



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (Effective November 1, 1992) Technology Education Association of Montana

Article I — Name

Section 1 - Name: The association shall be known as the "Technology Education Association of Montana"

Article II -- Purposes

Section 1 - Technology Education for All. To define, stimulate, coordinate, and strive for the ideal form of technology education as a vital aspect of education for all students on all levels: elementary, middle school, secondary, collegiate, and adult.

Section 2 - Improvement of Quality. To promote the improvement of the quality of instruction in technology education by assisting educators, students, and all others concerned to keep instructional content, methods, and facilities current with the rapid changes in industry, technology, and society.

Section 3 - Cross-Curricular. An important secondary purpose of the organization is to actively pursue cross-curricular relationships with teaching professionals within other academic disciplines. We believe Technology Education has a strong general education emphasis that can aide and enhance interdisciplinary study among all disciplines.

Section 4 - Teachers Teaching Teachers. We believe that public school teachers of Technology Education should be the primary providers of in-service education within the state, however we will continue to acknowledge the importance of a strong collegial relationship with the teacher preparation institutions in Montana.

Article III -- Membership

Section 1 - Classes of Membership. Membership in this Association shall be divided into two classes: voting and nonvoting.

a. Voting Members. Only voting members may vote and hold elective office in the Association. Voting members shall be:

1. Professional Members. Professional membership shall be open to all persons who are engaged in technology education as teachers, supervisors, or teacher educators.

b. Nonvoting Members. Nonvoting members have the same rights and privileges as voting members except they may not vote or hold elective office. Types of

nonvoting members shall be:

1. *Associate Members.* Associate membership shall be open to former technology education personnel and to persons engaged in other fields of education, business, industry, or government who are in accord with the purposes of the Technology Education Association of Montana as stated in the Articles of the Incorporation and the Constitution and Bylaws.
2. *Student Members.* Student membership shall be open to undergraduate students in Technology Education. Student membership is subject to annual review and shall not continue beyond the year in which the individual ceases to qualify for this type of membership.
3. *Sustaining Members.* Sustaining membership shall be open to commercial and industrial firms, companies, and other organizations. Duplicate membership cards may be provided at a rate specified by the Elected Officers. Privileges accorded sustaining members shall be determined by the Elected Officers.
4. *Honorary Members.* Honorary membership shall be open to anyone recommended by a voting member and approved by a majority vote of the Elected Officers. Honorary membership extends for the period of the honorary member's life.

Section 2. Eligibility. Applications for all types of membership shall be sent to the T.E.A.M. Treasurer where they will be accepted and processed according to the provisions stated in Section 1. When eligibility is in doubt, applications will be sent to the Elected Officers, which shall have the final decision.

Section 3. Membership Year. The membership year will run from the dates Established by the Montana Education Association for it's annual Educator's Conference.

Article IV -- Dues

Section 1. Voting Members. The dues for professional members shall be established by the Elected Officers, in accordance with the financial needs of the Association.

Section 2. Nonvoting Members. The dues for nonvoting members shall be at the same rate as the professional membership dues with the following exceptions:

- a. *Student members.* The dues for student members will be at one-half the rate of professional members.
- b. *Honorary members.* No dues shall be required of honorary members.

Article V. Officers.

Section 1. President. The President will serve a term of two years. The President is responsible for the promotion and advancement of the Association. The President shall serve as general chairperson of the association's Conference activities.

Section 1a. Past President. The past President will serve a term of two years. The Past President is responsible for aiding, assisting, and advising the Association in any way they may be willing to serve.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President will serve a term of two years. The Vice President is responsible for the directorship of the state's Technology Student Association.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary will serve a term of two years. The Secretary is responsible for the documentation of all internal communications within the Association.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer will serve a term of two years. The Treasurer is responsible for all financial records of the Association. In addition the Treasurer is responsible for assisting the President with the coordination of the Association's annual state conference.

Article VI. Election of Officers.

Section 1. Eligibility to Vote. Only the class of members designated as "voting" shall be eligible to vote.

Section 2. Nominations and Balloting. Nominations and balloting for officers will take place at the Association's Annual Business Meeting conducted each year at the state conference. On alternate years the following offices will be open for election: 1) President and Secretary, 2) Vice-President and Treasurer.

Article VII -- Committees

Section 1. Types of Committees.

- a. *State Conference Planning*
- b. *Communications*
- c. *Membership*
- d. *Regionalization of T.E.A.M.*
- e. *Resources*
- f. *Technology Student Association*
- g. *Curricular Support*
- h. *Accreditation*

Section 2. Membership Requirements for Chairpersons. Only voting members of the Association shall be eligible to serve as chairperson of committees.

Section 3. Appointment of Committee Members. The members of committees shall be suggested by the chairperson of each committee and be appointed by the President.

Article VIII -- Meetings and Business

Section 1. Scheduling of Meetings. The Elected Officers shall have the authority to set the time and place of general membership and business meetings for the Association.

Section 2. Annual Conference. Except for unusual reason, there shall be one general membership meeting each year and it is to take place at the Business Meeting of each Annual Conference.

Section 3. Annual Financial Statement. The annual report of the financial status of the Association, as prepared by the Treasurer and the President, shall be presented to the general membership at the Business Meeting of each Annual Conference.

Section 4. Conduct of Association Meetings. The meeting of this Association will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The President shall appoint a parliamentarian who shall rule on all questions of order which may arise.

Article IX -- Amendments.

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be initiated by the process of submitting a written proposal to the Elected Officers. Such proposal must be signed by a minimum of

twenty-five (25) members. Upon approval of the Elected Officers, the proposed amendment shall be presented to the general membership by mail or at the Business Meeting of the Annual Conference for vote. A two-thirds majority of the returned ballots must approve the amendment in order for the amendment to become a part of the Constitution and Bylaws.