

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSORS OF EDUCATION

(Adopted by the Membership: January, 1979. Revised to April 13, 1998)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

This association shall be named the Society of Professors of Education.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the Society to serve the education professoriate through consideration of its tasks and problems. More specifically, the society shall emphasize the following:

1. Promotion of an increasingly comprehensive understanding of the relationship between education and the social complexities in which professors of education function;
2. Recognition and appropriate utilization of the inherent power and responsibility of the Society in voicing its interest in and concern for the realization of desirable educational ends;
3. Concern for fostering inquiry into the history, current status, and future alternatives of the education professoriate.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all persons involved in the education of teachers and to those in related fields who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Society. Five types of membership are provided:

1. Regular members are those in good standing who have the full rights and privileges of membership;
2. Emeritus members are those in good standing who have all the rights and privileges of membership but who have retired from full-time salaried positions;
3. Sustaining members are those who wish to further the goals of the Society through payment of higher dues. Sustaining members have all the rights and privileges of membership;
4. Patron members are those who wish to give special recognition to the goals of the Society through substantially increased dues;
5. Student members are those who have completed one year of graduate study in education and who have all the rights and privileges of membership except the right to vote or to hold office.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, the time and place to be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board comprised of (1) the President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer, (2) nine elected members of the Society, and (3) the immediate Past President of the Society. (Amendment of April 13, 1998)

Section 2. The Executive Board is empowered to conduct the affairs of the Society.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the President in conference with the Executive Board.

Section 2. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, is empowered to appoint such other committees as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Society at a meeting subsequent to that at which the amendment has been proposed in writing, or by a two-thirds referendum vote of the members of the Society to whom the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. TERMS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall provide the leadership necessary to enhance the purposes and objectives of the Society, preside at all meetings of the organization, and serve as Chairperson of the Executive Board.

- Section 2. The President-Elect serves to assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and will automatically become President at the expiration of the term for which s/he is elected, or in case the office of President becomes vacant.
- Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare and maintain all records of the Society, be responsible for the collection of membership dues, be responsible for the funds of the organization and expend them as directed by the Executive Board, and prepare an annual report to be distributed to all members of the Society.
- Section 4. The President and the President-Elect shall be elected for terms of two years. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years. (The terms of office for President and President-Elect shall become effective when the next President takes office.)

ARTICLE II. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall:
- (1) adopt the budget and approve the expenditures of the Society,
 - (2) approve, upon the recommendation of the President, the appointment of members of Committees established by the Constitution and such ad hoc committees as may be needed,
 - (3) fill all vacancies in office that may occur for the remainder of that term,
 - (4) plan and arrange all meetings of the Society, and
 - (5) appropriate available funds to defray the approved expenses of publications, the Secretary-Treasurer, and other officers and Committees of the Society.
- Section 2. The president, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for terms of service as indicated in Article I, Section 4 above and shall serve on the Executive Board for the duration of those terms. The nine members of the Society serving on the Executive Board shall be elected by referendum vote for staggered three-year terms with three members being elected each year. The immediate Past President shall serve as a member of the Executive Board.
(Amendment of April 13, 1998)

ARTICLE III. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- The Nominating Committee shall:
- (1) obtain the agreement of two nominees to stand for each vacant office,
and

- (2) present its report to the President in time to permit a referendum vote of the membership prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and new Executive Board member shall be elected by a referendum vote preceding the annual meeting. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE V. FINANCES AND ANNUAL DUES

Section 1. The fiscal year for the Society shall begin on January 1 of each year.

Section 2. The annual dues of the Society for the several classes of members shall be levied in accordance with a schedule of dues to be established by the Executive Board. Proposed increases in dues shall be announced and approved by the members present at the annual meeting prior to the year in which they are scheduled to become effective.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

Members in good standing are those who pay their dues on an annual basis and participate in the activities of the Society. Non-payment of dues for two consecutive years shall result in loss of membership.

ARTICLE VII. AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Any professional organization whose membership consists primarily of college teachers of education may, upon request, be designated as an affiliate by the Executive Board, provided ten or more of its members are members of the Society. Such affiliates shall lose none of their individual autonomy and shall have the status and responsibilities of a Section of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII. QUORUM

Those in attendance at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws of the Society may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting.