
 - Changes, revisions in Constitution, By Laws
 - Records of educational programs
- (c) An inventory of property shall be furnished at the end of each fiscal year with a list of purchases, supported by vouchers, to the Executive Board.

Section 8 - The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Historian-Curator; the appointed officers, Secretary-Treasurer and Parliamentarian and a Board of seven Governors, one of whom is the immediate Past President serving Ex Officio. The Editor of the official publication shall also be an appointed member of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall have the power to act on the affairs of the association, including, but not limited to:

- (a) To appoint a member to fill a vacancy in any office except President and First Vice President.

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- (b) Decide on a time and place for holding conventions.
- (c) Decide on a host club for conventions.
- (d) Establish a Convention Manual of guidelines and bourse rules to be followed by a club hosting a TSNS Convention.
- (e) Prescribe the form of membership applications and official ballots.
- (f) Rule on admission of applicants against whom objections are raised.
- (g) Rule on disposition of formal charges brought against a member.
- (h) Appoint and/or approve those officials necessary to the well being of TSNS. To determine the duties and fix compensation to them as may be necessary.
- (i) Fix the compensation of the Secretary-Treasurer.
- (j) Fix the compensation of the TENNCOIN NEWS editor.
- (k) Decide which officials shall be bonded and fix amounts of bonds.
- (l) Remove from office any elected or appointed official who does not or cannot meet the requirements of his office.
- (m) Establish Standing Rules not in conflict with the Constitution or By Laws of TSNS.
- (n) To call meetings of TSNS as may be desirable at national or regional numismatic conventions held within the state of Tennessee. Notice of such meetings is to be published in the official publication.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTIONS

Section 1 - The President, in the fall issue of the official publication, shall issue a call for nominations for each election year.

Section 2 - Nominations may be made by any member in good standing.

Section 3 - Nominations shall be made in writing and shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer. The person making the nomination must have secured the willingness of the nominee to serve prior to submission.

Section 4 - Nominations shall close 60 days prior to the opening date of the annual convention. The official ballot shall contain only the names of those who have accepted the nomination.

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Section 5 - The Secretary-Treasurer shall have an official ballot printed listing the names of all eligible nominees who have accepted the nomination. One ballot with an envelope shall be mailed to each member eligible to vote.

Section 6 - The envelopes containing the executed ballots shall be retained by the Secretary-Treasurer unopened and shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Election Committee on the first day of the annual convention.

Section 7 - The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 8 - A vacancy on the Board of Governors will be filled by the candidate from the most recent election having the most votes. If there are no candidates available, the position will be filled by the Executive Board and an official announcement made of the results.

Section 9 - All elected officers will be installed and assume their duties at the last session of the annual convention and will hold office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and declared installed.

Section 10 - Each officer, at the expiration of his term, shall deliver to his successor all books, papers, money or other property of TSNS in his possession. He shall not be relieved of his bond or obligation until this requirement has been met.

ARTICLE VII

APPOINTED POSITIONS DUTIES

Section 1 - The appointment of all officials shall be on a bi-annual basis. All appointments shall be made by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. The Executive Board may also limit or revoke any appointment.

Section 2 - The official publication of TSNS shall be the TENNCOIN NEWS and shall be published quarterly. The duties of the Editor shall be to provide suitable material and be responsible for the publication of TENNCOIN NEWS. The Editor may, with the prior approval of the Executive Board, appoint associate editors as necessary.

Section 3 - The Parliamentarian shall assist the presiding officer in the conduct of the business sessions of TSNS. He shall rule on order of procedure, and pass upon disputed points. His chief purpose is to speed up the business sessions of TSNS by common sense application of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

ARTICLE VIII

CONVENTIONS, BUSINESS MEETINGS

Section 1 - TSNS shall meet in convention at least once each year at a time and place as may be decided by the Executive Board. The time and place shall

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be announced by the President in at least one issue of TENNCOIN NEWS, published prior to said convention.

Section 2 - TSNS may be host for other numismatic conventions such as, but not limited to, the American Numismatic Association and the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association. The Executive Board must authorize the hosting of such a convention.

Section 3 - A general membership meeting will be held at the annual convention and at all TSNS sponsored conventions.

Section 4 - Executive Board meetings will be held as deemed necessary by the President. The Executive Board shall meet as soon as possible after their installation at the annual convention. The President shall notify all members of the Executive Board of planned meetings.

Section 5 - All business meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order.

Section 6 - A quorum for the transaction of business at conventions shall consist of eleven members in good standing present in person.

Section 7 - A quorum for the transaction of business at Executive Board meetings shall be a two-thirds majority.

Section 8 - The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee, of not less than three members, whose duty it shall be to audit all reports and accounts of TSNS and report thereon as soon as possible.

Section 9 - The President shall appoint an Election Committee of not less than three people whose duty it shall be to receive the ballots from the Secretary-Treasurer and tabulate them, reporting the results at the business meeting of the annual convention.

ARTICLE IX

AWARDS AND GIFTS

Section 1 - In memory of TSNS member Ann McNabb a \$5.00 gold coin shall be presented to the Best of Show Junior Exhibitor at all TSNS sponsored conventions. This award is to be known as the Ann McNabb Memorial Award.

Section 2 - An award shall be given each year to the TSNS member who has contributed the most to TSNS and the advancement of numismatics in Tennessee. In the fall issue of TENNCOIN NEWS the President shall ask for nominations and these nominations will be accepted until February 1st. The person receiving the most nominations will receive a plaque of appreciation at our spring State Convention.

ARTICLE X

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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Section 1 - No officer, committee, or member shall incur any expense in the name of TSNS without the prior authorization or approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2 - Reproduction of the Association's seal shall be used for no purpose other than official stationary and official publications without the prior authorization or approval of the Executive Board.

Section 3 - The fiscal year and membership year of TSNS shall be January 1 to the last day of December.

Section 4 - These By Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at the regular or called meeting of TSNS, provided 30 days notice shall have been given to all members in good standing prior to the meeting. Publication in the TENNCOIN NEWS shall be deemed as compliance with this section.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION

Section 1 - Upon dissolution of TSNS, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of TSNS, dispose of all the assets of TSNS by donation to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literary or scientific purposes.

These By Laws and the changes contained within were voted on and approved on March 9, 2003 at the General Membership Meeting at the annual convention of TSNS.