

STANDING RULES

Standing Rule 1 – *Name*: The legal name of this organization shall be National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters, Inc., doing business as the Society of Decorative Painters.

Standing Rule 2 – *Fiscal Year*: The financial records of the Society will be kept on a calendar-year basis.

Standing Rule 3 – *Dues Date and Delinquency*: Membership dues for the following year shall be payable September 1 and delinquent as of December 1.

Standing Rule 4 – *Membership Categories and Dues*: Membership dues shall be as follows:

A. Voting Members

1. Individual Members: \$50 annually.
2. Individual/Business Members: \$80 annually.
3. Lifetime Members: Lifetime memberships are no longer available as of May 1977.
4. Household Members: \$30. Household membership is defined as membership for a single immediate family member sharing the same address as an Individual Member. Application must accompany the membership or renewal application of the sponsoring Individual Member. If an immediate family member elects to join the Society after the sponsoring Individual Member has paid his/her current dues, a written request must be made to the Society and must include the sponsoring Individual Member's full name, current membership number and the joint address of the Individual and prospective Household member.
5. Student Members: \$15 annually. Applicant for student membership shall be accompanied by proof of full-time enrollment in an educational institution.
6. Trial Members: \$30. Trial membership is defined as a member who has not been a member of the Society for the previous three years. Trial memberships shall not be renewed.

B. Non-Voting Members

1. Honorary Members: No fee.
2. Affiliate Members: No fee.

Standing Rule 5 – *Certification*: There shall be two (2) levels of Certification.

A. Certified Decorative Artists:

1. An applicant shall be a voting member of the Society.
2. An applicant shall submit for judging and pass one (1) piece of work. The design for the entry must come from the current Certification Portfolio.

B. Master Decorative Artist:

1. An applicant shall be a voting member of the Society.
2. An applicant shall be a Certified Decorative Artist.
3. An applicant shall submit for judging and pass three (3) pieces of work.

Standing Rule 6 – *Awards*

- A. The Silver Palette Award may be presented in recognition of noteworthy service of an exceptional nature in the furthering of the purpose of the National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters, Inc.

Standing Rule 7 – *Use of Position and/or Certification*: The National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters, Inc. encourages use of certification and/or position within the Society for advertising purposes so long as such certification and/or position is current and accurate.

Standing Rule 8 – *Amendment*: The standing rules may be adopted, amended, suspended or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting and Convention.

Standing Rules Approved Amendment 05/13