

5.18 TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the New Mexico Technology Student Association and may be referred as New Mexico TSA or NMTSA.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of the student organization is to provide the students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, to participate in the organizational activities and to promote technology education.

ARTICLE III - Objectives

1. To promote membership for everyone who meets the eligibility criteria and to provide related services to those members.
2. To develop TSA products and services that support and complement instructional programs for teaching technology.
3. Increase public awareness and support of the programs, activities, and services of the Technology Student Association.
4. Enhance the cost effectiveness of operations and seek increased revenues.
5. The Technology Student Association will seek to implement "Total Quality Management" strategies throughout its organization.

ARTICLE IV - CREED AND MOTTO

Section 1 - I believe that Technonlogy Education holds an important place in my life in the technical world. I believe there is a need for the development of good attitudes concerning work, tools, materials, experimentation, and processes of industry.

Guided by my teachers, artisans form industry, and my own initiative, I will strive to do my best in making my school, community, and nation a better place to live.

I will accept the responsibilities that are mine.

I will accept the theories that are supported by proper evidence. I will explore on my own for safer more effective methods of working and living.

I will strive to develop a cooperative attitude and will exercise tact and respect for other individuals.

Through the work of my hand and mind, I will express ideas to the best of my ability.

I will make it goal to do better each day the task before me, and to be steadfast in my better belief in my God, and my fellow Americians.

Section 2 - The motto of NMTSA will be:

"Learning to live in a technical world."

ARTICLE V - EMBLEM

Section 1 - The TSA Emblem is a rectangular shape with three parts. The middle section and the largest part of the emblem contains the letters TSA in very large, bold print. The letters are white on a blue background. Below these letters and about 1/3 the size, is the name of the association---Technology Student Association-- in white letters on a red background. The top portion of the emblem is the same size as the lower end of the emblem and is personalized with white letters on a red background stating "New Mexico".

The logo is a modern, futuristic symbol that represents the association's commitment to technology and its impact on the future.

Section 2 - The colors of TSA shall be scarlet(red), white, and blue. Scarlet represents the strength and determination of the technology education students and teachers to obtain their goal. White represents the high standards, morals, and religious beliefs we hold. Blue represents the sincerity of the technology education students and teachers in obtaining a greater knowledge of our technical world.

ARTICLE VI - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - Local TSA chapters, each operating in accordance with a charter granted by the national and state associations are composed of students from each specific school and/or program.

Section 2 - Each local chapter is directly responsible to the NMTSA. Each individual member is directly responsible to the local chapter. Each local chapter of the NMTSA will be responsible for the operational activities within that chapter. The technology teacher will be designated as the advisor to guide and assist the members in the proper functioning of the chapter.

Section 3 - Regions may be organized when there are sufficient numbers of chapters in that region for the purpose of inter-chapter activities. Regions will be set up and designated by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Membership shall be open to all Technology Education programs. Each chapter will consist of individual members as specified in the national TSA Constitution and the NMTSA bylaws.

Section 2 - Membership will consist of students presently enrolled in Technology Education programs or who previously enrolled in Technology Education Program.

Section 3 - Membership will also be opened to alumni, special honorary or other individuals who have contributed to Technology Education

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1 - There shall be an annual conference for the purpose of conducting the annual business - election of officers, etc.

Section 2 - There may be a fall leadership conference, summer leadership camp or other meetings as deemed necessary by the NMTSA Board.

Section 3 - All registered voting delegates in attendance at any scheduled meeting of the NMTSA shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

ARTICLE IX - STATE OFFICERS

Section 1 - The state officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and Reporter.

Section 2 - Elected members for state office will be sworn in at the annual meeting and will hold office until the close of the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - This constitution may be amended periodically and will need approval of the voting delegates.

Section 2 - The New Mexico Activities Association shall make the final determination and approved of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3 - Amendments will be published and available to all chapters and the NMTSA Executive Board thirty (30) days prior to the annual state conference.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Each Junior High/Middle and High School local chapter must consist of a minimum number based on the number of state officers described in the constitution in order to be affiliated with NMTSA.

Section 2 - Active members shall be classified into two levels, Levels 1 and 2. Level 1 shall include middle or junior high grade levels (grades 6-9). Level 2 shall consist of senior high grade level (grades 9-12).

Section 3 - Active members shall pay dues and may be declared eligible to hold office, participate in competitive events and other conferences.

Section 4 - Alumni members are eligible for membership upon payment of dues but cannot hold office, vote or participate in contests.

Section 5 - Associate members are individuals or organizations associated with and interested in the improvement and development of the organization. Associate members shall be paid members, but cannot hold office, vote or compete in contests.

Section 6 - Honorary life members may be individuals who have made or are making outstanding contributions to the advancement of Technology Education. Honorary life members are exempt from dues and cannot vote, hold office or compete in contests

Section 7 - Membership year shall be from September 1 to August 31 inclusive.

Section 8 - No individual or chapter may join by by-passing the State Association.

ARTICLE 11- VOTING

Section 1 - Chartered chapters of the association shall exercise their membership voting privilege through delegates. Voting shall be similar to that delineated in the TSA Bylaws. One delegate vote for each local officer in attendance (maximum 6) and two additional delegate votes for each chapter present.

Section 2 - Voting shall take place at spring state conference during the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE III- STATE OFFICERS

Section 1 - State officers shall be elected by a majority vote of delegates present during the annual business meeting.

Section 2 - Each chapter may nominate a maximum of two candidates for state office (with the exceptions of alternates) for state office with no more than two elected candidates coming from that school.

Section 3 - State office candidates must be in high school and meet all the criteria delineated in the By-Laws. Candidates must have permission from the local advisor, parent and school administrator.

Section 4 - In the event that an officer cannot fulfill the duties of their office, upon a written resignation, the 1st alternate will be moved into the vacant position. The 2nd alternate will then fill any other vacancy. The terms "1st" and "2nd" shall be determined by the amount of votes received.

Section 5 - In the event there are no high school students who wish to run for state office, Junior High/Middle School members may run for state office.

Section 6 - State Officers cannot hold another state office in another student organization. However, in some instance a state officer may participate in other activities sanctioned by the NMAA. In the event other activities interfere with the state officers performance, discretion will be used by the state advisor and the Executive Board to make a determination to replace the state officer. (See officer nomination/resp from)

Section 7 - State officers will be elected in the following order; Sergeant at Arms, Reporter, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President, and 1st and 2nd Alternates.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 President - It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings; to make necessary committee appointments including the designation of committee chairperson; to develop with the Executive Board, a program of work for his/her term of office; appoint a parliamentarian at each meeting; and be available to promote the general welfare of NMTSA.

Section 2 Vice-president - It shall be the duty of the vice president to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; to accept the responsibility of the president whenever occasions may demand; be available as deemed necessary; and shall be responsible for the publicity and general welfare of NMTSA.

Section 3 Secretary - It shall be the duty of the secretary to serve in any capacity is directed by the president; to accumulate and keep up to date information on the history of the association; to record proceedings of all meetings; and be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of NMTSA; and provide reports to the Executive Board.

Section 4 Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the treasurer to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; to keep financial records; submit financial reports to the Executive Board, and be available, as in promoting the general welfare of NMTSA

Section 5 Reporter - It shall be the duty of the reporter to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; to accumulate and keep up to date information on the history of the association; to prepare articles for NMTSA publications, professional magazines, journals, newspapers and other news media; to contact other association members concerning new articles for publications, and promote the general welfare of NMTSA.

Section 6 Sergeant-at-Arms - It shall be the duty of the sergeant-at-arms to serve in any capacity as, directed by the president; to assist in the preparation and control of the meeting place; introduce guests; and to promote the general welfare of NMTSA.

Section 7 Alternates- It shall be the duty of the 1st and 2nd alternates to serve in any capacity as directed by the president: to stand in for absent officers during the opening of all meetings; fill vacancies left by resigning state officers; and promote the general welfare of NMTSA

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - The composition of the committees will be comparable to those delineated in the TSA By-laws such as Standing, Special and Ad Hoc Committees (Legislative Resolutions, Public Relations, etc.)

Section 2 - The president is empowered to appoint members to serve on these committees with the advise of the state advisor or the Executive Board.

Section 3 - Resolutions coming out of these committees will be directed to the state advisor and Executive Board for action.

ARTICLE VI - FISCAL

Section 1 - This organization will honor the dues set forth by the National Office.

Section 2 - NMTSA dues will be determined by the Executive Board and/or State Advisor for the purpose of ensuring adequate financing to carry out the functions of the organization.

Section 3 - Local chapters shall send the National and State due to the State Advisor for processing.

Section 4 - All financial transactions will be carried out by the State Advisor. The state advisor shall keep the State Treasurer and the State Supervisor of Industrial Technology informed of revenue and expenditures.

Section 5 - Expenses incurred by the Executive Board and State Officers will be reimbursed by the State Advisor, if funds are available.

Section 6 - Registration fees for conferences and other functions will be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII - ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 - To participate in any conference, meeting, competitive events, the members must abide by the NMAA grade point average regulation.

ARTICLE VIII - COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Section 1 - All decisions of the judges are final except when there is a serious discrepancy in the judging.

Section 2 - An informal hearing can be addressed by the local advisor on a student participating in a contest to determining problems that arise during a contest. Otherwise, follow the Hearings and Appeals procedure delineated in the By-Laws.

Section 3 - In the event there is a conflict in times for different contests, a contestant may request permission from the Competitive Events Coordinator and the State Advisor for rescheduling if it is possible.

Section 4 - A ninth grade contestant may participate in Level 1 or Level 2, but not both, except in the Chapter Team Competition, and the Industrial Bowl-Oral, whereby contestant may participate in both.

ARTICLE IX - HEARING AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

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Section 2 - Appeal Procedure - If aggrieved by the determination of the NMTSA Executive Board, the member and/or school shall have a right to appeal that decision to the Review Board of the NMAA. Such appeal shall be initiated by the school in writing within 10 days after the preliminary hearing has ended. Failure to appeal within the time specified is a waiver of any right to appeal.

Section 3 - New evidence will not be allowed unless not in existence at the time of the decision by the member organization or which, although in existence at that time, was not discovered although due diligence was exercised.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1 - "Robert's Rules of Order", (Revised), shall be the parliamentary authority of the Association, subject to special rules which have been or may be adopted. It will govern in any case that might arise which is not herein included.

Section 2 - Amendments must be published, reviewed by the Executive Board and be available to all members prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3 - These By-Laws may be amended by majority vote during the annual business conference.

ARTICLE XI - ASSETS

Section 1 - In the event of liquidation or dissolution of NMTSA, those assets remaining after all obligations have been cleared and there are no additional encumbrances, shall be disposed of by the Executive Board as deemed necessary.