



## TSPN Emeritus Status Guidelines

### 1. Introduction

- a. To recognize and honor outstanding service to TSPN and the field of suicidology, the TSPN Advisory Council has developed criteria for conferring "Emeritus" status.
- b. Past TSPN Advisory Council members or alumni may also meet and support the activities of TSPN but would not be considered Emeritus members without the designation being granted pursuant to these guidelines.
- c. The TSPN Executive Director may also designate TSPN Ambassadors. These ambassadors may include any person, including Emeritus members, who is designated to serve as a liaison to a person or organization outside of TSPN for the purposes of advancing the goals and mission of TSPN and the discipline of Suicidology.
- d. Emeritus Status is not automatic, but rather it must be recommended by and approved through application procedures. The title of "Emeritus" may NOT be given automatically or routinely upon formal retirement from appointment or active service to TSPN.
- e. The title of "Emeritus" will be conferred once a year during the Suicide Proclamation Awareness Day event or the first Advisory Council meeting following the start of new Advisory Council member terms begins on October 1, whichever comes first during the calendar year.
- f. TSPN will develop and maintain the TSPN Emeritus Organization group as a group to advise TSPN,
  - i. The TSPN Executive Director,
  - ii. The chair of the Advisory Council and the Executive Committee,
  - iv. Advisory Council members.

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## 2. Eligibility Criteria

- a. The title of "Emeritus" is given to those who have shown dedication and distinguished service such that they have gone 'above and beyond' in their service to TSPN for at least two years and/or one gubernatorial appointment to the Advisory Council.
- b. An Emeritus member must have actively worked and gone above and beyond expectations in service to TSPN. This should consist of excellence in addressing at least two service areas including any of the following: (*see next page*)

- i. Suicide prevention
- ii. Suicide intervention
- iii. Suicide postvention
- iv. Advancing suicide awareness and/or education
- v. Advancement of networking between suicide attempt survivors, survivors of suicide, educators, and/legislators
- vi. Advocacy for suicide legislation
- vii. Upholding TSPN's mission and values
- viii. An exceptional level of involvement with the local, regional and/or state network, including but not necessarily limited to:
  - aa. Facilitation of training sessions
  - bb. Attendance at regional meetings
  - cc. Participation in regional projects and initiatives
- c. The Emeritus candidate may be retiring from their full-time job, have served their gubernatorially appointed term, or is no longer able and/or willing to devote time sufficient for an Advisory Council appointment.
- d. A prospective Emeritus member must in good standing with TSPN as evidenced by:
  - i. A pattern of attendance of over 75% of regional and/or statewide meetings.
  - ii. No disciplinary action(s) or dismissal from TSPN staff or Advisory Council role.
- e. TSPN (through host agency, as applicable) will maintain a record of any grievance or breach of conduct complaint made regarding an Emeritus member, provide a process for the airing of any grievance or complaint in addition to any review by the TSPN Advisory Council Executive Committee and pursuant to the policies of the host agency, and maintain a record of all outcomes.

### 3. Procedure

- a) If interested in becoming a TSPN Emeritus Member, a current or former TSPN Advisory Council Member will notify the TSPN Executive Director in writing.
- b) Following receipt of TSPN Emeritus Member request, the TSPN Executive Director will review for consideration, bringing the nomination to the TSPN Executive Committee for final review.
- c) If the TSPN Executive Committee members approve the TSPN Emeritus Member nomination, the TSPN Executive Director will inform the TSPN Emeritus Chair, the nominee, and will include this update in the next TSPN Advisory Council meeting in the TSPN Executive Director's report.

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