

**NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION-NEW HAMPSHIRE  
WESTERN REGION  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Active membership on the Regional Council shall be open to members acting as representatives from all local Associations in the Western Region which are unified and affiliated with NEA-NH.

**ARTICLE II**

**OFFICERS**

The officers of the Association shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be members of the Regional Council. The officers shall be elected by the Regional Council on an annual basis at the June meeting. State Executive Board Representative from Region is not required to be Chairperson.

**ARTICLE III**

**VOTING MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

SECTION 1 The voting members of the Regional Council shall consist of the NEA-NH Elected Regional Representative(s) to the NEA-NH Executive Board and up to a maximum of one representative from each local within the region.

SECTION 2 Whenever a majority of the Regional Council shall agree that a Council Member has been consistently negligent of his/her duties, the Council shall have the power to remove that individual by a 2/3 majority vote.

SECTION 3 All Regional Council Members shall have unified membership and come from a dues paying local.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEETINGS**

SECTION 1 The Regional Council shall meet in September and schedule at least five meetings during the school year, exclusive of the Membership Dinner.

SECTION 2 The officers of the Regional Council and the budget shall be voted on at the June meeting, as well as all other issues it determines.

SECTION 3 Officers of the Regional Council may call special meetings at any time.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **QUORUM**

A quorum shall be six (6) members of the regional executive council.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **POWERS OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1 The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Regional Council, appoint the chairpersons and members of committees, approve expenditures of money by the Treasurer and perform all other functions usually attributed to this office.

SECTION 2 The Vice Chairperson shall perform all functions usually attributed to the office. She/he shall become the Chairperson if the Chair becomes vacant.

SECTION 3 The Secretary shall carry out all duties customarily performed by a secretary, including providing minutes of the meetings, to be emailed to Chairperson.

SECTION 4 The Treasurer shall carry out all functions customarily performed by a Treasurer. She/he shall: (1) authorize the payment of all expenditures approved by the Regional Council (2) be responsible for receiving and banking all fees and other Council moneys; and (3) disburse such funds in payment of bills and other council transactions approved by the Regional Council. A financial report shall be made annually by the Treasurer.

SECTION 5 Terms and Succession

- A. The officers shall serve for one (1) year and may be reelected without an intervening term.
- B. The Regional Representative(s) to the NEA-NH Executive Board should serve for terms concurrent with their state terms. The NEA-NH Constitution will determine the number of representatives to the Western Region.
- C. Terms of office shall commence at the September meeting of each year.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **POWER OF REGIONAL COUNCIL**

SECTION 1 The Regional Council shall be the governing body of the region. It shall approve the budget, establish policies on funding regional programs, act on reports of committees, and approve resolutions and other policy statements. All appropriate powers

not delegated to the officers or other groups of the region shall be vested in the Regional Council.

SECTION 2 The Regional Council shall make recommendations in the hiring of a UniServ Director subject to agreement with NEA-NH.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **COMMITTEES**

The Chairperson may appoint committees which are necessary to carry out the business of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for the Association on all questions not covered by Articles of Agreement and Bylaws and such standing rules as the Council Members may adopt.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **FUNDING**

Subject to these bylaws, the funding of regional programs and stipends for Regional Council Officers shall be determined by the Regional Council by a majority vote of those present and voting at any duly called meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Regional Council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the council present, provided that such proposed amendments shall have been presented at a hearing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting or provided that notice and proposed amendments shall have been sent to each local president or designee.

Regional Council Constitution and Bylaws established November 6, 2017.