

Constitution of the Student North Carolina Association of Educators

Article I. Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this association shall be Student North Carolina Association of Educators, hereinafter known as SNCAE.

Section 2. Headquarters for SNCAE will be maintained in the NCAE building, located in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina.

Article II. Purposes

Section 1. To promote interest among young adults who are interested in education and education related careers, but not to the exclusion of non-education majors.

Section 2. To provide members with opportunities for developing personal growth and professional competence, and to, at all times, encourage professional development.

Section 3. To provide opportunities for gaining an understanding of the history, ethics and programs of the education profession, and to include information and encourage student involvement of the political actions that affect the education profession.

Section 4. To provide opportunities for participating in cooperative work on the problems of the profession and the community, and to achieve this goal, in part, through community service.

Section 5. To provide professional membership on the local, state, and national levels during the preparation period for a career in education.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in SNCAE shall be open to any North Carolina student preparing for a career or who is interested in education and who has never been eligible for any other category of membership the NEA, except membership in the ESP division.

Section 2. In addition to being a member of SNCAE, each member shall be affiliated national student program as per NEA-SP requirements. Members are also strongly encouraged to participate in local chapter, in the chapter of the college in which they are a student or, should a chapter be unavailable at said college, membership in the closest college chapter.

Section 3. A person shall not be admitted to or continue membership in SNCAE who possesses a teaching contract or who receives payment for teaching duties rendered, with the exception of graduate students receiving graduate teaching assistantships.

Section 4. The membership year shall be from August 1 to July 30.

Section 5. Membership will never be denied on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, or physical challenge.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of SNCAE shall be responsible to the membership in all matters concerning the discharge of their duties.

Section 2. The officers of SNCAE shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, NEA Representative, and Webmaster.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected at the annual spring student conference. Should there be no conference, the current SNCAE Committee shall decide upon a just and democratic method in which to elect officers. This method must include a quorum of at least fifty person involvement of student members present at a meeting or called upon to vote through other means, such as mail. Members must be informed of any meeting called or any request for votes at least three weeks before said meeting or ballot count.

Section 4. Any officer who does not fulfill his or her duties may be replaced, first being discharged by majority vote of the SNCAE Committee and then replaced in as fair a way as possible, but no less than majority vote of the new officer by the SNCAE Committee.

Article V. Organization

Section 1. The SNCAE Committee shall consist of the officers of SNCAE and the advisory members from the NCAE office. The advisory members shall be decided upon by the NCAE office.

Section 2. There shall be at least one conference per year; this conference should be held in the spring in order for new officers to be elected. All efforts must be made to ensure that every chapter is available to attend the conference, and any aid that the chapter needs in reference to the conference shall be attempted to be fulfilled by SNCAE.

Article VI. Affiliation

Section 1. SNCAE shall be affiliated with the National Education Association-Student Program, hereinafter referred to NEA-SP.

Section 2. SNCAE shall not affiliate with any local, state, or national group, union, or association, that competes for membership with the NEA-SP.

Article VII. Amendment Process

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the SNCAE Committee or student conference.

Section 2. A two-thirds vote by the SNCAE Committee or a majority vote by student members at the conference is needed for an amendment.

Section 3. With the exception of emergencies, legal issues, or conflicts with the NEA-SP, proposed amendments that directly affect the student members must be delivered in an apropos manner to the student members, at least three weeks prior to the proposed date of voting.

Section 4. Any amendment to this Constitution shall become effective immediately upon the vote.

Article VIII. Suspension of Rules

Section 1. Any section of any article of this Constitution may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the SNCAE Committee or a student conference, provided that any request for suspension must be accompanied by a statement of purpose for the suspension of rules.

By-Laws

Article I. Officers

Section 1. The term of office for the officers shall be one year or until their successors are duly qualified. Incumbents are eligible to seek reelection for one additional term. Unless there be a protest to the vote and call for an appeal, the officers shall assume office immediately following the election.

Section 2. President's duties shall include but not be limited to:

- a) shall be chief executive officer of SNCAE
- b) shall represent SNCAE as a spokesperson or assign responsibility for such representation
- c) shall prepare the agenda for SNCAE Committee meetings under the guidance of the NCAE appointed chair and shall preside at all meetings of the SNCAE Committee, all conferences, and any other function that falls under the responsibility of SNCAE
- d) shall serve as ex-officio member on all committees after term and shall advise the president in the term immediately following his or her own
- e) shall, with the approval of the SNCAE Committee, appoint the parliamentarian and the members of all standing committees

Section 3. The Vice President's duties shall include but not be limited to:

- a) shall preside in the absence of the president at any meeting which is necessary
- b) shall perform all other duties as delegated by the President and/or the SNCAE Committee

Section 4. The Secretary's duties shall include but not be limited to:

- a) shall keep accurate records and files of the proceedings of the SNCAE Committee meetings and any business meetings of the conferences
- b) shall submit reports as needed to the President and/or SNCAE Committee

Section 5. The NEA-Representative's duties shall include but not be limited to:

- a) shall attend all required, NEA, NCAE, or SNCAE functions
- b) shall report back to the SNCAE all information gathered from these functions in an accessible manner, shall report to the President and SNCAE Committee
- c) shall be a source of information about the NEA-SP and shall be responsible for any national relevant topics.

Section 6. The Webmaster's duties shall include but not be limited to:

- a) shall be responsible for the creation and maintenance of the SNCAE website
- b) shall provide technical help and information, including any website passwords, to the President and SNCAE Committee
- c) shall be responsible for updating the webpage at last once per month under the direction of the President or SNCAE Committee

Article II. Dues

Section 1. Members shall pay annually the current fees for student membership for local chapters (if applicable), SNCAE, NEA-SP.

Article III. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Elections will be held at the spring student conference.

Section 2. All nominees must be members of SNCAE.

Section 3. All nominations should be submitted prior to the conference as pertains to the guidelines established at the beginning of the SNCAE year. Guidelines will be submitted in a timely and efficient manner prior to the conference.

Section 4. If there is an office without nominations, nominations may be taken from the floor at the conference.

Section 5. Elections will be held during the conference.

Section 6. No more than \$50 may be spent on campaign funds by any nominee or any affiliate of the nominee.

Section 7. All nominees must present a speech to the members in attendance at the conference.

Section 8. All members, including the nominee, may vote at the conference. Only members present at the conference may vote unless prior approval is granted by the SNCAE Committee.

Section 9. A winner shall be declared based on simply majority vote.

Article IV. Due Process

Section 1. SNCAE shall guarantee that no member will be censored, suspended, or expelled without a due process which shall include an appellate procedure.

Section 2. SNCAE shall guarantee that no member of the SNCAE Committee shall be impeached and removed from office or post without a due process procedure which shall include an appellate procedure.

Section 3. The general membership shall approve rules and procedures to implement these due process guarantees.

Article V. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the authority on all questions of procedure not specified in this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. Should there be further questions; the SNCAE Constitution is to submit to the NEA-SP Constitution.

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