

NORTH CAROLINA SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the North Carolina Science Leadership association (NCSLA).

ARTICLE II - GOAL

The major goal of North Carolina Science Leadership Association is to enhance the quality of science education for elementary, secondary and college students in North Carolina through the improvement of science leadership.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership in the North Carolina Science Leadership Association is open to any person in a leadership role whose concern and interest is the improvement of science education and science leadership.

Section 2

Membership is open to any person aspiring to a leadership role in science education.

ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS

Section 1

The North Carolina Science Leadership Association shall be governed by an Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers, Executive Director, six (6) elected at-large members known as District Directors, and committee chairpersons as described in the Bylaws and Policies.

Section 2

The elected members of the North Carolina Science Leadership Association Board of Directors shall be the President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and six (6) District Directors.

Section 3

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Science Leadership Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President, President Elect and Executive Director.

Section 4

The powers, duties, terms of office, vacancy procedures, and method of election of the officers and at-large board members are prescribed in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall meet at least two (2) times annually. Additional meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the President. An emergency meeting may be called at any time by the majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 2

The general membership shall meet at least twice a year.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all general and Executive Board meetings.

ARTICLE VI - QUORUM

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of that body.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed in writing to the Secretary by any three (3) members of the Board of Directors or by any ten (10) members of the Association.

Section 2

A proposed amendment shall be submitted to the membership for adoption or rejection. The method to be used is outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

The association shall maintain affiliation with the National Science Supervisors Association and the North Carolina Science Teachers Association.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the North Carolina Science Leadership Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, designate a similar organization organized and operated for science educational purposes that qualifies as an exempt entity under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as recipient of the assets of the Association.

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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the North Carolina Science Leadership Association.

ARTICLE II - GOAL

Section 1

The goal of the North Carolina Science Leadership Association is to enhance the quality of science education for elementary, secondary, and college students in North Carolina through the improvement of science leadership.

Section 2

This goal will be accomplished by:

1. Disseminating information on current topics in science education among a network of science leadership personnel in North Carolina.
2. Sponsoring meetings and conferences for science leadership staff development to share and address common concerns of members.
3. Expressing areas of concern and potential solutions regarding science education issues to the State Department of Public Instruction and other appropriate agencies.
4. Supporting research contributing to the improvement of science instruction and learning in North Carolina schools.
5. Providing professional development resources and peer support for those performing the science leadership role function.
6. Communicating employment opportunities between those offering science leadership positions and those seeking science leadership positions.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Members in good standing will be issued membership cards by the Secretary.
Members shall receive newsletters or other publications as they are issued by NCSLA.

Section 2

Annual dues for membership shall be established by the Board of Directors of NCSLA.

Section 3

The membership shall be defined as the period from September 1 through August 31.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

1. The Board of Directors shall transact business, plan programs for the year, consider proposed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies, and carry out measures for the growth and welfare of the organization.
2. The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Science Leadership Association shall include the President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, the Executive Director, six (6) District Directors, and committee chairpersons.

Section 2

1. The voting members of the Board of Directors of the Association shall be a President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and the six (6) District Directors.
2. The terms of the President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be three (3) years.

Section 3

1. The District Directors of the Association shall be six (6) members elected at-large.
2. The terms of the District Directors shall be for a period of three (3) years.
3. The terms of the District Directors shall be staggered in a manner that each year two new Directors will be elected to the Board of Directors.

Section 4

The President-Elect shall succeed to the Presidency of the Board of Directors at the expiration of the President's term of office. The President-Elect shall serve three (3) years on the Board of Directors; i.e., one year as President-Elect, one year as President, and one year as Immediate Past President.

Section 5

In the event of vacancies on the Board of Directors, the officers of the Board shall appoint replacements. If the President's office is vacated before the term expires, the President-Elect shall succeed to and complete the unexpired term in addition to her or his own term as President.

Section 6

The Association may have a non-salaried officer called Executive Director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the purpose of providing general guidance and continuity to the Association.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall preview and review meeting business agendas and support the President in preparation for meetings.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS' DUTIES

Section 1

The President shall preside over the meetings of the Association and its Board of Directors, shall appoint such committees as necessary to conduct the Association's

business, shall serve ex-officio on such committees, and shall be the official representative of the Association before the public and other educational bodies.

Section 2

The Immediate Past President shall act in an advisory capacity to the President and shall assume other responsibilities as assigned by the President.

Section 3

The President-Elect shall act for the President in his/her absence, shall perform such duties as the President may delegate.

Section 4

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Association and its Board of Directors, shall maintain the official files of the Association, and notify the membership of all meetings by mail.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall serve as custodian of Association funds and make payments of all debts of the Association as are approved by the Board of Directors, shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions of the Association and shall report same as requested by the President, shall collect dues from the membership, shall maintain the membership rolls, and shall conduct an annual membership drive.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1

1. Elections for the Board of Directors shall take place in March.
2. The President shall appoint a nominating committee. The Past-President is ex-officio of the committee.
3. Said committee shall prepare a slate of officers. All nominees must be members of the Association.
4. The nominating committee shall prepare a ballot, post the nominations on the Association website at least 2 months preceding the Spring meeting, conduct online voting 3 weeks prior to the Spring meeting, and shall at that meeting

declare elected those nominees who have received a plurality of the votes cast.

5. All elected nominees shall assume their positions at the close of the Spring meeting.

ARTICLE VII - FISCAL YEAR FINANCES

Section 1

The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of September and end on the last day of August.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall determine and approve budget allocations.

Section 3

The funds provided by the dues and other sources shall be disbursed by the Treasurer as approved by the President.

Section 4

The ledger of all accounts of NCSLA shall be closed on the last day of the fiscal year in August of each year. The accounts shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for audit.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws of the North Carolina Science Leadership Association may be proposed in writing to the Secretary by any three (3) members of the Board of Directors or by any ten (10) members of the Association.

Section 2

The Secretary shall submit proposed amendments in writing to all members in good standing for a vote within thirty days after the amendment has been proposed. The vote shall be called for and counted within sixty days after the proposal.

Section 3

The amendment shall be passed if more than two-thirds of the total votes are favorable.