

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA FORENSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Alabama Forensic Educators Association, Inc.

Article 2. Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this association is to promote the development of forensic education in the secondary and middle schools of Alabama. To this end the association will seek to encourage faculty enrichment and program development in the high schools of the state so that students may learn intelligent, effective, and responsible advocacy.

Section 2. This association shall strive to bring about more effective cooperation among the members of the speech and theater arts profession in the discharge of their special responsibilities in forensic and theater activities; promote a more general and methodical discussion of the problems relating to forensics; create a means of educating the general and professional public to the important educational functions of forensics and theater arts; make collective action possible on problems of common professional interest; and maintain and advance the ideals and standards of the speech and theater arts profession.

Article 3. Membership

Section 1. Persons engaged in directing forensics and theater arts shall be eligible for membership and shall become members upon payment of annual dues. This type of membership shall remain with the person rather than the institution during the membership term (i.e., if the person changes schools, the membership will remain with the person.)

Section 2. Persons friendly to the aims of the association, retired coaches, administrators, students, and spouses shall be eligible for membership in AFEA and shall become members upon payment of the annual dues.

Section 3. Institutional memberships shall be available for institutions by payment of annual dues. This type of membership shall remain with the institution during the membership period regardless of personnel changes.

Section 4. Emeritus life membership shall be granted to individuals whose service to AFEA has been of the highest merit. These members shall pay no dues.

Section 5. The membership period begins with the State Tournament and extends for one year.

Section 6. In the event that the Alabama Forensic Educators Association shall decide to dissolve, the Executive Council shall, after paying all liabilities, dispose of the remaining assets as directed by majority vote of the members present and voting.

Article 4. Voting

Section 1. Each member institution shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2. Each individual member shall be entitled to participate in all activities, shall be allowed to speak on all issues and may serve in any capacity. Individual members shall not be allowed to vote unless their vote is also that of their school.

Article 5. Executive Council

Section 1. The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall act for the Association in the interim between annual meetings, but all of its actions shall be reported at the following annual meeting, and such actions may be reversed by a majority of the Association present and voting at the annual meeting.

Article 6. Meetings

Section 1. The annual business meeting of this association shall be held in conjunction with the annual State Tournament. In addition, business may be conducted by 1) a special meeting called by the President with consent of the Executive Council with written notice of said meeting issued to all members at least 30 days in advance; 2) a vote of the membership through a mail ballot authorized by the President with the consent of the Executive Council.

Section 2. The annual meeting may consist of several sessions. The session at which the election of officers is to be held, and any session at which a constitutional amendment is to be voted upon, must clearly be designated for the purposes in all announcements.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held at the call of the President, or the Secretary shall call a meeting at the written request of any three members of the Executive Council.

Article 7. Committees

Section 1. Standing committees, as detailed by the By-Laws, shall be appointed for the term of one year by the President except as otherwise provided. Their term of office shall coincide with that of the President. Each standing committee shall present a report of its activities at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Standing committees may be established as the need arises.

Article 8. Amendment

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting, special meeting, or mail ballot, provided that copies of the proposed amendment have been mailed to all members at least 30 days prior to the vote, or without prior notice by a three-fourths majority of those present and voting.

Section 2. The Secretary or an appointed member of the Executive Council is authorized to correct articles and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes in the AFEA Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Code of Professional Standards of the Organization