

BYLAWS OF THE TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee Association of School Communicators.

ARTICLE II - Geographical Jurisdiction

The geographical jurisdiction of the Tennessee chapter shall encompass the area included within the legal boundaries of the state.

ARTICLE III - Objectives

Objectives of this organization shall be:

- To encourage, develop and promote effective educational public relations in each school district, the state, the area and the nation
- To advance the cause of education through public relations
- To support and promote professional growth of members
- To provide a medium for communication and exchange of ideas
- To encourage continuing self-evaluation through discussion of current developments and research in public relations and education
- To encourage the development of higher education programs to prepare individuals for professional work in school public relations
- To cooperate with business, labor, and industrial public relations and with other interested groups
- To conduct a continuing effort to enlist as members of this chapter persons who might make a contribution toward fulfillment of the above stated objectives

ARTICLE IV - Membership

At least ten chapter members shall be members of the National School Public Relations Association and shall have the right to vote and hold any office.

Professional chapter members may be, but are not required to be, members of the National School Public Relations Association. Individual professional members are entitled to all rights and privileges of membership. All members who hold an office or who serve on the Executive Council must be members of the National School Public Relations Association.

Institutional memberships shall consist of three members from a particular school district.

Membership will extend from July 1 through June 30 of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE V - Dues

The establishment of dues and all policies pertaining thereto shall be upon the recommendation of the chapter's Executive Council with approval of a majority of the professional members.

ARTICLE VI - Officers

Officers of the Chapter shall be elected at the annual meeting and reported to the national office. The term of office shall be for one year. The President shall not serve in the same capacity for more than one consecutive term.

Officers and their duties shall be:

President

The President must be a member of NSPRA, and shall be the executive director of the chapter. He/she shall preside at meetings of the chapter and Executive Committee, approve disbursements, and maintain a definite liaison with NSPRA (through the Regional Vice-president, the National Office and the State Coordinator). The President shall set board meeting dates and locations for the year at the beginning of each term.

President-elect

The President-elect must be a member of NSPRA, and shall perform all duties of the president in the event of the inability of the president to act. The President-elect shall attend the NSPRA Leadership Program held at the annual conference.

Secretary

The secretary must be a member of NSPRA and shall keep records of all meetings, assist in handling chapter correspondence, assist the treasurer in keeping records of funds and disburse chapter funds as approved by the President and/or Executive Council. The Secretary will be responsible for correspondence, maintain records of chapter membership and send out annual notices for membership dues.

Treasurer

The Treasurer must be a member of NSPRA. He/she will work with the Secretary to keep records of funds and provide a complete financial statement at the annual meeting and at such other times as requested by the Executive Council. There is no prohibition on the position being combined with Secretary.

ARTICLE VII - Executive Council

The governing body of the Chapter shall be the Executive Council. It shall consist of the elected and appointed officers of the chapter and three professional members, at large, elected for non-consecutive one-year terms at the annual meeting. In addition, the immediate past president of the chapter shall automatically be a member of the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall be responsible for all policy decisions affecting the Chapter's operation.

Any vacancies on the Executive Council shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VIII - Nominating Committee

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Executive Council charged with the responsibility of naming a slate of officers in any election year, not to preclude nominations from the floor.

ARTICLE IX - Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the chapter held at the annual NSPRA conference. The time, place and program shall be determined by the chapter's Executive Council. Business may be transacted by a majority vote of professional members present at any meeting. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern all business meetings of this chapter. The Executive Council shall prepare an annual report to be distributed at this meeting. Copies shall be sent to the State Coordinator, the Regional Vice-President and the National Office of NSPRA.

Other meetings of the chapter shall be set at the discretion of the Executive Council.

The secretary shall notify all members of the regular chapter meetings and the annual meeting in writing at least two weeks prior to meeting date.

The Executive Council shall meet on notice from the president. A majority of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X - Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the professional membership present at any chapter meeting, providing at least 30 days notice in writing has been given of any proposed amendment. After chapter approval, all amendments shall be submitted to the Executive Board of the National School Public Relations Association for approval before they become effective.

ARTICLE XI - Affiliation

The Tennessee chapter, whose chapter petition and bylaws are duly approved, shall be an affiliate of the National School Public Relations Association.

ARTICLE XII - Bylaws Adoption

These bylaws must first be adopted by a majority of the chapter's members. In order to become effective, the Executive Board of the National School Public Relations Association shall review and give final approval of the bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII - Prohibited Activities

No part of the earnings of the chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these bylaws. Except as provided in Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, no substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, (including the publishing or distribution of campaign statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal

income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, as the Executive Board shall determine.

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