

**ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(Revised - 2000)**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Association of Texas Technology Education," herein after referred to as The Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Association of Texas Technology Education shall not be operated for profit and was not established for such purpose. The Association shall be organized and operated exclusively for education, research and scientific purposes in the curriculum area of technology education to further its interest and welfare as an integral part of education in the state of Texas. In doing so, the Association shall:

1. Improve and advance the quality of technology education instruction in Texas schools.
2. Define the functions and scope of technology education in education.
3. Encourage the development of leadership among education teachers by providing a means through which an individual's contributions in research, service and leadership may be recognized and rewarded.
4. Cooperate with all agencies and organizations in the promotion of technology education.

ARTICLE III - RIGHTS, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This Association shall have and possess all the rights, powers and privileges given to associations by common law and shall be responsible for the impartial exercise thereof.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Association shall consist of the following classes: Active, Associate, Student, Honorary, Existing Life, Retired active and Elementary School Campus. Annual memberships begin the date the ATTE Treasurer receives payment.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Past President, a President-elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary is to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association. The President shall be chairperson of the Executive Committee and shall preside at the Executive Committee meetings.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee and one member from each of the regional technology education associations now existing. Each regional association shall elect a director as its representative on the Board. New or additional regional technology education associations may elect and send a director to represent them on the Board of Directors after the regional association has been approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Board of Directors. The following affiliates shall send a director to represent them on the Board of Directors: Council of Texas Technology Educators, the ATTE Council of Supervisors, the Texas Suppliers Group, the Texas Technology Students Association, and the Association of Texas Technology Education Retirees.. A proxy may occupy a Director's chair only if authorized in writing by the region/area association's president.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1. Any group, club, or organization within the state of Texas which is organized and operated for education, research and scientific purposes in the curriculum area of technology education may become affiliated with this Association by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. This Association may affiliate or become allied with another organization having the same purposes.

SECTION 3. To maintain official affiliation with this Association, affiliate organizations shall regularly send a delegate to the Board of Directors' meetings. Affiliations shall be revoked for failure to have representation at

three successive Board of Director's meetings.

SECTION 4. The Council of Texas Technology Educators shall be grouped as an area association and be represented on the Board of Directors. They may also have full participation in the area association in which they live.

SECTION 5. The ATTE Council of Supervisors shall be grouped as an area association and be represented on the Board of Directors. They may also have full participation in the area association in which they live.

SECTION 6. The Texas Suppliers shall be grouped as an area association and be represented on the Board of Directors. They may also have full participation in the area association in which they live.

SECTION 7. Texas Technology Students Association shall be grouped as an area association and be represented on the Board of Directors, by an selected student.

SECTION 8. The Association of Texas Technology Education Retirees shall be made up of retired active ATTE members and shall be grouped as an area association and be represented on the Board of Directors. They may also have full participation in the area association in which they live.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. A minimum of one meeting annually shall be held and shall include a business section.

SECTION 2. The time and place of the annual meeting shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall call any special meeting of the Board of Directors when deemed necessary.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors shall call any special state-wide meeting deemed necessary.

SECTION 5. A minimum of 10 percent of the membership shall be necessary for a quorum for the transacting of business. The official count to establish a quorum

shall be the number of members on November 1st.

ARTICLE X - OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

SECTION 1. The Association shall endeavor to regularly publish news concerning technology education.

SECTION 2. The Association shall have the right to publish a technology education newsletter when directed by the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the membership.

SECTION 3. The Association shall have the right to conduct research studies and to publish the same.

SECTION 4. A Publications Committee shall be provided to carry out the foregoing duties.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by:

- a. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee
- b. A petition signed by two-thirds of the members
- c. Any member may suggest amendments by a written proposal to the Executive Committee, who must approve by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to be proposed to the membership.

SECTION 2. Amendments to the ATTE Constitution may be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting, provided that notice of said amendments have been previously printed and sent to the membership two weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

It is expressed intent and desire of the Association of Texas Technology Education to be organized and operated exclusively for education, research and scientific purposes. Therefore, should the Association ever be dissolved, all assets shall be awarded only to another organization having the same tax exempt status (501C3) as the Association of Texas Technology Education.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. There shall be six classes of membership designated as follows: (a) Active; (b) Associate; (c) Student; (d) Honorary; (e) Existing Life, and (f) Retired Active.

SECTION 2. Active Membership shall be open to all persons within the state of Texas who are engaged in the teaching or supervising of technology instruction at any level.

SECTION 3. Associate Membership shall be open to anyone not engaged in technology education instruction upon payment of the dues provided in the Bylaws of this Association. The Associate Member shall then have all rights and privileges of the active member except the right to hold office.

SECTION 4. Student Membership shall be restricted to full-time students in colleges or universities enrolled in teacher preparation courses in the area of technology education. They shall be granted the same rights and privileges as Active Members with the exception of holding office.

SECTION 5. Honorary Membership shall be bestowed upon a person whose long and distinguished contribution to technology education is recognized by action of the Board of Directors. The Honorary members shall have all rights and privileges of an Active Member except the right to vote, hold office, or to represent the Association. The Board of Directors may not award more than one Honorary Membership each year. Any member may submit names for Honorary Membership to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. Existing Life Membership shall be restricted to those members who were Life members before February 22, 1986. No new life contracts will be issued after that date.

SECTION 7. Retired Active Membership shall be open to all persons who were members of the Association when they retired from the teaching profession. The retired Active Member shall be granted the same rights and privileges as an Active Member.

SECTION 8. Elementary School Campus membership shall be open to all campuses within the state of Texas engaged in the teaching the technology education at

the k-6 levels. Membership entitles the campus K-6 teachers to the following rights and privileges:

- a. One campus vote at the annual ATTE business meeting.
- b. Four issues of each Association publication.
- c. A member registration fee when attending ATTE conferences.
- d. Conference registration fees will be waived for campus Principals attending ATTE conferences when accompanied by their campus teachers.

SECTION 9. Membership shall begin with payment of dues. The membership year for each person/school shall extend from the date the dues are paid until the anniversary date the following year.

ARTICLE II - DUES

SECTION 1. The dues for active members shall be .0021 per annum of the state base salary scale for a beginning teacher with a bachelor degree rounded off to the nearest \$1.00.

SECTION 2. The dues for Associate Membership shall be 125 percent of the current ATTE Active Membership rate.

SECTION 3. The dues for Student Membership shall be 10 percent of the current ATTE Active Membership rounded off to the nearest \$1.00.

SECTION 4. No dues shall be required of Honorary Members.

SECTION 5. The dues for Retired Active Membership shall be 10 percent of the Current ATTE Active Membership rounded off to the nearest \$1.00.

SECTION 6. The dues for Elementary School Campus Membership shall be four times the current ATTE Active Membership rate (excluding lobbyist fee: rounded to the nearest \$1.00.

SECTION 7. A lobbyist fee shall be deducted from each Active Member's Membership and is taxable. The amount deducted shall be published on the registration form. The amount shall be .0006 per annum of the state base salary scale for the beginning teacher with a bachelor degree rounded off the nearest \$1.00.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. All ATTE members of the state of Texas shall be eligible to vote.

Only Active, Existing Life and Retired Active Members of the Association of Texas Technology Education shall be eligible to hold office or to chair a standing committee, an operation committee or ad hoc committee.

SECTION 2. The President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall have been members of ATTE and International Technology Education Association for one-year immediately prior to nomination and shall be affiliated with a regional association. The candidate shall have served as President, Secretary or Treasurer of a regional association and shall also have served on the ATTE Board of Directors or Chairperson of an ATTE standing committee, an operation committee, or ATTE ad hoc committee.

SECTION 3. Nominations shall be made by members only. The nominations shall be received by Oct. 15, including all information requested by the committee. Those eligible shall be published in the next *ATTE Journal* in the fall. In the event eligible nominees for election are not submitted by the deadline, the Nominating Committee shall screen membership and submit at least three (3) nominees for each office. The ballot shall be sent to the membership by December and returned by Jan. 1. The nominees for each office receiving most of the votes cast shall be declared elected. Those elected shall be announced at the Board of Directors' meeting. In case of a tie, the Board of Directors shall determine the winner by the largest number of directors vote.

B. TERM OF OFFICE

SECTION 1. The President shall take office for one year after serving as President-elect for one year. If the President should resign, move out of the state or leave the technology education profession, the President-elect shall complete the term of office. Should the President-elect become ineligible for the office of President, the Board of Directors shall fill the office by appointment for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 2. The President-elect shall serve the Association for a period of three years, the first as president-elect, the second as President, and the third as Past-President. If the President-elect should resign, move out of the state of Texas or leave the technology education profession or become President upon the

resignation of the President, a new President-elect shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term.

SECTION 3. The Past-President shall serve the Association for a term of one year. If the Past-President should resign, move out of the state of Texas or leave the technology education profession, a qualified person shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to finish the vacated term.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall be elected to serve a term of two years in succession. If the Secretary should resign, move out of the state of Texas or leave the technology education profession, a qualified person shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to finish the vacated term.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall be elected to serve a term of two years and cannot serve more than two terms in succession. If the Treasurer should resign, move out of the state of Texas or leave the technology education profession, a qualified person shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to finish the vacated term.

SECTION 6. The President and President-elect may not be members of the same regional technology education association, nor may a President or President-elect be elected from the same regional association as the outgoing President or President-elect.

SECTION 7. The first election of Directors to the Board shall be on three divisions of one year, two year and three year terms which shall be assigned by lot after directors are elected. All additional elections of Directors shall be for a term of three years, with the exception of any needed replacement election, which shall be for the period of the unserved term.

- a. A Director shall not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.
- b. Dismissal and replacement of a Director shall be the responsibility of his/her association.

SECTION 8. The Executive Secretary, appointed by the Board of Directors, may serve any number of years with the annual approval of the Board of Directors.

C. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, the

Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The President shall call special meetings of the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors when necessary. The President shall perform all other duties pertaining to the office and shall represent the Association as the office requires. (See duties and responsibilities on the appropriate page of the handbook.)

SECTION 2. The President-Elect shall in the absence of the President, preside and perform the duties of the office of the President. The President-elect should at all times render assistance to the President and shall become President for the President's term of office in the event the President leaves office. (See duties and responsibilities on the appropriate page of the handbook.)

SECTION 3. The Past-President shall be the Coordinator of Awards for the Association and shall render assistance to the President as required. (See duties and responsibilities on the appropriate page of the handbook.)

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall keep a record of all business proceedings of the Association. The Secretary shall notify all members of the time and place of all Association meetings. The Secretary shall preside at the meetings on the absence of the President and President-elect. At the close of this term of office, the Secretary shall give all records of the Association to the successor and take care of necessary correspondence to carry on the duties of this office. (See duties and responsibilities on the appropriate page of the handbook.)

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall pay all bills and keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures and shall make an annual report to the Association. The Treasurer shall also chair the ATTE Credentials Committee. (See duties and responsibilities on the appropriate page of the handbook.)

SECTION 6. The Executive Secretary shall take care of all correspondence not duly attributed to stated duties of other officers of the Association and any additional duties as directed by the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors. (See duties and responsibilities on the appropriate page of the handbook.)

SECTION 7. The Board of Directors shall attend to the general affairs of the Association between regular meetings of the Association. The Board shall hold regular meetings immediately before each annual meeting of the Association for consultative purposes or for other business, which may arise. It shall prepare and recommend to the Association for its adoption, the annual budget. It shall

perform such other duties as are, or may be specified by the Association. (See duties and responsibilities on the appropriate page of the handbook.)

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The following are authorized standing committees:

- a. The Curriculum Committee
- b. *The Legislative Committee (inactive) (4/17/04 Pending Board Action)*
- c. The Public Relations Committee
- e. The Publications Committee
- f. The Web Page Committee*
- g. The Data Manager Committee*

SECTION 2. It shall be the function of the Executive committee to establish, delete or discontinue standing committees as conditions may warrant.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by:

- a. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee
- b. A petition signed by two-thirds of the members
- c. Any member may suggest amendments by a written proposal to the Executive Committee, who must approve by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to be proposed to the membership.

SECTION 2. Amendments to the ATTE Bylaws may be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting provided notice of said amendments has been previously printed and sent to the membership two weeks prior to the meeting.