

Constitution Texas Art Education Association

ARTICLE I. Name:

This non-profit organization shall be known as the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA).

ARTICLE II. Purpose:

The objective of TAEA shall be to expand and advance the standard of art education and the teaching practices throughout the state of Texas; to promote art as an integral part of the curriculum; and to represent the art educators of Texas.

ARTICLE III. Affiliations:

Section 3.01 Distinguished Fellows:

The title of Distinguished Fellow may be conferred on any member who has made long term distinguished contributions to TAEA and to the advancement of the profession. A chair shall be appointed by the Fellows to represent and conduct the business of the Fellows.

Section 3.02 Retired Art Educators:

The Retired Art Educators shall maintain a committee of active members who have retired and who are fifty years of age or older. A chair shall be appointed by the Retired Art Educators to represent and conduct the business of the Retired Art Educators.

ARTICLE IV. Membership:

Individuals who are engaged in professions or activities supportive of/ or related to art, art education, or education are eligible for membership.

Section 4.01 Classes of Membership:

- (A) **Active membership** is for individuals engaged in the teaching of art, the directing of programs of art education, or in pursuits closely related to the field. Active membership provides all the privileges of membership, including the right to vote and hold office.
- (B) **Associate membership** is for school personnel not actively engaged in the teaching of art, all persons interested in art education, and retired persons. Associate membership provides all the privileges of membership except the right to vote and hold office.
- (C) **Retired active membership** is for active members who have retired and have been a member of TAEA for a minimum of ten (10) years, and who are fifty (50) years of age or older. Retired active membership provides all the privileges of active membership.
- (D) **Student membership** is for undergraduate students and full-time graduate students. Student membership provides all the privileges of Active Membership.

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- (E) **Institutional membership** is for institutions directly or indirectly involved in art education. Institutional membership provides all the privileges of membership except the right to vote or hold office. This membership provides one (1) representative prepaid registration at the TAEA annual conference, and three (3) designated teachers' participation to submit artwork in TAEA sponsored art competitions/events.
- (F) **Sustaining membership** is for exhibitors and businesses that are not actively engaged in the teaching of art. Sustaining members will receive a one-year subscription to the TAEA publications and the right to rent a booth in commercial exhibits at the annual conference. Sustaining memberships do not have the right to hold office or vote.
- (G) **Texas Art Education Association Honorary Life membership** is given on approval of the Council-at-Large to those members who have maintained an active membership for many years and who have made outstanding contributions to TAEA and to art education. The Texas Art Education Association Fellows and Past Presidents automatically receive the Honorary Life Membership. Honorary Life Membership provides all the privileges of active membership at the state level.

Section 4.02 Amount of Dues:

With the advice and counsel of the Executive Board, the Council-at-Large determines the dues for all classes of membership.

ARTICLE V. Elected officials:

The officers of TAEA include the following: President, President-Elect, Past President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Youth Art Month, Secretary, and Treasurer. Ex-Officio (non-voting) officers are appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board. The Elementary, Middle School/Junior High, High School, Higher Education, Student, Private School, Supervision and Administration, and Museum Education Division Chairpersons and the Division Chairpersons-Elect are the division officers. There are four (4) Area Representatives elected from each of the six (6) TAEA areas.

Section 5.01 Officers

- (A) **President:** The President presides at Executive Board, Executive Council, and Council-at-Large meetings. The President sees that an up-to-date record is kept of the names and addresses of the Council-at-Large. The President notifies all TAEA members of the annual conference. The President notifies officials of scheduled meetings of the governmental bodies. The President appoints chairpersons of committees with approval of the Executive Board if not otherwise mandated by the constitution. The President serves as a delegate to the National Art Education Association Delegates Assembly. The President and/or Executive Director may appoint another TAEA Council-at-Large member(s) to serve as the delegate to the NAEA conference and that person can perform the duties of serving on the Delegates Assembly in lieu of the President, President-Elect, and/or Past President. The President sees that the TAEA news and reports are sent to National Art Education Association publications with the assistance of the President-elect and Executive Director. The President makes

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temporary appointments with the approval of the Executive Board in the event any officer or official is unable to perform the duties of that office if not otherwise mandated by the Constitution. The President serves as conference coordinator and oversees the annual conference during the first year in office. The President actively seeks new conference sites and contracts with the assistance of the Executive Director. The President notifies all candidates of election results.

- (B) **President-Elect:** In the absence of the President, the President-elect performs the duties of the President. The President-elect acts as the conference coordinator and oversees the planning of the annual conference during the second year in office. The President-Elect plans the spring meeting. It is the duty of the President-elect in planning all aspects of the annual conference with the approval of the Executive Board according to policies and procedures as outlined in the Annual Conference Planning Handbook of TAEA to see that all information related to the annual conference and spring meeting is sent to the members. The President-elect serves as the alternate to the National Art Education Association Delegates Assembly during the first year in office and as a delegate during the second year in office.
- (C) **Past President:** The Past President is a member of all governmental bodies. The Past President serves as advisor to the Executive Board and accepts responsibilities designated by the President. The Past President is a delegate to the National Art Education Association Delegates Assembly during the first year in office and serves as an alternate during the second year. The Past President chairs the Budget/Audit and Nomination committees. The Budget/Audit Committee shall consist of Treasurer, Executive Director, and additional members appointed by the Past President. The proposed budget will be presented to the membership at the annual conference. At the spring meeting the Budget/Audit Committee will submit a financial report for the past fiscal year and a budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year. The Nomination Committee will consist of members appointed by the Past President.
- (D) **Vice President of Membership:** The Vice President of Membership is chairperson of the Membership Committee. This committee is comprised of the Vice President-elect of Membership, state Division Chairpersons, TAEA Area Representatives and other members as approved by the chairperson. The Vice-President works to increase membership and is responsible for providing TAEA with information necessary for both the promotion of membership and the enrollment of members. The Vice-President of Membership sends reports of membership to the Executive Board as requested. The Vice President of Membership oversees the Area Representatives and their training.
- (E) **Vice President-Elect of Membership:** In the absence of the Vice President of Membership, the Vice President-elect of Membership assumes the duties of that office. The Vice President-Elect serves on the membership committee and is chair of the Area Representatives.
- (F) **The Vice President of Youth Art Month:** The Vice President of Youth Art Month (YAM) serves as chairperson of the Youth Art Month Committee. The Vice President of Youth Art Month supervises TAEA-sponsored YAM/TASB student exhibits. The Vice President of Youth Art Month coordinates YAM activities at the State TAEA Conference and National YAM activities including submitting the annual

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report to NAEA summarizing Texas YAM activities. YAM committee includes Vice President-Elect, TAEA Area Representatives, and other members as appointed by the chair.

- (G) **The Vice President-Elect of Youth Art Month:** In the absence of the Vice President of Youth Art Month, The Vice President-elect of Youth Art Month assumes the duties of that office. The Vice President-elect of Youth Art Month serves on the Youth Art Month Committee.
- (H) **Secretary:** The secretary keeps minutes of the Executive Board, the Executive Council, and the Council-at-Large meetings. Minutes of the Executive Council and the Council-at-Large become permanent records of the TAEA. All minutes are due to the President, Executive Director, Policies and Procedures Chair and Management Association within four (4) weeks of the meeting date. The Secretary handles correspondence and communications as directed by the President.
- (I) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer monitors records of the financial business of the TAEA. The treasurer works directly with the Executive Director to assure accounting of all budgeted line items and payment of all TAEA debts. The Treasurer is a member of the Budget/Audit committee.

Section 5.02 Divisions:

- (A) **Division Chair:** The Elementary, Middle School/Junior High, High School, Higher Education, Student, Supervision and Administration, Private School, and Museum Education Division Chairpersons and the Division Chairpersons-elect are members of the Executive Council, the Council-at-Large, and the Membership Committee. They assist the Executive Director and President-Elect in developing the conference program for their division meetings, recruit workshop presentations for the annual conference, encourage new leadership, and assist the Nomination Committee in selecting nominees from their division for offices. Division Chairpersons shall submit written reports of news and business of their divisions to the STAR, the Annual Report and as requested by the President.
- (B) **Division Chair-elect:** in the absence of the Division Chairperson, the Division Chair-elect assumes the duties of that office. They will assist the Division Chairs in their duties.

Section 5.03 Area Representatives:

Four representatives are elected from each of the six (6) TAEA areas to serve a two-year term. Representatives may run for successive terms. In the case that a representative becomes unable to continue in their office and thereby must resign, the President may appoint a replacement to finish the term of that resigned representative. Each area will appoint a captain by its representatives. The captain is encouraged to run for a second two-year term providing continuity for the team. The Area Representatives are chaired by the Vice President-Elect of Membership. Area Representatives are voting members of the Council-at-Large. They assist the Vice President of Membership to increase the membership. They submit written reports of local meetings, locally significant events and concerns to the Council-at-Large; report Council-at-Large business and news of the TAEA to local/area associations and college student chapters. Area captains submit written reports of news and business of their areas to the STAR, the Annual Report, and as requested by the President.

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Section 5.04 Local/Area Art Education Association Representatives:

The President and Past President from each local/area art education association that is governed by a constitution, or their designees, are official members of the Council-at-Large. The Local/Area President-elect or Vice-President is an alternate to the Council-at-Large. It is the duty of the representatives to bring and report news and business of their Local/Area Art Education Association to the Council-at-Large and report TAEA business to their Local/Area Association. Local associations submit written reports of news and business of their association to the STAR, the Annual Report and as requested by the President.

Section 5.05 Term:

The term of elected office is two years. The term of office-elect combined with the term of the office is four years. The term of the president is two years as president-elect, two years as president and two years as the past president. No elected officer except Treasurer and Area Representatives may succeed himself/herself.

Section 5.06 Vacancies:

The President-elect assumes the Presidency in the event of the resignation of President from that office. The Vice-President of Membership assumes the Presidency in the event of the resignation of the President and President-elect. In the event of other vacancies, the President with the approval of the Executive Board appoints that officer until the next scheduled election if not otherwise mandated in the bylaws.

Section 5.07 Removal of Elected Officials for Reason of Absences at Regular Meetings:

Any elected official who has been absent from two consecutive regular meetings of the Executive Council during a single term shall automatically vacate their seat on the Executive Council and the vacancy shall be filled by presidential appointment. However, the Executive Board shall consider each absence a separate circumstance and may expressly waive such absence by affirmative vote of a majority of voting members present.

ARTICLE VI. Contracted Services:

Section 6.01 Executive Director:

The Executive Director is selected by the Executive Board from applicants meeting the required qualifications as advertised by TAEA. The Executive Director is under the direction of the Executive Board and is reviewed annually by the President with input from the Executive Board. The Executive Director attends meetings of TAEA, National Art Education Association, Western Region, and the State and National Executive Directors Association. The President and/or Executive Director may appoint another TAEA Council-at-Large member(s) to serve as the delegate to the NAEA conference and that person can perform the duties of serving on the Delegates Assembly in lieu of the President, President-Elect, and/or Past President. The Executive Director prepares and presents an annual report to the Executive Board at the end of the fiscal year. The Executive Director represents TAEA as a liaison with the Texas Education Agency, Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education, and Center for Educator Development in Fine Arts (CEDFA). The Executive Director maintains communications with the Board and the membership. The Executive Director submits a quarterly report to the

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President. Executive Director is a non-voting ex officio member of all governing bodies and committees of the TAEA.

(A) **TAEA Annual Conference:** The Executive Director oversees the annual conference: planning, builds and maintains relationships with commercial exhibitors and the commercial exhibit chairperson, works with a conference consulting firm and the President for site and hotel selection, works with TAEA management for registration and scheduling, and maintains conference data.

(B) **Publications:** The Executive Director keeps records and gives an annual report of all business transactions in connection with publishing a TAEA educational resource and TAEA STAR newsletter, and TRENDS professional journal. The Executive Director keeps complete and cumulative files of all copies of the publications and performs the duty of editor in compiling publications of high quality in appearance and content. The Executive Director makes arrangements for printing publications, publishing them online, and/or distributing them electronically. No less than three TAEA STAR newsletters, a pre-conference Star, and an Annual Conference Program are to be published annually. An educational resource or journal will be published on a regular basis. The Executive Board or a review committee consisting of the President and members of TAEA will approve editorials that reflect the opinions of TAEA.

(C) **Policy and Procedures:** The Executive Director maintains and updates the Policy and Procedure Handbook. Updates for the handbook come from information gathered from each of the officers, division chairpersons and committee chairs.

Section 6.02 Executive Secretary:

The Executive Secretary is selected by the Executive Board from applicants meeting the required qualifications as advertised by the TAEA. The Executive Board will set the qualifications and duties of the Executive Secretary.

Section 6.03 Executive Assistant, Staff or contracted services:

Payment for services of the staff or contracted services is budgeted based on the recommendation of the Executive Board. The staff receives all membership dues and other monies belonging to TAEA, makes disbursements as directed by the President, issues checks, keeps accurate records of the financial business of TAEA and submits records for review to the Executive Board each fiscal year and as requested by the president. The staff files the appropriate financial reports with the Internal Revenue Service each year. The President and the Executive Board will negotiate other services required.

ARTICLE VII. Governmental Bodies:

Section 7.01 Executive Board:

(A) **Members:** The Executive Board is comprised of President, President-elect, Past President, Vice-President of Membership, Vice-President of Youth Art Month, Secretary, and Treasurer. Non-voting

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members are Executive Director, Executive Secretary, Vice President-elect of Membership, Vice President-elect of YAM, and Ex-Officio members; Commercial Exhibits Chair and State VASE Director.

(B) **Purpose:** The Executive Board serves as the executive authority of the TAEA. It develops policies and provides supervision as necessary to promote TAEA's goals and programs. It is empowered to take immediate action when it is in the best interest of TAEA to do so.

Section 7.02 Executive Council:

(A) The **Executive Council** is comprised of the Executive Board, officers-elect, Affiliate Chairpersons, Division Chairpersons, Division Chairpersons-elect, the Chairpersons of all Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, and the non-voting ex-officio officers: The TEA Fine Arts Director, the NAEA Liaison, the Executive Director, the Executive Secretary and the Executive Assistant.

(B) **Purpose:** The Executive Council conducts the general management, the growth and development of the TAEA. It is empowered to take immediate action when it is in the best interest of the TAEA.

Section 7.03 Council-at-Large:

(A) The **Council-at-Large** is comprised of the Executive Board, the Executive Council, the Area and Local/Area Association Representatives and all Past Presidents of TAEA. All must be current members of TAEA.

(B) **Purpose:** The Council-at-Large is the final voting body of TAEA except when a membership vote is mandated by the constitution. This includes all legislative and policy matters relating to strengthening TAEA.

Section 7.04 Meetings:

The Executive Board, Executive Council and the Council-at-Large meet at the annual conference and the spring meeting. The President may call additional meetings. Members may attend the Executive Council and Council-at-Large meetings without voting privileges. The Executive board, Executive Council, Council-at-Large and Committees may conduct their business by mail, telephone, fax, computer, or other electronic means if all members of that body have access to the information and/or debate by one or more of the listed means.

ARTICLE VIII. Committees:

Committee Chairpersons are appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board, except as otherwise mandated in the Policies and Procedures. It is the duty of all committees to submit written reports at the annual conference and as requested by the President. Committee Chairpersons appoint members to serve on their committees as needed with the approval of the President, except as otherwise mandated in the Policies and Procedures. Committee chairs are members of the Council-at-Large.

Section 8.01 Meetings and Events Committees:

(A) **Texas Art Education Association Annual Conference:** An annual conference incorporating all segments of the TAEA will be held.

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(B) **Visual Arts Scholastic Event:** The State Director(s) of the Visual Arts Scholastic Event maintains a committee consisting of the Directors of each regional event, the President, Vice-President of Youth Art Month, Executive Director, and the Treasurer and meets annually. The committee organizes and evaluates the events across the state as well as the State event, updates the director's manual, and promotes the Visual Arts Scholastic Event throughout Texas. The director reports any major changes in policy to the Executive Board for approval which will then be presented to the Council-at-Large. The Director also submits a financial report to the Executive Board.

(C) **Commercial Exhibits:** The Chairperson co-ordinates and supervises the commercial exhibitors at the annual conference and maintains a database of vendors and year-round communications with exhibitors to promote participation.

(D) **Texas Art Education Association Annual Spring Meeting:** The annual spring meeting will be held in conjunction with the Texas Youth Art Month Exhibit as determined by the Executive Board. Site to be determined by the President-elect.

Section 8.02 Standing Committees:

Advocacy, Awards, Budget/Audit, Commercial Exhibits, Credentials, Electronic Gallery, Membership, National Art Honor Society, Nomination, Private Schools, Technology, and Youth Art Month are standing committees of the TAEA. All committee chairs submit written reports to the STAR, the annual report, and as directed by the President.

(A) **Advocacy Committee:** The committee collects and disseminates advocacy materials and alerts to the membership. The chair represents TAEA at the Texas Coalition of Quality Arts Education (TCQAE).

(B) **Awards Committee:** The committee collects and disseminates appropriate information and forms for the determination and presentation of special awards. The chairperson follows the awards policy as approved by the TAEA. The chairperson will maintain a permanent record of all past award recipients as well as those nominated each year. The chairperson will keep a copy of all documents and procedures for the process as well as the awards event.

(C) **Budget/Audit Committee:** The Past President chairs and appoints the Budget /Audit Committee as defined by TAEA policy. It studies the exact fiscal condition of TAEA and recommends budgetary policies for operating the activities of TAEA. After Executive Board approval of the proposed budget it will be presented to and approved by the Council-at-Large by August 31.

(D) **Commercial Exhibits Committee:** The chairperson co-ordinates and supervises the commercial exhibitors at the annual conference and maintains a database and year-round communications with exhibitors to promote participation and workshop proposals.

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(E) **Credentials Committee:** The Credentials Chairperson is responsible for certifying the voting credentials of all voting members of the Executive Board, the Executive Council, and the Council-at-Large at all meetings and maintains an attendance record of all members present which is given to the Secretary at the end of each meeting. The Credentials Chairperson will provide motion forms to members during business meeting and return completed forms to the Secretary.

(F) **Electronic Gallery Committee:** The committee organizes and implements an annual juried exhibit of members' artwork to be presented at the annual conference.

(G) **Membership Committee:** The committee is chaired by the Vice President of Membership and is comprised of the Vice President-elect of Membership, Division Chairpersons, Area Representatives and other members as approved by the chairperson. The committee works diligently to increase the membership and is responsible for providing information necessary for both the promotion of membership and the enrollment of members.

(H) **National Art Honor Society Committee (NAHS):** The committee is comprised of NAHS sponsors as appointed by the chairperson. It is the duty of the committee to encourage the formation of new NAHS chapters, to be responsible for the development of NAHS activities at the annual conference, and to organize activities that promote NAHS chapters throughout Texas.

(I) **Nomination Committee:** The Past President chairs and appoints the Nomination Committee for the purpose of preparing a slate of nominees during the year preceding elections. The Nomination Committee will act consistently with policy adopted by TAEA. The committee will consist of Past Presidents and members from every area of TAEA.

(J) **Private Schools Committee:** The committee will organize a meeting for private schools at the annual conference and present a written report of news and business to the annual report and as designated by the President. The committee will maintain a database of private school visual arts teachers.

(K) **Technology Committee:** The committee informs TAEA members of advances in technology and encourages the inclusion of technology in the classroom through artwork and articles in the newsletter, journal, and conference workshops. Information published on the website will be approved by the Executive Board.

(L) **Youth Art Month Committee:** The Youth Art Month committee is chaired by the Vice President of Youth Art Month and is comprised of the Youth Art Month Vice President-elect and other members as appointed by the chairperson. It plans, promotes, and coordinates Youth Art Month activities at the annual conference and within the State of Texas in conjunction with the National Youth Art Month observance during the NAEA Annual Spring Meeting. The Vice President of Youth Art submits an annual report to National Art Education Association summarizing Youth Art Month activities throughout Texas.

Section 8.03 Special Committees:

The President and/or Executive Director may appoint Ad Hoc Committees.

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ARTICLE IX. Finances:

The fiscal year is August 1 to July 31. All TAEA committees and events will practice fiscal responsibility and follow accounting procedures set by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X. Elections:

The election of President-elect, Vice President-elect of Membership and Vice President-elect of Youth Art Month, Secretary, Treasurer, Division Chairpersons-elect, and Area Representatives are held in odd-numbered years. All candidates for offices in TAEA must be active TAEA members in good standing. A majority of the votes cast is required for election.

Section 10.01 Voting:

All active members of TAEA, as certified by the most recent TAEA membership list, have the privilege of voting for President-elect, Vice President-elects, Secretary, and Treasurer. Members of each Division vote for the Chairperson-elect for their Division. Members of each TAEA Area vote for the representatives for their Area. The elections will be conducted by mail ballot and/or electronically.

Section 10.02 Taking Office:

The results of the election of officers are to be announced prior to or at the annual conference of the election year. The new officers take office at the end of the annual conference following their election at a formal induction ceremony and vacate office at the end of the annual conference following the next election.

Section 10.03 Office Transition:

To maintain continuity of on-going duties, newly elected officers will attend the transition meeting at the annual conference and are encouraged to begin working with and collecting information from outgoing officers as soon as election results are made known.

ARTICLE XI. Nominations:

The Nomination Committee prepares a slate of the two most qualified nominees for each elected office, selected before the annual spring meeting of the year preceding the election. All nominees are selected from the active members in good standing with TAEA. Nominees must give written approval of willingness to serve prior to nomination. Nominees must submit a vita and a vision statement of their goals for the office for which they have been nominated. The slate is presented at the annual spring meeting at which time nominations will be accepted from the floor. Nominations from the floor are to be submitted on the nomination form with required support materials and will be duly considered with existing nominees for qualifications and a balanced ballot from all areas of the state as recommended in TAEA policy.

ARTICLE XII. Handbooks:

The Executive Board shall maintain an electronic copy and a hard copy of all handbooks as operational guides that outline policies and procedures of TAEA.

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Section 12.01 TAEA Policies and Procedures Handbook:

The President distributes information from the TAEA Policies and Procedures Handbook to all persons requiring this information. It is the duty of the President to pass the updated handbook to the incoming President.

Section 12.02 Annual Conference Planning Handbook:

The President-elect distributes information from the Annual Conference Planning Handbook to each conference committee chair and updates the handbook from information gathered from each of the committee chairs. It is the duty of the President-elect to pass the updated handbook to the incoming President-elect.

Section 12.03 Student Exhibitions and Events Handbook(s):

Each student exhibition or activity sponsored by TAEA shall maintain and update a handbook outlining the rules, procedures, due dates, release forms, and other information pertinent to the activity. These handbooks will be passed to the newly elected/appointed chairman of that student activity.

ARTICLE XIII. Rules of Order:

Section 13.01 Motions:

Motions made during all business meetings of TAEA shall be written on forms provided by the Credentials Chair.

Section 13.02 Quorum:

(A) **Executive Board:** In order for business to be transacted by the Executive Board a quorum of two-thirds of the voting membership of the governing body in session must be present.

(B) **Executive Council:** In order for business to be transacted by the Executive Council a quorum of two-thirds of the membership of the governing body in session must be present.

(C) **Council-at-Large:** In order for business to be transacted by the Council-at-Large, a quorum of one-quarter of the membership of the governing body in session must be present. If a quorum of the Council-at-Large is not present, the Executive Council, with a quorum present, may exercise its prerogative to take immediate action when it is in the best interest of TAEA.

Section 13.03 Voting:

A majority vote of those present will carry any motion during any business meeting.

ARTICLE XIV. Procedural Authority:

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised is the authority on all questions of procedure not otherwise covered in the Bylaws. The President appoints a Parliamentarian for business meetings over which he/she presides.

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ARTICLE XV. Amendments:

This Constitution may only be amended (edited, changed, added to). Amendment approval will be by two-thirds voter approval of the TAEA membership. The Amendment is to be proposed by the Board and/or Council-at-Large and approved by a two-thirds majority of the Council-at-Large.

Proposals for amending the Bylaws must be presented to the Council-at-Large and upon approval by a two-thirds majority of the Council-at-Large it will be presented to the membership for vote. Two thirds of the membership voting is required to approve an amendment. Voting on amendments will be done by mail and/or electronically.

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AMENDMENT I. Class of Membership Addition, Ratified XX/XX/XXXX.

An addition will be added to the TAEA Constitution specifically to Section 4.01 "Classes of Membership" to be placed, designated and read as

(H) **Community-based Art Educators** is for individuals engaged in the teaching of art, the directing of programs of art education, or the pursuits closely related to the field in community-based art programs. Community-based art educator's membership provides all the privileges of membership, including the right to vote and hold office.