

CONSTITUTION TEXAS SOCIAL STUDIES SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association, herein called TSSSA.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

Said organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes which qualifies it as a tax exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a corresponding section of any future tax code. The purposes of this organization shall be to:

1. provide leadership in developing, promoting, and implementing curriculum, and evaluating quality social studies programs and effective instructional strategies that include challenging materials and activities;
2. provide leadership in promoting effective supervision of social studies curriculum, instruction, and staff development;
3. promote communication among social studies supervisory personnel with other appropriate organizations and with the general public;
4. conduct meetings and present programs that are beneficial to the membership of TSSSA; and
5. to act as a group in professional matters pertaining to social studies.

ARTICLE III: ASSOCIATION

The Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association shall be an associated group with the Texas Council for the Social Studies.

The Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association shall be an associated group with the National Social Studies Supervisors Association of the National Council for the Social Studies.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership in this organization shall be open to individuals who have a supervisory responsibility in social studies at the state, region, district, campus, or college/university levels.

Membership in this organization shall be open to retired individuals who have had supervisory responsibilities in social studies.

Associate (non-voting) memberships shall be available to individuals who want to advance the purposes of the organization.

Section 2

Members of TSSSA must be members of the Texas Council for the Social Studies (TCSS).

Section 3

Annual membership dues shall be set at any regular meeting by a majority vote of those members in attendance. Any change in dues shall take effect during the following year. The membership year shall be from annual spring conference to annual spring conference.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1

To be an elected officer of TSSSA, a person shall be a member of TSSSA and TCSS in good standing.

Section 2

The elected officers of TSSSA shall be a President-Elect who becomes President the following year, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and elected officers shall appoint the Newsletter Editor, Conference Chair, and any other needed position.

Section 3

The office of President-Elect shall consist of a one-year term to be followed as the President for one year and Immediate Past-President following the year of presidency. The Vice-President and Treasurer will serve a two-year term and are elected in alternating years from that of the office of Secretary who also serves a two-year term. One year extends from the annual spring conference to the following spring conference.

Section 4

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, Immediate Past-President the Newsletter Editor, the Conference Chair, a representative of the Texas Education Agency (TEA), a representative of the Texas Council of the Social Studies (TCSS), and any other appointed TSSSA position. Voting members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers. Non-voting members of the Executive Board shall be the Newsletter Editor, the Conference Chair, and any other appointed TSSSA positions, as well as the TEA representative and the TCSS representative. The Executive Board shall have the primary

responsibility of conducting business including recommending policies, representing TSSSA, delegating responsibility, maintaining communication with affiliates, and appropriating funds.

Section 5

The primary duties of the officers shall be as follows, but not limited to those described:

President: to plan and preside at the meetings of the organization; to administer the business of the organization; to break the tie in any split vote of the Executive Board; and to serve as a liaison to the Texas Council for the Social Studies and other appropriate organizations.

President-Elect: to conduct meetings in the absence of the President; to plan and organize the program for the fall and spring conferences; and to assist in the administration of the organization.

Vice-President: to maintain accurate membership records; to provide a roster of membership to members each year; and coordinate the presentation of the Ann Rogers Scholarship.

Secretary: to maintain minutes of the meetings; to present a report at Executive Board and business meetings; and count the election ballots.

Treasurer: to maintain accurate financial records; to present a report at the Executive Board and business meetings; to be in charge of all receipts and disbursements of the organization; and to present all records and accounts for audit as directed by the Executive Board.

Past-President: to serve as a parliamentarian and an advisor to the organization; to recruit nominations for elections; and to coordinate the presentation of the Supervisor of the Year.

Section 6

In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the President-Elect shall succeed to the presidency. All other vacancies on the Executive Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by the voting members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1

Nominations for elected offices shall be approved by the Executive Board. Members may submit nominations to the Past-President.

Section 2

The Past-President shall prepare a ballot that includes the candidates' names and space for write-in candidates. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the spring conference. Elected officers shall be announced at the spring business meeting.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1

There shall be at least two business meetings of TSSSA during each membership year.

Section 2

There shall be at least two meetings of the Executive Board during each membership year.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

The President with the approval of the Executive Board shall appoint ad hoc committees as are deemed appropriate to conduct the business of TSSSA.

ARTICLE IX: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1

The organization shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) in all cases in which it is consistent with the constitution of TSSSA.

Section 2

TSSSA may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a business meeting if the organization has a majority of inactive members or becomes financially insolvent. Any assets existing at that time shall be transferred within thirty days to the treasury of the Texas Council for the Social Studies.

Section 3

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities, send the remaining funds to the treasury of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, which qualifies as a non-profit organization exclusively for educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of TSSSA may be amended at any regular business meeting of the organization by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided the membership has been notified of the proposed amendment at least thirty days prior to the voting.

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