



CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA

DROP OUT PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

Article I- Name

The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Dropout Prevention Association.

Article II- Purpose

1. To provide alternative education opportunities for students whose needs may not be met in the regular program.
2. To promote understanding, to encourage and improve communication and to endeavor to become more knowledgeable in the field of drop out prevention.
3. To improve the quality of programs for school dropouts and potential dropouts.
4. To establish a common bond between all educational programs and employees across the state.
5. To provide for a unified voice pertaining to at-risk issues.
6. To assure continued focus on student needs.

Article III- Qualifications for Membership

Any person who is actively engaged in the instruction, or the administration, or related area of service is eligible for membership.

Article IV- Dues

Annual dues for membership shall be decided upon by the Executive Council.

Article V- Organization

1. The governing body for the organization shall consist of the membership of annual and called meetings.
2. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and DPI ex officio representatives.
3. The Executive Committee shall consist of one representative from each geographic educational district and the officers.

Article VI- Elections and Term of Office

1. The four officers shall be elected by vote of the Executive Committee at the annual meeting.

2. The term of office shall be for one year, and each officer may be elected to succeed himself/herself.

Article VII- Duties of Officers and Executive Committee

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and Executive Committee. He/she shall appoint all committees, subject to approval of the Executive Committee, not otherwise provided in this constitution.
2. The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the president, shall succeed the President and perform other duties as assigned by the President.
3. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the sessions of this organization and the Executive Committee. He/she shall also be responsible for the official correspondence of the organization.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for directing the membership campaign; and he/she shall keep accurate records of membership, dues paid and expenditures.

Article VIII- State Meeting

1. One annual meeting for the total membership shall be held each fiscal year.
2. Special meetings
 - a. A majority of the Executive Committee and/or the president may call a special meeting.
 - b. A person by one-third of the membership shall be authority for special meeting by membership.

Article IX- Amendments

1. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to any annual meeting.
2. All proposed amendments shall be available in writing for each member at the annual meeting.
3. The constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote of the membership present.

Bylaws

1. Parliamentary procedure will be governed by Parliamentary law Robert's Rules of Order Revisited. The Vice President shall be responsible for parliamentary duties.
2. The President will serve a term for one year after the expiration of his/her office as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.
3. Dues are \$40.00 per annum.
4. Unexpired terms on the Executive Committee may be filled by appointment of the President subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
5. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be a simple majority.
6. The Treasurer will be responsible for submitting the membership financial report at the annual meeting.
7. The Executive Committee will be responsible for an official audit.
8. All records, minutes and financial records shall be open to the membership.
9. The Executive Committee will meet biannually.
10. The Treasurer will be responsible for issuing membership cards.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 1) Approved September 8, 2004: Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected from each region of the state unless no candidate is nominated from a region. If a candidate from a region is not nominated, then the Board will position will be filled by an at large candidate from any region.
- 2) Members of the Board of Directors must attend 50% of scheduled Board meetings and the Annual Conference. Failure to do so will result in removal from the Board with a replacement filled by the Board of Directors until the next Annual meeting.
- 3) Membership may be extended to any person involved in organizations or groups that are involved in programs assisting students and families in obtaining an education. This may include parents who are members of PTA's or other organizations that work with schools. This shall extend to private schools as well.