

2008 BYLAWS AMENDMENT Proposal #17

ARTICLE XV COMMITTEES

H. STANDING COMMITTEES

8. Scholarship Committee

1 *Process:* The Scholarship Committee shall recommend selection criteria ~~guidelines~~
2 to be approved by the Board of Directors to ensure fair consideration of
3 applicants. The committee ~~and~~ shall grant awards based on the
4 recipient's qualifications and demonstrated financial need. ~~of the recipient~~
5 ~~for the scholarship to continue their education.~~ The committee shall
6 ~~establish~~ develop scholarship categories and award values with board
7 approval to provide as many scholarships in reasonable dollar amounts as
8 possible to PSE members and their dependents. The committee shall solicit
9 and review applications and grant awards consistent with the approved
10 criteria and funds available ~~for such purpose.~~ Members of the Scholarship
11 Committee and their immediate families are not eligible for scholarship
12 awards. Members ~~should~~ shall be particularly attentive to potential conflicts
13 of interest in the administration of the scholarship program. The scholarship
14 program is subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: *These changes are to provide more oversight by the PSE Board of Directors of the selection criteria and to make it clear that the board has final approval authority of the scholarship categories and amounts of the scholarships. All other committees that award PSE monies have criteria that the board approves so that the board is at all times aware of how and why members are selected to receive PSE funds. In addition, scholarships are not based on the need of the recipient to continue their education but on the need for the funds to continue their education. The wording on potential conflicts of interest was strengthened. PSE has no way of knowing if a committee member is a relative or close friend of someone applying and we rely on member's honesty.*

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

SPONSOR: Dave Douglass, 2008 Scholarship Committee Chair

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee: **DO PASS**

Board of Directors: **DO PASS**