

# AMENDMENT #1A | MEMBER AT LARGE APPLICATIONS

*At first glance, this amendment seems to be about efficiency.  
In practice, it shifts the point of entry from the state level to the National level.*

## CURRENT PROCESS



Handled through the state level



State connection to local chapters



May serve as a bridge to chapter membership

**Closer to local relationships.**

VS.

## PROPOSED PROCESS



Handled by the Office of the Organizing Secretary General



National becomes the primary point of entry



State role is reduced

**More centralized entry process.**

## THE PRACTICAL EFFECT



Entry point shifts upward



Less state-level connection



National becomes the gatekeeper



## WHY IT MATTERS

- Membership in the Society has traditionally grown through chapters, states, and personal connection.
- Members at Large may later become chapter members.
- Membership pathways should begin with connection — not distance.



**Strong organizations require both structure and participation.**

*This amendment raises a larger question: should the path into membership become more centralized, or remain connected to the Society's state and chapter structure?*