

NEBRASKA ART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

(Revised Fall 2016)

ARTICLE I- NAME

This organization shall be known as the Nebraska Art Teachers Association (NATA).

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

NATA is a professional association whose purpose shall be to develop and promote quality art education in Nebraska.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

As a unified state affiliate of the National Art Education Association (NAEA), membership in NATA shall be composed of those who share in the purpose of the organization and who are also members of the National Art Education Association.

ARTICLE IV- DUES

Dues shall correspond with those dues and membership categories offered by the National Art Education Association.

ARTICLE V- NATA BOARD

Section 1: The NATA BOARD shall consist of the Executive Committee and Strategic Vision Directors.

Section 2: The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any elected position on the executive committee may be served by a single member or by co-/shared members. All Executive committee members are voting members.

Section 3. The STRATEGIC VISION DIRECTORS shall consist of the Advocacy/PR Director, Member Services Director, Professional Learning Director, Community Director. Any appointed position on the board delegates may be served by a single member or by co-/shared members. All Strategic Vision Directors are voting members.

Section 3. a. The ADVOCACY/PR DIRECTOR oversees the following non-voting board representatives:-Minority Concerns, Nebraska Legislature, Student & Member Exhibits

Section 3. b. The MEMBER SERVICES oversees the following non-voting board representatives:-Awards, Historian, Membership, Newsletter, Website/Social Media

Section 3. c The PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DIRECTOR oversees the following non-voting board representatives: Fall Conference, Pre-Service/Spring Forum, Independent Schools, North Regional ESU, South Regional ESU, West Regional ESU, East Regional ESU, ESU Liason

Section 3. d The COMMUNITY DIRECTOR oversees the following non-voting board representatives: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, K-12, Higher Ed, Student Chapter, Supervision/Administration, Museum, Retired

Section 4: Representatives of selected State Arts organizations may serve as EX-OFFICIO members of the NATA Board.

Section 5: Five of the Nine members of the NATA Board shall constitute a QUORUM for voting on policy decisions. Board members who serve in more than one position only have one vote. A board position served by more than one member (co-/shared) has only one vote.

Section 6: All members of the Executive Committee, Strategic Vision Directors, and Board Representatives are given copies of an Ethical Code of conduct and a Conflict of Interest Policy document to study and sign.

ARTICLE VI –Duties of the Officers, Term of Office, and Legislative functions, Qualifications, Administrative Period, and Vacancies.

Section 1: The PRESIDENT shall act on behalf of the Association in matters of policy and decision making as the elected representative of the Association, having final voice on all activities under the endorsement of NATA with approval of the Executive Committee. The President will coordinate and delegate responsibilities to officers, committees, and representatives; represent NATA in all appropriate groups and/or associations which seek to support the advancement of art in Nebraska, or delegate such a representative; Represent NATA on the NAEA Delegate’s Assembly or delegate such a representative, and review all appointed positions annually. Serves for a 2 year term and then moves into Past-President role.

Section 2: The PRESIDENT-ELECT shall assist the President as delegated and assume presidential responsibilities in the absence of the President or when so designated. Serves for a 2 year term and then moves into President role.

Section 3: The PAST-PRESIDENT shall be the consultant and coordinator for all program chairpersons under the direction of the President. Serves for a 2 year term and then move off of the NATA Board.

Section 4: The SECRETARY shall record and distribute minutes of board meetings.

Section 5: The TREASURER shall keep financial records and pay all bills; arrange for an annual external review of association books at the end of each fiscal year; prepare and submit a financial status report for each board meeting and an annual financial report to the membership at the Fall Conference. A BOOKKEEPER is appointed by the Executive Committee to work collaboratively with the Treasurer and serve as a second reviewer for all NATA finances. The BOOKKEEPER is an ex-officio member of the NATA board.

Section 6: The ADMINISTRATIVE PERIOD shall coincide with the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30.

Section 7: The TERM OF OFFICE for executive officers shall be for two years. No officer may hold two offices simultaneously.

Section 8: VACANCIES. When vacancies occur, the President shall appoint a replacement subject to Board approval.

Section 9: The QUALIFICATIONS for Executive Officers shall be that they are NATA/NAEA members in good standing for a minimum of two years and actively support art education.

Section 10: The QUALIFICATIONS for STRATEGIC VISION DIRECTORS & REPRESENTATIVES shall be that they are NATA/NAEA members and actively support art education.

ARTICLE VII- NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: NOMINATIONS. In an election year, the President-Elect shall request that the Board submit nominations for candidates for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer at the Fall Conference Board meeting. At the same Fall Conference, the President-Elect will call for additional nominations from the membership. A further call for nominations will be sent out to the NATA membership. Nominations will include the name and a statement of qualifications for the nominee.

Nominations must be received by the current President-Elect by the last Monday in October. Nominees will be contacted individually to confirm their acceptance of the nomination and to submit a brief biography. The slate of nominees will be sent to the Executive Committee and qualifications will be verified. The slate of candidates and their qualifications will be featured in the following *NATA Perspective* along with ballots.

Section 2: All active members of the NATA/NAEA shall be eligible to vote for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The election must be conducted by ballot submitted electronically or through the Postal Service. Each ballot will have the NAEA/NATA membership identification of the voter.

Section 3: The President-Elect will tally the ballots and report the results to the President for publication. Candidates will be notified as soon as possible and the results posted on the NATA web site and in the forthcoming *NATA Perspective*.

Section 4: The incoming President shall call a meeting of the new officers to make preliminary plans for the Association prior to the July Board Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII- LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS

Section: 1: The NATA Board shall be the legislative body of the association subject to the membership who may in a general meeting, reverse its decision by a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2: All powers resting in the association not specifically delegated in the constitution and bylaws shall rest in the NATA Board which may delegate certain powers to elected or appointed units or officers of the association.

Section 3: Actions taken by the NATA Board within the limits of the constitution and bylaws shall be binding on the association and its elective or appointive units or officers and shall remain

binding until such time as they are reversed or revised by the membership, as provided for under Section 1 above.

ARTICLE IX- AFFILIATION

The association shall affiliate with the National Art Education Association. NATA may associate with other educational associations.

ARTICLE X- AMENDMENTS AND INITIATIVES

An amendment to the constitution may be initiated by any active member of the organization by submitting it in writing to the President, prior to the fall general meeting, and may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those members voting at such general business meeting.

ARTICLE XI- MEETINGS

The fiscal year of the association shall end on the 30th of June of every year. The annual meeting of the association shall be called with the discretion of the NATA Board, at a time when most of the membership may attend. NATA Board meetings shall be at least three times per year. Additional meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President and the Executive Committee.