

CONSTITUTION SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE COUNCIL

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Science Council and this is a chapter of the National Science Teachers Association.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

Section 1 The purpose of the South Carolina Science Council shall be the advancement, stimulation, extension, improvement, and coordination of science teaching in all fields of science at all educational levels.

Section 2 The purpose of the South Carolina Science Council shall be to recognize technological endeavors and excellence of science through the Hall of Science and Technology.

Section 3 The South Carolina Science Council shall endeavor to enlist the support and cooperation of all people, agencies, and organizations that subscribe to the purpose as defined in Article II, Section 1.

Section 4 To carry out the purpose, the South Carolina Science Council may solicit, collect, and otherwise raise money, may accept and own, manage, and sell properties; may expend, contribute, disburse, and otherwise handle and dispose of funds, either directly or by contribution to other organizations and agencies; but no monies earned or received shall provide personal monetary benefit to any member of this Council or individual.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership is available to those actively engaged in science education and those interested in science education.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS

Section 1 The South Carolina Science Council shall be governed by an Executive Board consisting of the elected officers consisting of President, President-Elect, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the Immediate Past President.

Section 2 The Advisory Board shall consist of District Directors, and recognized South Carolina Science Council affiliate Presidents or their designee, Parliamentarian, Archivist, Director of the Hall of Science and Technology, and the Standing Committees Chairpersons.

- Section 3 The powers and duties of elected officers and District Directors, together with the method of their election, shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.
- Section 4 The decision for South Carolina Science Council to merge with another non-profit organization with similar aims and purposes shall be directed by a two-third majority vote of the membership. All assets of the Council will be disposed of by action of the ten existing Executive Board as follows:
- Dissolution: All assets, after debts and obligations have been met, will be transferred to another non-profit organization with similar aims and purposes which has qualified for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Merger: All assets, after all debts and obligations have been met, will be transferred to the treasury of the new organization in accordance with specific terms as agreed upon in the terms of the merger. The Council can only merge with another organization which has qualified for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE V: QUORUM

- Section 1 A simple majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum of the body.
- Section 2 The membership present at a duly called business meeting shall constitute a quorum of the body. A duly called business meeting may be either the regularly scheduled yearly meeting or one called by the Executive Board of Directors with notification to member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 Suggestions for amendments to the Constitution may originate in the Executive Board or may be sent by any member of the organization to the Board.
- Section 2 A proposed amendment, if approved by the Executive Board of the South Carolina Science Council, shall be submitted to the membership for adoption or rejection. The method to be used is outlined in the Bylaws.

BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE COUNCIL

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of the South Carolina Science Council shall be the advancement, stimulation, extension, improvement, and coordination of science teaching in fields of science at all educational levels.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership shall consist of those actively engaged in the teaching of science and those who subscribe to the purpose of the organization.

Section 2 Affiliate organizations of South Carolina Science Council are those organizations who make an annual application obtained from South Carolina Science Council and have been approved for acceptance by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers of the organization shall be President, President-Elect, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The above members shall be known as the Executive Board.

Section 2 Only those members in good standing shall be eligible for office, or as a chairperson of standing committees.

Section 3 The District Directors, recognized South Carolina Science Council affiliate organizations' Presidents or designee, Parliamentarian, Archivist, Director of the hall of Science and Technology)to be call the Hall from this point), and the standing committees chairpersons shall constitute the Advisory Board.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 Except as otherwise provided by the Bylaws, the duties of the various officers shall be those, which are customary for such officers.

Section 2 The President shall preside at all business sessions and all meetings of the Executive Board and the Advisory Board.

Section 3 The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall serve as chairperson of the Convention Program Committee. Upon completion of a one-year term of office, the President-Elect shall assume the office of President.

- Section 4 The Vice President shall serve as chairperson of the Convention Local Arrangements Committee and otherwise assist the President-Elect at the annual meeting. Upon completion of a one-year term of office, the Vice President shall assume the office of President-Elect.
- Section 5 The Vice President-Elect shall serve as the Convention Vendor liaison and chair the Convention Vendor Committee upon completion of a one-year term of office, the Vice-President-Elect shall assume the office of Vice President.
- Section 6 The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the organization, all meetings of the Executive Board and Advisory Board.
- Section 7 The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the organization as requested by the President.
- Section 8 The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies of the organization as directed by the South Carolina Science Council policy. The Treasurer will also serve as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee.
- Section 9 The Newsletter Editor shall publish and disseminate a biannual newsletter to the membership. The Newsletter Editor will serve as the Chairperson of the Public Relation Committee.
- Section 10 The chairperson of each standing committee shall appoint the members of that committee. This is subject to ratification of the Executive Board.
- Section 11 The Executive Board shall be authorized to transact the business, plan the overall program for the year, make recommendations regarding proposed amendments to the Bylaws, and devise and carry out measures for the growth and welfare of the organization.
- Section 12 The duties of the Advisory Board shall be as the liaison between the membership and the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

- Section 1 There shall be an Advisory Board to the Executive Board. This board shall consist of the following members: a representative from each recognized affiliated state organization, Parliamentarian, Archivist, Director of the Hall, and a representative to be elected from each South Carolina state congressional district. Members from each state congressional district shall be elected by the members of that district and shall serve a term of two years on the Advisory board. Elected members from odd numbered congressional district shall be elected in

odd numbered years. Members from even numbered congressional districts shall be elected in even number years.

- Section 2 The standing committees shall be: Contract Negotiating Committee, Convention Program Committee, Convention Local Arrangements Committee, Convention Vendors Committee, Membership Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Public Relations Committee, Resolutions Committee, Awards Committee, the Selection and Induction Committee for the SC Hall of Science and Technology, and Grants Committee.
- Section 3 It shall be the duty of the Contract Negotiating Committee to research, negotiate, prepare and present all contracts to the Executive Board. The President shall be the Chairperson of the Contracts Negotiating Committee. The Immediate Past President and Treasurer shall also serve on the committee.
- Section 4 The President-Elect shall serve as the Chairperson of the Convention Program Committee. The duties are to plan and coordinate the convention program with the recognized affiliate state organizations' presidents or designee.
- Section 5 The Vice President shall chair the Convention Local Arrangements Committee. The duties are to plan and coordinate local arrangements.
- Section 6 The Vice President-Elect shall chair the Convention Vendors Committee and serve as the convention vendors' liaison.
- Section 7 It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee composed of the District Directors, to promote and expand the membership of the organization. The Chairperson will be elected from the committee.
- Section 8 The Treasurer will be the chairperson of the Finance Committee. The duty of the committee is to prepare an annual budget for the organization and give supervision of all monies.
- Section 9 It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominees including officers and district directors and present this to the Executive Board. This committee will be chaired by the Immediate Past President.
- Section 10 It shall be the duty of the Public Relations Committee to obtain coverage of organizational activities in the various news media, and act as liaison with other educational and science-related organizations.
- Section 11 It shall be the duty of the Resolutions Committee to prepare resolutions dealing with issues relevant to the purpose of the South Carolina Science Council for presentation to the membership for their adoption, amendment and adoption, or rejection. The Parliamentarian, who is appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board, shall chair the Resolutions Committee.
- Section 12 The Archivist, appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board, will chair the Awards Committee. The committee will plan and coordinate the awards ceremonies.

- Section 13 The Director of the SC Hall of Science and Technology, who is appointed by the President and approval of the Executive Board, shall chair the Selection and Induction Committee to maintain the Hall. The duties include the maintenance and preservation of the memorabilia of the Hall.
- Section 14 The Grants Committee, appointed by the Executive Board, will read, rate, and determine the recipients of the grants. The Secretary will chair the committee. The committee will consist of the Treasurer, elementary, middle school, and secondary teachers.
- Section 15 Any committee named by this Constitution and Bylaws will abide by the policies and procedures of the South Carolina Science Council.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1 The Nominating Committee shall prepare and present a slate of nominees to the Executive Board and the membership prior to the Business Meeting. This slate will be presented in the newsletter.
- Section 2 Election of the officers of the Executive board and of District Directors shall be by majority vote of those members voting.
- Section 3 All Executive Board Officers, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one year. The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for two years. District Directors shall hold office for two years.
- Section 4 With the exceptions of the Secretary, Treasurer and District Directors, no officer shall hold the same office for two consecutive terms. President, President-Elect, Vice President, Vice President-Elect shall hold office only for one (1) term. The Secretary, Treasurer, and District Directors shall serve two year terms.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

- Section 1 There shall be at least one meeting of the South Carolina Science Council each year in the Fall.
- Section 2 Additional special meetings may be scheduled by the Executive Board if the need arises.

ARTICLE VIII: DUES

- Section 1 The annual dues shall be assessed in accordance with the policies. Dues shall be current from the date of receipt for a period of 12 calendar months or 36 calendar months, whichever is applicable.
- Section 2 A fee, amount to be set by the Executive Board, will be required of all non-members attending the Convention meetings.

ARTICLE IX: FISCAL YEAR

Section 1 The fiscal year of this organization shall end as of June 30 of each year.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1 These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting provided a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to every member at least ten days before it is to be voted upon. This may be sent through the newsletter or separate mailing.

Section 2 These Bylaws may be amended by mail (previous notice having been given) by two-thirds of the members voting.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1 In all questions of Parliamentary Law not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall prevail.

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---(amended in years 2000, 2002 and 2006, reviewed, 2010)