

~~NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION-NEW HAMPSHIRE~~
SOUTHERN 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 Southern 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.

ARTICLE III

VOTING MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SECTION 1 The voting members of the Regional Council shall consist of the 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 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 at least six (6) times each year at a place and time it determines.

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 The UniServ director, in conjunction with the officers of the Regional Council, may call special meetings at any time with at least five (5) days written notice from the date of postmark.

ARTICLE V

QUORUM

Twenty-five (25%) percent of the maximum number of voting members shall be a quorum for the Regional Council. (See Article III, Section 1.)

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.

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 quarterly 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 Southern 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 from the Southern Region.
- C. Terms of office shall commence after each election, preferably 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 on the business of the Association.

ARTICLE IX

AUTHORITY

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

ARTICLE X

FUNDING

SECTION 1 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.

SECTION 2 Dues shall be assessed upon each member local Association based on the number of active members in said local Association.

SECTION 3 Funding assistance to locals and members within the region may be dependent upon payment of regional dues paid in accordance with Article XI.

ARTICLE XI

DUES TRANSMITTAL POLICY

All regional dues shall be paid by March 15, unless there are extenuating circumstances which have been approved by the Regional Council.

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ARTICLE XII**

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 mailed to each local president or designee.

Southern Regional Council Constitution and Bylaws established October, 2012.