

# **Technology Engineering Education Association Of Tennessee**

**(Known as: TEEA of Tennessee)**

## **Bylaws**

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**Bylaws Approved by TEEA of Tennessee on July 20, 2006**

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## ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be known as the Technology Engineering Education Association (TEEA) of Tennessee

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- Section 1.** To serve as a united front for Technology Engineering Education.
- Section 2.** To serve as a communication link between the state technology educators and state and national professional organizations.
- Section 3.** To support and further professional ideals of technology engineering education.
- Section 4.** To encourage membership in TEEA of Tennessee.
- Section 5.** To provide an open forum for the study and discussion of all concerns involved in technology engineering education.
- Section 6.** To emphasize and encourage the promotion, improvement, and expansion of programs of technology engineering education.
- Section 7.** To inform the public of the importance of technology engineering education and the major role it plays in the total education system.
- Section 8.** To Assume and maintain active leadership for promoting the technology engineering education personnel and students of Tennessee.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1** **Eligibility**  
The Technology Engineering Education Association (TEEA) of Tennessee is a state professional organization of teachers, supervisors, and administrators of technology engineering education, as well as individuals, companies, or organizations interested in furthering the purposes of technology engineering education.
- Section 2** **Membership Classification**
- A. Regular membership shall be open to all persons engaged in teaching, supervising, or administering technology engineering education in Tennessee.
  - B. Associate membership shall be open to those interested in furthering the purposes technology engineering education.
  - C. Sustaining membership shall be open to individuals, companies, or industrial organizations interested in furthering the purposes of technology engineering education.
  - D. Student membership shall be open to all students engaged in, or eligible for, technology engineering education in the State of Tennessee.
  - E. Honorary membership may be bestowed upon persons whose distinguished contribution to technology engineering education is recognized by action of the members at a regular business meeting. Only the Executive committee may nominate honorary members.

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## Section 3 Voting and Holding Office

Only individuals from the regular membership classification shall be considered eligible to vote and serve as officers and/or committee members.

## Section 4 Membership Year

Membership shall begin with the receipt of dues in the TACTE office and shall continue until the end of the current school year.

## ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY

### Section 1 Officers

**The officers of this association shall be elected from the regular membership.**

#### A. Elected Officers

The elected officers of the Association shall be a President, a President Elect, a Past-President, and a Vice-President serving each of the three state regions, ITEA Representative (Tennessee's Affiliated Rep.) , and TSA Student Members (TSA State President elected each year during the Annual Business Meeting during the State Leadership Conference).

#### B. Election of Officers

1. The President of the Association shall be President Elect for one year.
2. The President Elect shall be elected annually by the regular membership. The procedure for electing the Vice-President is outlined in the Bylaws.
3. The Vice-Presidents: Each of the three state regions shall elect a Vice-President. The procedure for electing the Vice-President is outlined in the Bylaws.
4. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
5. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
6. The President elect shall serve for one year.
7. The association shall exist and function as a division of the Tennessee Association of Career and Technical Education (TACTE).

#### C. Filling Office Vacancy

Any vacancies that occur may be filled by appointment by the President of the Executive Committee on an interim basis until the next semi-annual meeting.

### Section 2 Executive Committee

The Executive committee shall be composed of all the officers of the Association. All officers shall be voting members of the Executive committee except the Past President and the President Elect.

### Section 3 Powers of the Executive Committee

- A. The Executive committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Association, approve all expenditures, carry out policies established by the Association, and suggest policies for consideration by the Association, providing none of these actions conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association.
- B. The executive Committee shall have power to fill all vacancies which occur within it after the summer Tennessee Vocational Association meeting.

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- C. The Executive committee shall utilize the services of the State Consultant of technology engineering education as a non voting member and will serve as Executive Director of the Association.
- D. Power to appoint and dissolve standing committees and such special committees as needed is granted to the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

### Section 1 **Semi-Annual Meetings**

The Association shall hold a minimum of two meetings each school year; one each semester. Time and location of these meeting will be determined by the Executive Committee.

### Section 2 **Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Tennessee technology engineering education Association may be called upon the request of the President of the Executive Committee.

### Section 3 **Voting and Holding Office**

The regular members present shall comprise a quorum for the Executive Committee, other committees, and general meetings.

## ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

### Section 1 **Amendments to the Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at either the semi annual meetings or by a mail canvass of the regular membership conducted by the Executive Committee. Proposed amendments may be submitted (a) from the floor at the semi-annual meetings, (b) in writing by the executive committee to the regular membership at least thirty (30) days prior to an announced voting date in a mail canvass of members. A two thirds majority vote of the members present at the semi-annual meeting, or the regular membership canvassed by mail shall be necessary for the amendment to become a part of this Constitution.

### Section 2 **Amendments to the Bylaws**

Amendments to the Bylaws of this Constitution may be adopted at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the regular membership present and voting.

## ARTICLE VII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of order, Revised, shall govern any provision not covered by the Association Bylaws.

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## ARTICLE VIII - ASSETS

### Section 1 Unified dues

- A. TTEA of Tennessee's dues shall be to the amount of \$5.00 for the school year. These dues are paid to TACTE or can be paid to ACTE directly and will be reimbursed to TEEA of Tennessee.
- B. Divisional (TACTE) dues shall be to the amount of \$25.00 for the school year.
- C. Assets are to be held in an account for use by TEEA of Tennessee. In the event of dissolution of TEEA of Tennessee the monies are to be transferred to the Dr. Tom D'Apolito Scholarship to be used for worthy students who are completers in Technology Engineering Education. This scholarship will be given out once a year at the Tennessee TSA State Conference to one (1) worthy student.
- D. Funds shall be held in accounts and transfers must be accomplished by authorized action and co-signed transfer papers.

## ARTICLE IX – OFFICE LOCATION

The location of TTEA of Tennessee Office of Registry on the 501.c3 non profit document shall be located at the office of the State Program Consultant for Technology Engineering Education, as know as the Executive Director of TEEA of Tennessee.

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