

*Proposed Bylaw Change Regarding Dues*

**The current bylaws read:**

**Section II. Dues**

- A. The annual dues shall be \$40.00 (total dues including NSNA and state and school, if applicable) per member payable for the appropriate dues year. The dues year shall be a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.
- B. Payment of NSNA and TNSA, dues is a prerequisite for membership in TNSA. NSNA dues shall be thirty dollars (\$30) per member. State dues shall be ten dollars (\$10) per member. School dues shall be optional and shall be collected separately. (Not to be included with national and state dues.) The dues for active, associate, and individual members joining for two (2) years shall be seventy dollars (\$70), payable for the appropriate dues year. The dues years for these members shall be a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months (NSNA dues shall be fifty dollars (\$50) and TNSA dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20) for the two (2) year period.

**The proposed bylaw change would be:**

**Section II. Dues**

- A. The annual dues shall be **\$45.00** (total dues including NSNA and state and school, if applicable) per member payable for the appropriate dues year. The dues year shall be a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.
- B. Payment of NSNA and TNSA, dues is a prerequisite for membership in TNSA. NSNA dues shall be thirty dollars (\$30) per member. State dues shall be **fifteen dollars (\$15)** per member.  
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**Rationale:**

At the June meeting, the TNSA Board of Directors voted to ask the membership to approve a \$5.00 increase per member in the NSNA/TNSA dues. This increase would be a part of the state dues, which is currently only \$10.00 per member out of the total dues paid to NSNA. This money would go to the general operational funds for TNSA, which keeps the association's doors open throughout the year (for example, telephone, supplies, printing, board of directors, state convention, council of schools, and attending NSNA midyear and convention, etc.) It will also allow us to use more of the convention monies to provide more food functions at the state convention and council of schools. There has not been an increase in dues in almost 20 years, but this slight increase would be very beneficial to TNSA.