

VI. Chapter Probation

- A. The Texas State Council is chartered by the National Emergency Nurses Association to function as the official organizational component in Texas in accord with Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures. The charter is maintained through the submission of the annual report and the reporting of the officers through the State and Chapter Online Management Area on the ENA web site.

- B. If a state council or chapter does not adhere to the national ENA *Bylaws* and to these *Procedures*, its charter may be suspended or revoked:

1. Suspension of Charter – Chapters

If a chapter does not adhere to the *Bylaws* and *Procedures*, state council may serve written notice to chapter officers regarding specific issues to address within a 30-day period or in accord with *state council procedures*. If these issues are not addressed to the satisfaction of the state council, the charter will be suspended 30 days after written notice to the chapter officers. All assessments may be withheld during this time period.

2. Revocation of Charter – Chapters

The charter for a chapter may be revoked subsequent to an initial suspension of charter for the same cause and a hearing for chapter officers before the state council within 60 days of initial suspension or in accord with *state council procedures*. If the issues are not resolved in favor of the ENA *Bylaws and Procedures*, the charter will be revoked and a formal letter specifying cause will be forwarded to all chapter officers within 10 days of the hearing. Immediately upon revocation of a chapter's charter, the chapter's officers and/or members shall (i) take all steps necessary to transfer all funds held separately by the chapter, if any, to the state council; and (ii) transfer all chapter financial and management affairs to the state council.

- C. Non-functioning-inactive chapter charters shall be revoked by the ENA Component Relations Department. Non-functioning-inactive chapters are those who do not submit proper reporting within six months of the deadline of the required reports according to the *ENA Procedures*.

1. Reassignment of Revoked Members

It will be the responsibility of the state council to reassign the members of a dissolved chapter to another chapter affiliation.