Section 10. NSHE and Member Institution Foundations and Affiliated Groups

Each member institution Foundation has been duly established as a non-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of Nevada exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The members of the Board of Regents are corporate members of each Foundation with responsibility to ratify the appointment of the members of the Boards of Trustees of the Foundations, within one year after their appointment, assure the people of the State of Nevada that they will avoid any conflicts with their powers as outlined in the Board of Regents Handbook, Title 1, Article III Section 3, and manage and control the NSHE. Each corporation must act within the bounds of its purpose and authority as defined by its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and in accordance with the policies of the Board of Regents, the laws of the State of Nevada, and the Internal Revenue Code.

The following policies also apply to Foundations or other affiliated groups that are not "member institution" foundations as described above, but which have been established to provide funds PRIMARILY for the institutions OR PROGRAMS within the NSHE. Other affiliated groups may request of a "member institution" foundation to fall under their umbrella to assure compliance with the foregoing guidelines. Being under the umbrella of a "member institution" Foundation will be defined by that Foundation and at a minimum will include processing all receipts and disbursements through the foundation in accordance with Foundation and Board of Regents guidelines. Only those affiliated groups that comply with these guidelines will be approved by the Board of Regents to use the name of the institution or the System in their legal names or in their stationery or publications.

To provide the Board of Regents reasonable assurance that its obligations to the people of Nevada are fulfilled, responsibility for the following administrative and accounting guidelines is delegated to the management of each of the Foundations and affiliated groups, the President of each institution, and to the Chancellor. The Board of Regents specifically reserves the right to examine the books and records of the Foundations as part of its responsibility to the State of Nevada and to reject any contract entered into by the Foundation and affiliated groups, which obligates any institution.

The President of each NSHE institution will be responsible for the activities of its “member institution” Foundation and of all other 501(c)(3) organizations affiliated with the institution. Each President will appoint a senior administrator with financial expertise who is independent of the Foundation to attend all meetings of the Board and executive committees of all 501(c)(3) organizations affiliated with the institution.