

NATIONAL TSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

TSA ALUMNI MISSION

The mission of the National TSA Alumni Association is to serve as ambassadors for TSA and Technology Education by creating an environment where people and communities can develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

TSA ALUMNI COUNCIL

The National TSA Alumni Council is responsible for the policies and strategic planning of the National TSA Alumni Association. This Council serves as the executive body of the association and is subordinate to the National TSA, Inc. Board of Directors. The Council meets at least once a year. Members of the Council do not receive a salary for their work on the Council. The National TSA Alumni Association members elect the TSA Alumni President Elect annually from the members of the Council. The procedures for filling the positions of the National TSA Alumni Council are established by the National TSA Alumni Association Bylaws.

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ARTICLE I

Name and Emblem

- Section I. The name of this National TSA organization affiliate shall be the National TSA Alumni Association henceforth referred to as “the Association.”
- Section II. The Association emblem is a rectangular shape with three parts. The middle section and largest part of the emblem contains the letters TSA in a 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 a red, rectangular shape, the same size as the bottom area and contains the word “Alumni.”
- Section III. The colors of the Association shall be scarlet (red), white, and navy (blue). Scarlet represents the strength and determination of the technology education students and teachers to obtain their goal. White represents high standards, morals, and religious beliefs. Navy represents the sincerity of the technology education students and teachers in obtaining greater knowledge of our technological world.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

- Section I. The purpose of the Association shall be:
- A. To support and promote TSA activities and technology education on local, state and national levels.
 - B. To provide assistance to National TSA along with state and local technology educators through the involvement of former members, supporters and volunteers.
 - C. To promote greater knowledge of technology education and support education at the local, state and national levels.
 - D. To cooperate with the National TSA, Inc. Board of Directors and the National TSA, Inc. corporate membership.
 - E. To promote the personal development of TSA and the Association.

ARTICLE III

Organization

- Section I. The Association is an affiliate of the National TSA organization.

- Section II. The Association consists of chartered state organizations, local affiliates and members-at-large, and operates in partnership with National TSA. Any group using the name "TSA Alumni" must affiliate with the Association. National dues may be received for some members.
- Section III. A state alumni organization shall be eligible to become chartered when they receive approval from the Association and the State TSA advisor or corporate member.
- Section IV. A local affiliate (high school) shall be eligible to become chartered when:
- A. It has charter members who have joined the Association and state organization (if applicable). The local affiliate will be known as the _____ High School TSA Alumni Affiliate of the State of [State Name goes here].
 - B. It has the approval of the state association.
- Section V. The state TSA alumni organization and local affiliates are eligible to maintain affiliation status provided the requirements stated in this article are met.
- Section VI. Members may choose to join any local or state affiliate they wish or may choose to only affiliate with the national association.

ARTICLE IV Membership

- Section I. Membership shall be open to:
- A. Any former TSA member who is no longer in high school.
 - B. Any former TSA advisor, former corporate member, or TSA supporter who has been associated with TSA for more than five years.
- Section II. Membership
- A. Members may affiliate a Collegiate Member, Veteran Member, Contributing Veteran Member, or Lifetime Veteran Member.
 - B. Collegiate Members are members who have been removed from high school for less than 5 years.
 - C. Veteran, Contributing Veteran, and Lifetime Veteran Members are members who have been removed from high school for 5 or more years.
 - D. There shall be no dues for Collegiate Members or Veteran Members. Dues for Contributing Veteran Members and Lifetime Veteran Members shall be set by the Alumni Council.
 - E. All members have equal voting rights.
 - F. A TSA Member who joins the Association becomes a member the day after their active TSA student membership expires.

ARTICLE V Executive Body

- Section I. The executive body of the National TSA Alumni Association shall be the National TSA Alumni Council, henceforth known as "the Council," which is subordinate to the National TSA, Inc. Board of Directors.

Section II. Council membership

- A. The council will consist of seven members.
 - a. The three council officers (president elect, president , and immediate past president)
 - b. Three veteran at-large members.
 - c. One collegiate at-large member.
- B. Council officers serve three year terms, one as president elect, one as president, and one as immediate past president.
- C. At-large members serve two year terms.
- D. The Executive Director of National TSA, Inc., or his/her designee, shall serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member.

Section III. Duties of the Council

- A. The duties of the Council are to direct the operation of the Association in accordance with its bylaws.
 - B. The Council shall develop the Association's annual program of work, for approval by the TSA, Inc. Board of Directors. The program of work deals with those activities and objectives to be accomplished by the Association.
 - C. A financial report will be made annually to the membership and to the National TSA, Inc. Board of Directors including all funds received and expended related to the Association activities and the annual program of work.
 - D. Any council member may be removed from the Council for just cause by a 2/3 vote of the Council.
 - E. Should the President be removed from office, the current President Elect will assume the Presidency and complete the term of the removed President as well as serving their one-year term. In such case, the current Past President may remain on the council. If the Past President chooses not to remain on the council, the position will remain unfilled, until the current President completes their term and becomes Past President.
 - F. Except for the offices of President and President Elect, any vacancy on the Council shall be filled by a replacement selected by a majority vote of the remaining council members.
 - i. The replacement member will serve until the original member's term expires or until a special elected is held.
 - ii. The replacement members will have full rights, duties and responsibilities of council members as long as they serve on the council.

Section IV. Council Elections

- A. All members are eligible to vote.
- B. Annual regular elections for the council will be held prior to the annual meeting held at the National TSA conference.
- C. Voting procedures will be set by the Council.
- D. Two at-large members and a president elect will be elected by a majority vote of voting members annually.

- E. Special elections dealing with vacancies and replacement members will be held at the time of regular council elections.
- Section V. Reimbursements
- A. Members of the Council shall not be paid a salary for their work as a member of the Council.
 - B. Fundraising and other activities utilizing the TSA name, logo, or emblem must adhere to the National TSA trademark policies.
 - C. Reimbursement policies for council members will be set by the Council with approval of the TSA Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section I. The officers of the National TSA Alumni Council will be the President, the President Elect, and the immediate Past President.

Section II. Duties and qualifications of officers

A. Qualifications

- 1. Only veteran Alumni members may serve as Council Officers.
- 2. No person can serve as both an at-large council member and a council officer simultaneously.

B. President

- 1. The President will be an individual who has served as the President Elect the previous year.
- 2. The President will be the principal officer of the Association.
- 3. It will be the President's duty to preside at all meetings of the National TSA Alumni Council and the Association and to carry out the general mission and objectives of the Association.
- 4. The President will be an ex-officio member of all committees, except for the nominating committee.

C. President Elect

- 1. The President Elect, at the direction of the President, will act in the President's behalf, and perform such duties as are usual and customary of a vice president.
- 2. Should the President not be able or available to perform the assigned duties of that office, the President Elect will assume the duties of that office, until such time as the President is able to resume such duties or until the President Elect completes the unexpired term of office of the President along with his/her successive term as President.
- 3. The President Elect is elected annually by a majority of voting members of the Association.
- 4. The President Elect shall keep official record of all regular and special meetings of the National TSA Alumni Council and the National TSA Alumni Association.

D. Past President

1. The Past President is the immediate Past President of the National TSA Alumni Council.
2. Should the President Elect not be able or available to perform the assigned duties of that office, the Past President will assume the duties of that office, until such time as the President Elect is able to resume such duties or until the National TSA Alumni Council appoints a person to complete the unexpired term of office of the President Elect.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

- Section I. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association that will be held concurrently with the National TSA Conference. Additional membership meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Council members in a petition to the Executive Director.
- Section II. A quorum for the Association annual meeting will consist of a majority of the members in attendance.
- Section III. Reports and Audits
- A. A report of the Association activities, meetings, and financial transactions shall be made at the annual meeting.
 - B. Records of the Association may be inspected by any member or his agent at any reasonable time.
 - C. The fiscal year and reporting year are consistent with that of National TSA.
- Section IV. There shall be an annual meeting of the Council prior to the annual meeting of the Association.
- Section V. A quorum for the annual meeting of the Council will consist of the majority of the council members.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

- Section I. The Council shall have the following standing committees:
- Finance
 - Awards
 - Membership
 - Public Relations
 - Resolutions and Bylaws
- Section II. These standing committees must report on their activities at each council meeting.
- Section III. The President has the authority to create special committees and appoint Association members to these committees.

ARTICLE IX Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

ARTICLE X Amendments

Section I. Proposed amendments to the Association bylaws may be submitted by the Council, state organizations, local affiliates, or by any active member; any of which must be in good standing. Proposed amendments must be in writing and received by the Executive Director 90 days prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

Section II. Proposed amendments will be reviewed by the Council and sent to the members with one of the following three recommendations.

- Recommend adoption
- No recommendation
- Do not recommend adoption

The amendments shall be submitted to the membership at least 60 days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting.

Section III. If the proposed amendment is unclear or incomplete, the Council will return it to the party making the proposal for clarification and/or perfection prior to being decided on by the Council.

Section IV. Affirmation by 2/3 of the members present at the annual meeting shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.

Section V. Amendments adopted by the Association must be approved by the National TSA, Inc. Board of Directors prior to ratification.