

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL EARTH SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Article I (Name)

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the National Earth Science Teachers Association, hereafter to be known as NESTA.

Article II (Purpose)

Section 1: The purpose of NESTA shall be to provide leadership and effective support to teachers so that all K-12 students receive a quality Earth and Space Science education in a way consistent with our Strategic Plan.

Section 2: NESTA shall operate exclusively as an educational non-profit organization as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 3: In the event of dissolution, all assets, real and personal, shall be distributed to such organizations as are qualified as tax exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of a future United States Internal Revenue Code.

Article III (Membership)

Section 1: Membership is available to those actively engaged in the teaching of Earth Science and to those with an interest in Earth Science education.

Section 2: NESTA is formally committed to the principle of equal opportunity for all persons, without regard to consideration of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ancestry, citizenship, ethnic or national origin, race, color, political or religious affiliation, creed, disability, or age.

Section 3: For purposes within NESTA, a member in good standing shall refer to members whose dues are current and whose conduct as a member is coincident with the aims, goals and vision of NESTA.

Article IV (Organization of Officers)

Section 1: The Elected Officers of NESTA shall be the President, President-Elect, a Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors-at-large, and a Regional Director for each of the designated geographical regions.

Section 2: An Executive Director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to conduct the business of the association.

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Section 3: The Appointed Officers shall include State Contact Persons, Committee Chairpersons, Editors, Coordinators, and Advisors as appointed by the President.

Section 4: The Appointed Directors are selected by the Executive Committee from the Appointed Officers listed in Section 3.

Section 5: Directors-at-large are elected by and from the full membership of NESTA.

Section 6: The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, a Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board Member Representatives elected by and from the Regional Directors, Directors-at-large, and the Appointed Directors. The Executive Director shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

Section 7: The Board of Directors shall consist of all Elected Officers, and the Appointed Directors. The Executive Director shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Directors.

Section 8: The powers and duties of the officers, together with the method of their selection shall be prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 9: The President-Elect shall ascend to the position of President upon completion of his/her term of office as President-Elect. The President-Elect shall ascend to the Presidency in the case of the inability of the current President to fulfill the duties of the office.

Article V (Quorum)

Section 1: Four Executive Committee Members shall constitute a quorum of any scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: One-third of all board members, where at least two are members of the Executive Committee, shall constitute a quorum of any scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: One Executive Committee Member and those NESTA members attending any planned NESTA general membership meeting shall constitute a quorum for that meeting.

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Article VI (Removal from Office)

Section 1: Any elected or appointed official may be removed from office for cause.

Section 2: Removal from office shall be by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Any termination of membership for persons in violation of Article III, Section 3 shall be by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article VII (Amendments)

Section 1: Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be presented to the Executive Committee by any NESTA member in good standing. Proposed amendments shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee before being forwarded for approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Proposed amendments to this Constitution, if approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, shall be submitted to the membership by mail and/or electronic means for ratification.

Section 3: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members responding to the mail or electronic ballot, providing a Board-approved copy of the proposed amendment is made available to every member before the period for ratification. The Board of Directors shall determine the length of the ratification period.

Section 4: This Constitution may be edited for grammar, spelling, or numbering without membership approval as long as meanings are not altered.

9-01-88 Original Constitution

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