

# CONSTITUTION

## TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS

### PREAMBLE

We, the member schools of the Texas Association of Future Educators (“TAFE”), sponsored by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (“TASSP”), in order to recruit and train students to choose teaching in the public schools of Texas as a career, do organize ourselves to operate under this Constitution.

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Texas Association of Future Educators.

### ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors shall set all terms and conditions of membership.

### ARTICLE III- OFFICERS

Section 1. Student officers of the Organization shall be member schools elected by the student delegates at the annual meeting of TAFE. The offices to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Historian. The terms, duties, and election procedures shall be set in the TAFE bylaws.

Section 2. The State Executive Director of TASSP shall have the authority to administer the organization.

### ARTICLE IV- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors is authorized to run the organization and to adopt and revise bylaws that are appropriately consistent with this constitution.

Section 2: The Board of Directors may propose amendments to the constitution as provided in Article VII.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall consist of

- A. The State Executive Director,
- B. The State Program Director,
- C. One student and the head advisor of each of the four officer schools currently serving the Association (The principal of the school shall designate the head advisor of the local Chapter),
- D. Three Senior High faculty advisors, one elected each year to serve for a three year term, and one Jr. High faculty advisor elected by his/her peers during the advisors’ meeting at the Teach Tomorrow Summit for a three year term,
- E. Three Board members of the TASSP,
- F. The advisor of the immediate Past President School, and

Section 4:

If an elected advisor’s school is elected to an officer school position, the elected advisor’s position shall come vacant. The Board of Directors shall fill the vacant position. All elections of advisors to be board members shall be by majority vote.

## ARTICLE V – CONFERENCES

The Teach Tomorrow Summit of the Association shall be held each school year. The Board of Directors shall be apprised of the arrangements made for this conference.

## ARTICLE VI – ADVISORS

Section 1: Every member school shall have an advisor who is a professional employee of the school district.

Section 2: Dates and times of the advisors' meetings shall be set by the program director to fulfill the requirements of this Constitution.

Section 3: The State Program Director shall chair all meetings of the advisors.

## ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member school if endorsed by its principal, or by any board member.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the State Executive Director of the Association not later than March 1 each year.

Section 3. A two-thirds vote of the board of directors is required for the proposed amendment to be submitted to member schools for voting.

Section 4. Each amendment ballot shall be submitted to the students of each member school for determination by a majority vote; the ballot shall be signed by the principal and head advisor and returned to the TAFE state office within 30 calendar days of the day it was sent out. A minimum of one-third of the member schools must return the ballot to constitute a valid election, and a majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of the amendment to constitute ratification. If less than one-third of the member schools return their ballots, the board can declare the resulting vote to be a valid election if more than two-thirds of the votes cast are in favor of the amendment.

## ARTICLE VIII - TASSP SPONSORSHIP

TAFE acknowledges the authority of the TASSP Board of Directors to pre-approve any proposed action that changes the orderly operation, threatens the survival or alters the balance of governing power of TAFE. Should any such action be taken by the TAFE Board of Directors without preapproval, the President of TASSP or the State Executive Director shall notify the TAFE Board that such action is in violation of the Constitution and is invalid until the Board of TASSP approves such action.

The State Executive Director certifies that this Constitution was adopted by the membership on June 15, 2015.