

Participation in Activities and Services—Submitted by Suzan Karayel

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3.2 **Participation in NB Activities and Services.** NB members in good standing may participate in any and all activities and services offered by the NB. Any members who may have outstanding financial obligations to the NB shall be considered not in good standing, and will be required to satisfy their financial obligations before participating in activities or services offered by the NB.

EXPLANATION/RATIONALE:

The Northern Branch does not generally charge any additional membership dues, nor does it intend to. However, Branch funding is extremely limited, so for some activities or services it is necessary to charge a fee to cover the cost of that activity or service. This allows the Northern Branch to continue operating sustainably and offering services for all of its members. This proposed amendment would clarify that, in the case where one member may abuse this system and refuse to pay the necessary costs to cover the services they have received from the Northern Branch—to the detriment of the Branch and, by extension, the rest of its members—that member will not be able to continue participating in activities and services offered by the Northern Branch. The member will be able to fully participate again as soon as they satisfy their outstanding financial obligation.