Endowment Fund Name: Rising Star Annual Fund

Pursuant to Section 5 of Article 7th of the Society of Toxicology's bylaws, the Endowment Fund Board hereby creates an additional Sub-Fund to be known as the “Rising Star Annual Fund,” designed to promote involvement on the part of graduate students and postdoctoral members of the Society by encouraging modest annual contributions, such as $20 per year.

Purpose: The intent of this Fund is to facilitate a mechanism for modest contributions to the Society in a manner that demonstrates tangible and immediate outcomes, relevant to the trainee constituency. The goal is to increase the likelihood that graduate students and postdoctoral members will remain contributors to the Society’s Endowment Fund and become active participants in the affairs of the Society as they move from academic pursuits to careers in toxicology.

The purpose of this Sub-Fund, governing its utilization, shall be the purpose or purposes of any one or more of the Society’s General (Standing) Sub-Funds.

Management: The Endowment Board shall solicit suggestions from the above groups as to the project or projects of the Sub-Fund for the designated or defined period of time and the Council shall from these suggestions, designate the project or projects for the Rising Star Sub-Fund for such coming year. Each Sub-Fund shall have a unique name, such as one identifying it with its fundraising period, “Rising Star 20__ Fund.”

Funding: Each such Sub-Fund must be exhausted by the end of its year, there being no carry-on of any year-end balance to the Sub-Fund for the following year. Specifically, each such Sub-Fund must be paid over or committed to its designated projects within 90 days of the end of its Sub-Fund year. Fund raising may or may not commence in the six months leading up to the start of the SOT fiscal year, depending on the need to match timing with the designated project year.

Leadership for Fundraising: GSLC and PDA leadership will lead the fundraising efforts in consultation with the Endowment Fund Board.

Approved by the Endowment Fund Board: January 15, 2018
Ratified by Council: January 24, 2018