

ASCD CONSTITUTION

The May EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP carried notice that the membership would be asked to vote on proposed constitutional changes in the fall. The following pages will give members an overview of the present Constitution and proposed changes. Association members, in the past two years, have already indicated by ballot action change in the name from Department to Association, and the period of the fiscal year. The proposed changes have been carefully considered and discussed by members of both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, and as such represent their considered judgment on the total situation.

Preamble

Present Constitution

The Department of Supervisors and Directors of Instruction and the Society for Curriculum Study, recognizing the importance of unifying our efforts for further instructional improvement in the schools of this country, do hereby join to form the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and approve the Constitution as follows:

Proposed Change

Omit

ARTICLE I—Name

Present

The name of this organization shall be the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development of the National Education Association.

No Change

ARTICLE II—Object

Present

The object of the Association shall be the general improvement of instruction and supervision; more particularly, the promotion of teacher growth in three major areas, namely: the area of wholesome emotional and mental development, the area of socio-economic understanding and adjustment, and the area of professional competence.

No Change

ARTICLE III—Membership

Present

Section 1. There shall be three classes of members: active, honorary, and institutional.

Section 2. Any person who is a member of the National Education Association and who is desirous of promoting the interests of the Association and sharing in its work shall be eligible to membership and may become an active member by paying the annual dues as provided in the By-Laws. An active member shall be entitled to vote, hold office, to participate in discussion, to receive the Yearbook, and to receive such other publications as may be provided for the dues paid.

Section 3. Any person may be elected to honorary membership by vote of the Association at the annual meeting on nomination of the Executive Committee. An honorary member shall be entitled to all the privileges of active members with the exception of voting and holding office, and shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Section 4. A school or library may become an institutional member on payment of the annual dues as provided in the By-Laws. Such institutional members shall be entitled to receive the Yearbook and the periodical publications of the Association.

Proposed Change

Section 1. There shall be four classes of members: active, honorary, institutional, and life.

Section 2.

No Change

Section 3.

No Change

Section 4.

No Change

Proposed Addition

Section 5. Any individual who has been a member of the Association for 15 consecutive years, and has reached the age of 70 shall be a life member of the Association.

ARTICLE IV—Officers

Present

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a First Vice-president (who shall be the retiring President), a Second Vice-president, a Field Secretary and an Executive Secretary.

Section 2. The President and Vice-presidents shall serve for a term of one year, the Field Secretary for three years. The same person may not serve more than two consecutive terms in any elective office.

Section 3. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors upon nomination of the Executive Committee and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The Executive Secretary shall be the executive officer of the Association, shall act as Treasurer of the Association, and shall have responsibility for the preparation of the annual budget under the supervision of the Executive Committee, shall serve without voting power as Secretary of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

No Change

ARTICLE V—The Board of Directors

Present

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall constitute the governing body of the Association.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of (1) twenty members elected at large who shall serve for a term of four years, five to be elected each year in such manner as the By-Laws may determine; (2) any members of the Executive Committee who are not otherwise members of the Board of Directors; (3) representatives of state and regional (covering several states) associations concerned with supervision and curriculum development, who shall serve for the same length of term and with the same duties and privileges as the members at large, representation to be on the basis of membership of local members in the national organization as follows:

- one representative for 50 to 99 members
- two representatives for 100 to 174 members
- three representatives for 175 to 274 members
- four representatives for 275 to 399 members
- five representatives for 400 members or over

In estimating such membership for the purpose of representation, only persons who are bona fide members of the National Education Association and of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development with dues paid as of January 1 preceding the annual meeting shall be counted. Representative members of the Board of Directors shall bear such credentials as the By-Laws of the Association may determine. A state may share in such state-wide or regional representation but not in both.

Section 3. The President shall act as chairman of the Board.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall formulate and approve the policies for the Association, shall adopt the annual budget, shall elect the officers (except the Executive Secretary) and members of the Executive Committee from its own membership, shall have the power to fill vacancies in office until the next election, shall employ an Executive Secretary upon nomination of the Executive Committee, shall be the custodian of the property of the Association, shall have the power to make contracts, and shall make an annual financial report to the Association.

No Change

ARTICLE VI—Executive Committee

Present

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have active charge of the affairs of the Association and shall be the *ad interim* committee of the Board of Directors with power to represent and act for the Board of Directors in the intervals between meetings of that body.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of this Association (with the exception of the Executive Secretary) and three other active members of the As-

sociation elected by the Board of Directors from its own membership for three years, one to be elected each year in such manner as the By-Laws may determine.

Section 3. The functions of the Executive Committee shall be to recommend policies for the consideration of the Board of Directors, to execute policies approved by the Board of Directors, and to assume responsibility for general administration of the affairs of the Association among which are the following important duties: (1) to nominate to the Board of Directors an Executive Secretary; (2) to recommend the budget; (3) to be responsible for programs of annual meetings, and arrange for regional conferences; (4) to plan for yearbooks and other publications which will be published by commercial publishers or through the Association; (5) to appoint editorial boards and publication committees and to name their chairman; and (6) to appoint editors of the organization's publications.

Proposed Change

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have active charge of the affairs of the Association and shall be the *ad interim* committee of the Board of Directors with power to represent and act for the Board of Directors in the intervals between meetings of that body. Members of the Board of Directors who are elected to the Executive Committee shall complete their four-year term on the Board, although their membership on the Executive Committee may have expired before the end of the four-year term.

Section 2.

No Change

Section 3.

No Change

ARTICLE VII—Meetings

Present

The Association shall hold two regular meetings each year, one in the summer in connection with the annual meeting of the National Education Association and the other in the winter. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. The annual meeting for the election of officers, presentation of reports, and transaction of any other business requiring official action by the Association or by the Board of Directors shall be the regular meeting designated for these purposes in the By-Laws of the Association.

Proposed Change

Transfer to By-Laws, combined with Article IV of By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII—Publications

Present

The Association shall publish a Yearbook and such journals and other bulletins as the Board of Directors may direct.

Proposed Change

Transfer to By-Laws, Article X.

ARTICLE IX—Amendments

Present

This Constitution may be amended (1) at any annual meeting for the transaction of official business by a vote of two-thirds of the active members present; or (2) by a mail vote of two-thirds of the active members replying; provided, in either case, that notice of proposed amendment has been given in the journal of the Association at least three months previous and provided further that nothing in the proposed amendment shall conflict with the Act of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the National Education Association.

Proposed Change

Present Article IX becomes Article VII in Constitution.

ARTICLE X—By-Laws

Details of the activities of the Association shall be regulated by the By-Laws. These may be amended (1) at any annual meeting for the transaction of official business by a majority vote of the members present; or (2) by a mail vote of two-thirds of the active members replying; provided, in either case, that notice has been given three months in advance.

Proposed Change

Present Article X becomes Article VIII in Constitution.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—Membership Dues

Present

The annual fee for active members in the Association shall be as follows: (1) full membership, including the Yearbook and *Educational Method and Curriculum Journal*, \$5.00; (2) membership including the Yearbook and *Educational Method*, \$4.00; (3) membership including the Yearbook and *Curriculum Journal*, \$5.00. The annual fee for institutional members shall be \$5.00.

Proposed Change

The annual fee for active and institutional members of the Association shall be determined by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. This fee shall include the annual Yearbook, *Educational Leadership*, and privileges of membership.

ARTICLE II—Membership Year

Present

The period of membership of each person who joins the Association and pays the annual dues shall be twelve calendar months, counting from the first day of the month in which the person is accepted as a member. Members shall be entitled to receive only those publications of the Association that appear within the year for which their annual dues are paid.

No Change

ARTICLE III—Fiscal Year

Present

The fiscal year shall begin on June 1 of any given year, and continue through May 31 of the succeeding year.

No Change

ARTICLE IV—Annual Meeting

Present

The annual meeting of members for the transaction of business shall be that held in the winter, provided, however, that proposals may be made and agreed upon at the summer meeting, needing only to be confirmed at the annual meeting.

Proposed Change

Article IV of By-Laws combined with Article VII of Constitution to read:

ARTICLE IV—Meetings

The Association shall hold two regular meetings each year, one in the summer in connection with the annual meeting of the National Education Association, and the other at such a time as seems most desirable to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors based on activities of the Association and preference of members. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. The annual meeting for the election of officers, presentation of reports, and transaction of any other business requiring official action by the Association or by the Board of Directors shall be that held at the time designated by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors as indicated above.

ARTICLE V—Elections

Present

In 1942 the members of the Executive Committee of the Society for Curriculum Study and of the Board of Directors of the Department of Supervisors and Directors of Instruction, elected at large, shall become members of the Board of Directors of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development to serve terms as follows, as chosen by lot, seven for a term to end March 1, 1943; five for a term to end March 1, 1944; five for a term to end March 1, 1945; five for a term to end March 1, 1946.

In subsequent years, members of the Board of Directors shall be elected as follows: (1) a nominating committee appointed by the Executive Committee shall prepare a list of 15 names; (2) ballots shall be submitted by mail to the active members by December 1 with instructions to return them not later than December 20; and (3) the five persons receiving the largest number of votes by mail shall be declared elected.

In 1942 the two elected members of the Executive Committee of the Department of Super-

visors and Directors of Instruction who would normally continue to serve in 1942-43 shall become members of the Executive Committee of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development to serve terms of one and two years, as chosen by lot, one for one year, and one for two years. The third member shall be elected for a three-year term from and by the members of the Executive Committee of the Society for Curriculum Study who would normally continue to serve in 1942-43.

In subsequent years, members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

The term of all elected officers and of members of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee shall begin on March 1.

Proposed Change

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected as follows: (1) a nominating committee appointed by the Executive Committee shall prepare a list of 15 names; (2) ballots shall be submitted by mail to the active members by November 15 with instructions to return them not later than December 20; and (3) the five persons receiving the largest number of votes by mail shall be declared elected. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors. The term of all elected officers and of members of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee shall begin immediately following the annual meeting of the Association. In the event that no meeting is held, or that such a meeting be held in the fall or winter, such elected officers, members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee shall take office no earlier than March 1, and no later than the beginning of the fiscal year, June 1.

ARTICLE VI—Quorum

Present

Twenty-five active members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Eleven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of that body.

Proposed Change

Twenty-five active members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Twenty members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of that body. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of that body.

ARTICLE VII—Credentials

Present

The credentials of representative members of the Board of Directors shall be signed by the secretary of the state or regional organization which they seek to represent, and shall be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

No Change

ARTICLE VIII—Committees

Present

Standing and special committees of the Association may be appointed by the Executive Committee, which shall have general oversight and direction of all such committees.

Proposed Change

Affiliation is added to the By-Laws as Article VIII, making the present Article VIII—Committees the proposed Article IX, as follows:

ARTICLE VIII—Affiliation

State groups requesting affiliation shall meet the following requirements: (1) there must be at least 50 members of the national organization in the state applying for affiliation; (2) a state group applying for affiliation must have an on-going organization; and (3) the purpose and policies, including the policy of unrestricted membership of any state group applying for affiliation, must be identical with those of the national organization. The Executive Committee shall act on application for affiliation from all state groups.

ARTICLE IX—Committees

See above.

ARTICLE IX—Publications

Present

The publications of the Association shall be in charge of the Executive Committee, subject to such general policies as the Board of Directors may adopt.

Proposed Change

Combining the present Article VIII of the Constitution with the present Article IX of the By-Laws the proposed change makes them Article X.

ARTICLE X—Publications

The Association shall publish such journals and other publications as the Board of Directors may direct. The publications of the Association shall be in charge of the Executive Committee, subject to such general policies as the Board of Directors may adopt.

ARTICLE X—Expenditures

Present

The funds of the Association shall be disbursed only in accordance with annual budgets adopted by the Board of Directors. The transfer of unused balances from one item in the budget to another shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The Executive Secretary shall receive and disburse the funds of the Association and make an annual accounting to the Board of Directors under the direction of the Executive Committee, which shall be responsible for proper auditing of accounts.

Proposed Change

Present Article X—Expenditures becomes Article XI, as above.

Front Lines in Education

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supervisors have organized curriculum revision committees within their systems and have done a great deal in studying the recommendations contained in the guide.

Extended School Year for Teachers.

While for a number of years various school systems have on occasion retained groups of teachers on salary for periods during the summer months to work on professional projects, the movement to extend the contract year beyond the time schools are in session for all or a major portion of the staff is growing. Four types of an extended school year for teachers, with additional pay for this increased service, of course, have been noted. In some systems teachers are employed and paid for twelve months. State supported salaries of all Georgia teachers cover the entire calendar year. Teachers are on duty for two weeks longer than the regular school session—one week prior to the opening of school, which is utilized for planning and a study of local problems, and one week after the close of school, which is used for evaluation. Another approach is used by the Glencoe (Ill.) schools in which the teachers are employed for twelve months. One month paid vacation is provided and the re-

mainder of the time is spent in professional activities under the direction of the school.

Still another procedure is represented by the Lincoln (Neb.) practice in which the entire school staff is employed for two weeks longer than the school term. The staff—teachers, secretaries, clerical workers, custodians, supervisors, and principals—report a week early for planning and preparation for the school year and remain a week after the close of school for evaluation. Mishawaka (Ind.) extends the year five days beyond the school term. This period may be before the opening of school, at the close of the term, or on Saturday mornings during the year. The fourth approach, illustrated by the Landerdale County (Ala.) plan, is to have members of the staff report a week early for a workshop on local school problems. Grand Island (Neb.) follows the same plan but has only a part of the staff participate in the workshop each year. Probably other plans are in vogue among school systems. Underlying all of these plans is the point of view that cooperative planning by teachers is such an important aspect of an effective school that provision should be made for including it in the paid activities of teachers.

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