

CONSTITUTION

New York State Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators

Article I – Name

The name of this non-profit association shall be the New York State Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators, hereinafter referred to as NYSAMTE.

Article II – Affiliations

NYSAMTE is the State of New York affiliate of AMTE, the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators. NYSAMTE may affiliate with other organizations, subject to the approval of a majority of those NYSAMTE members voting. Voting shall be by ballot sent to all individual members. The ballot shall be accompanied by statements supporting affiliation and non-affiliation.

Article III – Purposes and Goals

The mission of NYSAMTE is to promote all aspects of quality mathematics teacher education in New York State. Specifically, the purposes are to:

1. Facilitate communication and collaboration among mathematics teacher educators across the state;
2. Promote research and other scholarly endeavors related to mathematics teacher education;
3. Encourage and organize programs and meetings focusing on issues related to the preparation and professional development of mathematics teachers;
4. Coordinate activities and work collaboratively with other associations, organizations, and governmental units concerned with the preparation and professional development of mathematics teachers;
5. Advocate for effective policies and practices related to mathematics teacher education at all levels both within and beyond the State of New York; and
6. Advocate for equitable practices, including efforts to support and increase the diversity of mathematics teachers and mathematics teacher educators.

Article IV – Membership

Section I: Types of Membership

A. Regular Membership

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

B. Institutional Membership

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

C. Student Membership

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

D. Emeritus Membership

Emeritus membership shall be open to all retired educators who are interested in the goals of NYSAMTE as stated in Article III.

Section 2: Privileges of Members

- A. Regular, Student, and Emeritus 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.
- B. Institutional Members shall have all the same rights and privileges as regular members, except the right to vote and hold office.

Section 3: Termination of Membership

- A. A member may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to any or all of the members of the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt or upon a date specified in the letter of resignation.
- B. Membership shall be terminated upon the non-payment of dues. The Board will determine a grace period, not to exceed three months, wherein a member can renew his/her/their membership without loss of membership privileges.

Article V – Elected Officers and Duties

Section 1: Officers

The elected officers of NYSAMTE shall consist of President, Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect or Immediate Past President.

Section 2: Duties of President

The President shall ensure that the affairs of NYSAMTE are conducted in accordance with this Constitution, Bylaws, and policies of NYSAMTE; shall be the presiding officer of the annual business meeting, Board of Directors meetings, and any special meeting; 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 goals of NYSAMTE.

Section 3: Duties of President-Elect

The President-Elect shall serve as assistant to the President and assume the office of President in the year following her/his/their election. The President-Elect, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall assume the Presidency during his/her/their term of office upon the incapacity or unavailability of the President.

Section 4: 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 NYSAMTE. The Immediate Past President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall reassume the Presidency during the year following her/his/their term as President upon the incapacity or unavailability of the President.

Section 5: Duties of 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, including maintaining an updated membership list.

Section 7: Duties of Treasurer

The Treasurer shall ensure that all revenues and expenditures of NYSAMTE conform with the Constitution, Bylaws, and policies of the NYSAMTE; shall be responsible for maintaining records of all monies received and paid in the name of the Association; shall maintain the Association's non-profit status; shall transact the financial affairs of the Association upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and prepare an annual report to be presented at NYSAMTE's annual business meeting.

Section 8: Term of Office

The terms of office for the elected officers of NYSAMTE shall be two years, except for the 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 NYSAMTE shall assume office at the end of the annual business meeting at which their election is announced. An officer, other than the President may serve no more than two consecutive terms in a specific office. The President may serve only one term in that office.

Section 9: Vacancies

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

Article VI – Organization

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be the policy-making body of NYSAMTE and shall consist of the elected officers.

Section 2: Standing Committees

There shall be standing committees of the NYSAMTE as provided in the Bylaws of the Association. Standing committee members and chairpersons shall be appointed by the President of NYSAMTE 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 NYSAMTE is affiliated. The representative must also be a member of the affiliated organization. The representative shall be appointed each year.

Article VII – Meetings

Section 1: Annual Business Meeting

NYSAMTE shall hold one business meeting per year as specified in the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 2: Special Meetings

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

Section 3: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet at least annually, with additional meetings called by the President as necessary.

Section 4: Parliamentary Procedure

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

Section 5: Quorum

Quorum for the annual business meeting and/or special meetings of the Association shall be the members present. The members shall be notified of the time and place of a meeting at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting or any special meeting.

The presence of a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Director meetings.

Article VIII – Nominations and Elections

Section 1: Nominations and Election Committee

The President shall appoint and the Board of Directors shall approve a Nominations 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.

The Board of Directors will assume office at the end of the Business Meeting at which their election is announced.

Article IX – Referendum

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 NYSAMTE who vote to reject the Board of Directors action, that action shall become null and void.

Article X – Amendments to the Constitution

Any member may propose amendments.

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Board of Directors 60 days prior to a business meeting. The Board of Directors shall present for discussion all proposed Constitutional amendments at a business meeting. Proposed Constitutional amendments receiving a majority vote of the Regular, Student, and Emeritus Members present at the annual meeting shall be submitted to the membership for ratification by ballot within 60 days of a business meeting and shall take effect when approved by two-thirds majority of those members in good-standing who vote within the specified period of time.

Article XI – Ratification of the Constitution

The Constitution is ratified when it is approved by a majority of the members in good standing who vote.

Article XII – Dissolution of Organization

The Association may be dissolved only at an annual business meeting. Notification of the intention to dissolve the Association shall be sent to all members in good standing prior to the meeting. The resolution for dissolution shall be discussed at the annual business meeting. If the resolution to dissolve the Association is approved by more than 50% of the Regular, Student, and Emeritus Members in good standing who vote at the annual business meeting, then NYSAMTE 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 NYSAMTE 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 undertake any 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).

Bylaws

New York State Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators

Article I – Membership

Section 1: Application for Membership

Applications for NYSAMTE membership shall be submitted in such a manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe. Upon approval of the application by the Board of Directors as upon receipt of dues, the applicant shall become a member as specified in the Constitution, Article IV.

Section 2: Dues

The amount of the annual dues for regular NYSAMTE members shall be established by the Board of Directors subject to approval by a simple majority of those Regular, Student, and Emeritus Members in good standing voting at the annual business meeting. Dues for Student and Emeritus members shall be 50% of regular member dues. Dues for Institutional Membership for not-for-profit organizations shall be 250% of regular member dues. Dues for Institutional Membership for for-profit organizations shall be 500% of regular member dues. Reduced dues may be provided for special cases to be determined on an individual basis by the Board of Directors. The fiscal year for the Association shall be from July 1 through June 30.

Section 3: Disqualification

A member delinquent in payment of dues for a period of six months shall have his/her/their membership terminated.

Article II – Organization

Section 1: Standing Committees

Standing committees of NYSAMTE and their chairpersons shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Special Committees and Task Forces

Special committees and task forces of NYSAMTE and their chairpersons shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors on an as-needed basis.

Section 3: Headquarters

The NYSAMTE headquarters, mailing address, and bank shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: NYSAMTE Meeting Planning

The Board of Directors shall organize the Annual Business Meeting and any additional NYSAMTE meetings on an as-needed basis.

Section 5: Board of Directors

The elected officers (President, President-Elect or Immediate Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer) serve as voting members of the Board.

Article III – Meetings

Section 1: Annual Business Meeting

There shall be one Annual Business Meeting. All members shall receive notice of the Annual Business Meeting at least 30 days in advance.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings of NYSAMTE shall be announced to the membership at least 30 days in advance. A special meeting may be called by the President at the direction of the Board of Directors or by a petition of 20% of the members.

Article IV – Elections

Section 1: Nominations and Election Committee

The Nominations and Election Committee shall solicit the name of members in good standing to serve as candidates for members of the Board of Directors and shall prepare a slate of nominees for positions on the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Nominations

Any Regular, Student, or Emeritus member in good standing may be nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Any member may nominate oneself by notifying the Chairperson of the Nominations and Election Committee. A Regular, Student, or Emeritus member in good standing may be suggested for nomination by another member of NYSAMTE. All such suggestions for nomination shall be received by the Chairperson of the Nominations and Election Committee 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3: Elections

A ballot shall be mailed to each member annually, at least 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Ballots may be either electronic or paper. The ballot will contain at least a brief biography of each candidate. The election results shall be announced at the Annual Business Meeting.

Article V – Amendments to Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended by the following procedure:

Any member(s) may propose amendments. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Board of Directors by 60 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. The Board of Directors shall present for discussion at a Business Meeting all proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Proposed amendments receiving a majority vote of the members present at a Business Meeting shall be submitted to the membership for ratification by ballot (traditional mail or electronic) within 60 days of the Business Meeting and shall take effect when approved by a majority of those members on good standing who vote.