

NJAMTE - New Jersey Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators

Constitution

Article I -- Name

The name of the non-profit association shall be New Jersey Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators, hereinafter referred to as NJAMTE.

Article II -- Affiliations

NJAMTE may affiliate with other organizations, subject to the approval of a majority of those NJAMTE members voting. Voting shall be by a ballot sent to all individual members. The ballot shall be accompanied by statements supporting affiliation and non-affiliation.

Article III -- Purposes and Goals

The goal of NJAMTE is to promote quality mathematics teacher education in New Jersey in all aspects.

Specifically, the purposes are to:

1. Facilitate communication and collaboration among mathematics teacher educators and consultants at the elementary, secondary, community college, and college and university levels.
2. Promote quality undergraduate and graduate programs in mathematics education for prospective teachers in the State of New Jersey
3. Promote quality programs for the professional development of teachers of mathematics at all levels

Article IV -- Types of Membership

Section 1: Types of Membership

Regular membership shall be open to all individuals who reside and/or work in the State of New Jersey and who are interested in the goal and purposes of NJAMTE as stated in Article III. A person shall become a regular member in good standing upon receipt of a completed application and designated dues.

Institutional membership shall be open to all organizations that are interested in the goals of NJAMTE as stated in Article III. An organization shall become an institutional member in good standing upon receipt of a completed application and designated dues.

Student membership shall be open to all individuals who are interested in the goal and purposes of NJAMTE as stated in Article III who are currently enrolled full-time in a college or university in the State of New Jersey. A student shall become a student member in good standing upon receipt of a completed application and designated dues.

Section 2: Privileges of Members

Regular members shall be accorded all rights and privileges normally provided members of educational and professional associations including the right to vote, hold office, receive publications, and participate in conferences and meetings.

Institutional members shall have all the same rights and privileges as regular members, except the right to vote and hold office.

Student members shall have all the same rights and privileges as regular members.

Section 3: Termination of Membership

A member may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Board of Directors or to any member of the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt or upon a date specified in the letter of resignation. Membership shall be terminated upon the non-payment of dues. If dues have not been received within six months of the beginning of the fiscal year, membership shall be terminated.

Article V -- Organization

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, and representatives from relevant institutions and categories and shall be the policy-making body of NJAMTE.

Section 2: Standing Committees

There shall be standing committees of NJAMTE as provided in the Bylaws of the Association. Standing committee members and chairpersons shall be appointed by the

President of NJAMTE with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The Nominations and Election Committee shall be a standing committee of the Association.

Section 3: Representatives to Affiliated Organizations

The Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to be the representative to the Organizations to which NJAMTE is affiliated. The representative must also be a member of the affiliated organization. The representative shall be appointed each year.

Article VI-- Elected Officers and Representatives

Section 1: Officers

The elected officers of NJAMTE shall consist of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and President Elect or Immediate Past President.

Section 2: Elected Representatives

Representatives are elected from the following institutions or categories: (2) Four-Year College/University, (1) Two-Year College, and (1) Consultant/Teacher/other.

Section 3: Duties of President

The President shall ensure that the affairs of the NJAMTE are conducted in accordance with this Constitution, Bylaws, and policies of the NJAMTE; shall be the presiding officer at the Business Meeting, Board of Directors meetings and any special meetings; shall call special meetings as provided for in Section VII-2 of this Constitution; shall coordinate the activities of standing committees; and shall provide leadership for the attainment of the goal and purposes of the NJAMTE.

Section 4: Duties of the President-Elect

The President-Elect shall serve as assistant to the President and assume the office of President in the year following

her/his election. The President-Elect, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall assume the Presidency during his/her term of office upon the incapacity or unavailability of the President.

Section 5: Duties of Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall serve as a resource person to the President during the year following the Immediate Past President's term of office as President of NJAMTE. The Immediate Past President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall reassume the Presidency during the year following her/his term as President upon the incapacity or unavailability of the President.

Section 6: Secretary

The Secretary shall record and maintain a file of the minutes of official meetings of the Association and its Board of Directors and shall be responsible for the correspondence of the Association.

Section 7: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall ensure that all revenues and expenditures of NJAMTE be in conformity with the Constitution, Bylaws, and policies of the NJAMTE; shall be responsible for maintaining records of all monies received and paid in the name of the Association; shall maintain a current and accurate membership list; shall maintain the Association's non-profit status; shall transact the financial affairs of the Association upon recommendation of the Board of Directors; and shall prepare financial reports to be presented at the meetings of the Board of Directors and prepare an annual report to be presented at NJAMTE's Business Meeting.

Section 8: Representatives

The Representatives shall assume those responsibilities determined by the president.

Section 9: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and elected representatives from relevant institutions and categories and shall be the policy-making body of NJAMTE.

Section 10: Term of Office

The terms of office for the elected officers of NJAMTE and Representatives shall be two years, except for President-Elect and Immediate Past President who shall serve one year terms. The Immediate Past President will serve in the first year of the President's term and the President-Elect shall serve in the second year of the President's term. Elected officers of NJAMTE and the Representatives shall assume office at the end of the Business Meeting at which their election is announced. An officer, other than the President, or a Representative may serve no more than two consecutive terms in a specific office. The President may serve only one term in that office.

Section 11: Vacancies

When a vacancy on the Board of Directors occurs, the President with approval of the remaining Board of Directors shall designate an individual member to fill the position for the remainder of the term of office for all Board members other than the President.

Article VII -- Meetings

Section 1: Business Meeting

NJAMTE shall hold a Business Meeting as specified in the bylaws of the Association. This meeting will be open to all members.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Association shall be called by the President at the direction of the Board of Directors or upon petition of 20% of the membership.

Section 3: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as necessary.

Section 4: Parliamentary Procedure

Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised shall prevail at all NJAMTE meetings, except as provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 5: Quorum

Quorum for the Business Meeting and/or Special Meetings of the Association shall be the members present. The membership shall be notified of the time and place of a meeting at least 30 days prior to the Business Meeting or any Special Meeting.

The presence of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at the Board of Directors meetings.

Article VIII -- Nominations and Elections

Section 1: Nominations and Election Committee

The President shall appoint and the Board of Directors shall approve a Nomination and Election Committee as specified in Article VI.

Section 2: Elections

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot of the membership prior to the Business Meeting.

Article IX -- Referendum

All formal actions taken by the Board of Directors shall be subject to a referendum of the membership in the following manner.

Section 1: Reconsideration

Upon presentation to the Board of Directors of a petition bearing the signatures of a minimum of 10% of the voting members, the Board of Directors shall, at a meeting called within a reasonable time, reconsider its formal action as specified by the petitioners.

Section 2: Referendum

If, after reconsideration, the Board of Directors reaffirms its action, that action shall be subject to a ballot of the membership within 30 days of the reconsideration. If a majority of the regular members of NJAMTE who vote reject

the Board of Directors action, that action shall become null and void.

Article X -- Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended by the following procedure.

Any member(s) may propose amendments.

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Board of Directors 60 days prior to the Business Meeting. A proposed amendment endorsed by 20% of the individual members present at the Business Meeting shall be considered at the meeting.

The Board of Directors shall present for discussion all proposed constitutional amendments at the Business Meeting. Proposed constitutional amendments receiving a majority vote of the individual members present at the Business Meeting shall be submitted to the membership for ratification by ballot within 60 days of the Business Meeting and shall take effect when approved by a 60% of those individual members in good standing who vote.

Article XI -- Ratification of the Constitution

This Constitution is ratified when it is approved by 60% of those individual Members in good standing who vote.

Article XII -- Dissolution of NJAMTE

This Association may be dissolved only at a Business Meeting. Notification of the intention to dissolve the NJAMTE shall be sent to all members in good standing prior to the meeting. The resolution for dissolution shall be discussed at the Business Meeting. If the resolution to dissolve the NJAMTE is approved by more than 50% of the individual members in good standing who vote at the Business Meeting, then NJAMTE shall be dissolved.

Upon any such dissolution of the Association, all its property remaining after satisfaction of all its obligations shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or corporations which is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 {C} (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The determination of how to distribute the funds will be determined at the meeting at which the dissolution of NJAMTE is decided.

Article XIII -- Internal Revenue Code

This association qualifies for 501 {C} (3) status under the Internal Revenue Code. As such, this association is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 {C} (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax as an organization described in section 501 {C} (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code).