

NCTM BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

Name, Purpose, Affiliation, and Corporate Seal

- A. Name. This organization shall be known as The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (Incorporated).
- B. Purpose. Its object shall be to assist in promoting the interests of mathematics in America, especially in the elementary and secondary fields by holding meetings for the presentation and discussion of papers by conducting investigations for the purpose of improving the teaching of mathematics, by the publication of papers, journals, books, and reports, thus to vitalize and coordinate the work of many local organizations of teachers of mathematics and to bring the interests of mathematics to the attention and consideration of the educational world.
- C. Corporate Seal. The corporate seal of the Council shall have inscribed thereon the name of the organization and the words "Corporate Seal-Illinois."

ARTICLE II

Membership

- A. Any individual or institution interested in mathematics education shall be eligible for membership in the Council.
- B. The Board of Directors may establish different types of membership in the Council, determine the fee for each, and designate the publications included in that membership fee. The *Journal for Research in Mathematics Education*, the *Mathematics Teacher*, *Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School*, *Teaching Children Mathematics*, and *ON-Math* shall be the official journals.

ARTICLE III

Officers, Board of Directors, Committees

Section I. Officers

- A. Elective Officers. The elective officers of the Council shall be the president, the immediate past president for one year following the end of his/her term as president, and the president-elect.
 - 1. Qualifications
 - a) A nominee for president-elect must have been a member of the Council continuously during the preceding five years and served on the Board of Directors, as a major committee chair, or in another major leadership role in the Council.
 - 2. Election. The president-elect shall be elected by the individual members of the Council by mail ballot. The president-elect shall be so elected on a regular biennial basis.
 - 3. Tenure
 - a) The president shall serve for two years or until a successor is installed and shall not be eligible for re-election.
 - b) The president-elect shall serve for one year and then be installed as president.
 - 4. Compensation. Compensation, if any, for officers shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.
 - 5. Duties
 - a) President. The president shall be the chief officer of the Council. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at the annual business meeting of the Council. He/she shall have the usual duties pertaining to the office and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors. He/she shall appoint all committees, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

- b) Immediate past president or the president-elect. During their respective terms, the immediate past president or the president-elect, as the case may be, shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.
 - 6. Absence of president. In the event that the president dies during his/her term or resigns or is absent, the president-elect shall assume and exercise all responsibilities and authority of the presidency, and in the absence of a president-elect, then the immediate past president shall assume such responsibilities and authority.
- B. Appointive Officer. The executive director of the Council shall be the only appointive officer.
- 1. Appointment. The executive director of the Council shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
 - 2. Tenure. The executive director shall be appointed for a term of three years and may be reappointed.
 - 3. Compensation. Compensation for the executive director shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.
 - 4. Duties. The executive director shall, working under the direction of the president, endeavor to carry out the policies formulated by the Council, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee. He/she shall serve as secretary, treasurer, and business manager of the Council and shall keep a record of the proceedings of all business meetings of the Council and of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, and shall be the official custodian of all such records and of the seal of the Council.

Section II. Directors

- A. Number. In addition to the officers, including the executive director, who shall not have voting privileges, there shall be twelve directors elected by members of the Council.
- B. Qualifications. A nominee for director must have been a member of the Council continuously during the preceding three years and have served on a major committee of the Council, in another leadership role in the Council, or in an affiliate leadership role.
- C. Election. The directors shall be elected by the individual members of the Council by mail ballot. Four directors shall be elected each year and, in any given year, such other directors may be elected as may be necessary to maintain a Board with twelve elected directors on a triennial rotation basis. At any given time there must be at least one director from each geographic region established by the Board of Directors. Also, at any given time there must be at least one director each elected from the ranks of elementary school classroom teacher, middle/junior high school classroom teacher, high school classroom teacher, and college/university faculty.
- D. Tenure. The elected directors shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are installed. They shall be eligible for re-election but shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Section III. Board of Directors

- A. The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of all the elected directors and all of the officers other than the executive director. The executive director and the executive director only, shall be a nonvoting member.
- B. Duties. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the activities of the Council, supervise the expenditure of funds, fix salaries and bonds of officers, fill vacancies ad interim in any office or on the Board of Directors, and make all appointments not specifically delegated to the president.

Section IV. Committees

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the president as chair; the immediate past president or president-elect; two third-year members of the Board of Directors; one second-year member of the Board; and as a nonvoting member, the executive director.
 - 1. Election. The three directors shall be elected by the full Board at the Board meeting held in conjunction with the annual meeting.
 - 2. Tenure. The elected directors serve for a term of one year.
 - 3. Duties. This committee shall act for the Board of Directors when the Board is not in session and shall report all such actions at the next meeting of the Board. It shall also act in an advisory capacity to the president.

- B. The president shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint whatever standing and special committees are deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the Council.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings, Quorums, Rules of Order

- A. The Council shall hold at least one convention per year, which shall be called the Annual Meeting and Exposition, at such time and place as the Board may direct. There shall be a business meeting of the Council in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and Exposition.
- B. Special business meetings of the Council shall be called by the president under the authorization of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Notice of a business meeting of the Council shall be given to the individual members by the executive director at least thirty days prior to the date set for said meeting.
- C. The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting at the time of the Annual Meeting and Exposition. Additional meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the president or on the written request of two-thirds of the voting members of the Board. Notice of any meeting of the Board other than regular meetings herein provided shall be given to each member of the Board at least fifteen days prior to the date set therefore.
- D. At any business meeting of the Council, a quorum shall consist of the members present.
- E. A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- F. An announcement inviting the individual members of the Council to suggest nominees for elective offices shall be published in the NCTM school journals, the NCTM e-newsletter and on the NCTM website in January of the year of the election. There shall be placed in nomination at least two persons for each elective office.
- G. Roberts Rules of Order, Revised shall govern the conduct of all business meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and the Council.
- H. Wherever these bylaws provide for nonvoting members of the Board of Directors, the Delegate Assembly, or any committee, such members shall have all rights and authority of that office except the right to vote or any other right expressly limited by these Bylaws to voting members. The rights of nonvoting members include, but are not limited to, the right to introduce motions and to engage freely in discussion of pending matters.

ARTICLE V

Affiliates

- A. Any organized group of teachers of mathematics or any group of individuals preparing to become teachers of mathematics may petition the Board of Directors to become affiliated with the Council. The Board shall specify the conditions under which such affiliation may take place.
- B. An Affiliate shall be entitled to send a delegate to the Delegate Assembly.
- C. The Delegate Assembly shall be composed of representatives from Affiliates and the members of the Affiliate Services Committee, as nonvoting members. The assembly shall hold a meeting at the time of the Annual Meeting and Exposition of the Council, and shall serve as a forum which may make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning activities and policies of the Council.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

- A. Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Director to be sent out with regular Board announcements.