

The Theosophical Society in America: A Vision for Our Future

Questionnaire

In order to determine the current state and future possibilities of the Theosophical Society in America (TSA), the National Board of Directors is requesting your help. Your anonymous responses to this brief questionnaire will be used as an important element in planning future directions to the Society. Thank you!

General Information

1. Age: 17 and under 40-49 70-79
 18-29 50-59 80-89
 30-39 60-69 90 +

2. Gender: Male Female

3. Membership (check all that apply):
 Lodge/Branch
 Study Center
 National Lodge
 Member at Large (member not affiliated with a lodge or study center)
 Friend (non-member)

4. District: Central Eastern Western

5. Have you ever been an officer on the local, regional or national level? Yes No

6. How many years have you been a member of the TSA?
 0 – 3 years 15 – 24 years
 4 – 6 years 25 – 34 years
 7 -14 years 35 years +

Please respond by giving your opinion to the following statements. Place your response following each statement as follows:

- 1 = Strongly agree
 - 2 = Agree
 - 3 = Disagree
 - 4 = Strongly disagree
 - 5 = No opinion
7. The TSA is doing an excellent job of fulfilling the founders' purpose of "Shedding Light on the path." ____
 8. The TSA should be more than just a membership organization; it must become an active presence in the world and known to the general public. ____
 9. Organizing programs that educate the general public about Theosophy is an important goal. ____
 10. Outreach, programming and materials should be designed for people of all ages and capacities. ____
 11. A system of follow up and continuing contact for all new members should be developed. ____
 12. The TSA must under take a serious, sustained and consistent effort to revitalize branches, camps and centers. ____

- 1 = Strongly agree
- 2 = Agree
- 3 = Disagree
- 4 = Strongly disagree
- 5 = No opinion

- 13. The national center should support new groups by including more on-site programs. ____
- 14. The TSA needs to seek out, encourage and develop new leaders. ____
- 15. More regular leadership conferences at national and regional levels are important. ____
- 16. A stronger emphasis on transformational practices as well as comparative study is important. ____
- 17. The TSA should create more programs focused on helping individuals develop and evolve their spiritual practices. ____
- 18. The TSA is the forefront of developing and disseminating new and innovative perspectives on issues facing humanity. ____
- 19. Serious and sustained financial development campaigns should be increasingly directed to the general public, corporations, foundations, and government agencies. ____
- 20. More cooperative efforts should be undertaken to develop collaborative relationships with other sympathetic organizations. ____
- 21. A strong improvement in open communication between all levels of the TSA is necessary. ____
- 22. More effort should be directed to create forums for individuals to offer their perspectives, suggestions and critiques. ____
- 23. The TSA should develop regional and national retreats emphasizing experiential activities including but not limited to meditation and contemplation. ____
- 24. The Theosophical Publishing House is a strong asset to the society. ____
- 25. The expanded technological efforts (i.e., web page, webcasts, email community) are important outreach efforts. ____
- 26. The membership needs to better understand the function of the Board of Directors. ____
- 27. More attention should be directed to creating an environmental culture of mutual cooperation between the national staff and the membership. ____
- 28. The TSA should focus more on scholarly and research activities. ____
- 29. The TSA should become involved with service projects. ____
- 30. The TSA and the Theosophical Order of Service should cooperate more on service projects. ____

Additional Comments