

# **National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Constitution**

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### **Article I**

#### **Name**

The name of this organization shall be the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

### **Article II**

#### **Purpose**

The purposes of the Council shall be :

- (a) to promote the importance of designated mathematics leadership at all levels.
- (b) to provide ongoing experiences, information, and support to enable mathematics educators to assume leadership roles.
- (c) to collaborate with leaders in business and industry, publishing, government, professional organizations, and boards of education to improve leadership in mathematics education.
- (d) to establish and maintain a communication network among mathematics and educational leaders.

### **Article III**

#### **Membership**

- Sect. 1: Membership shall be open to persons currently involved in mathematics leadership, to persons who serve or have served in such leadership positions in any public or nonpublic school system, district, college or university, and to persons who have an interest in the purpose of this organization.
- Sect. 2: Members shall pay regular membership dues and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Council.
- Sect. 3: All persons who are members of the Council at the adoption of this constitution or who subsequently pay membership dues, shall be considered members in good standing.
- Sect. 4: Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

### **Article IV**

#### **Affiliation**

The Council shall be affiliated with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and may affiliate with other professional organizations as long as there is not conflict with the standards and guidelines of NCTM.

### **Article V**

#### **Officers**

- Sect. 1: The elected officers of the Council shall be: President, President-Elect, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and Past President.
- Sect. 2: The Second Vice President, President, and President-Elect shall accede to the positions of First Vice President, Past President, and President, respectively.
- Sect. 3: The Second Vice President, First Vice President, President-Elect, and the Past President shall serve one-year terms. The President shall serve a two-year term.
- Sect. 4: A candidate for any office shall have been a member of the Council in good standing for at least one year before being placed in nomination.

- Sect. 5: The President-Elect shall be elected in even-numbered years. The Second Vice President shall be elected every year.
- Sect. 6: The following officers shall be appointed annually by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors: Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, NCTM Representative, and Chairpersons of all committees.
- Sect. 7: The President-Elect shall accede to the presidency immediately should the President be unable to complete the term of office, or upon acceptance of the President's written resignation.

## **Article VI Regional Directors**

- Sect. 1: At least one Regional Director shall be elected from each of the NCTM regions.
- Sect. 2: Regional Directors shall serve three-year terms and shall be elected in a rotating pattern so that no more than four Directors are elected in any year.
- Sect. 3: A candidate for Regional Director shall have been a member of the Council in good standing for at least one year before being placed in nomination.

## **Article VII Board of Directors**

- Sect. 1: The Board of Directors, hereafter called the Board, shall consist of the elected officers, the appointed officers, all committee chairpersons, and the Regional Directors.
- Sect. 2: The elected officers and the Regional Directors shall be the voting members of the Board.
- Sect. 3: The President, President-Elect, Past President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall form the Executive Committee to conduct the routine business of the Council between annual meetings.

## **Article VIII Meetings**

- Sect. 1: The annual meeting of the Council shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
- Sect. 2: Additional meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of the President.
- Sect. 3: The members present at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- Sect. 4: The business of the Council shall be transacted at the annual and other Executive Board meetings.

## **Article IX Affiliated Groups**

Any organized group of mathematics leaders and individuals interested in leadership in mathematics education may petition the Board to become affiliated with the Council. The Board shall specify the conditions under which the affiliation may take place.

## **Article X By-Laws**

- Sect. 1: Such rules, regulations, policies, statements, definitions, or procedures which are for the general welfare or operation of this organization, or serve the purposes of this organization as stated, and which are not in conflict with or otherwise prescribed by this constitution may be established and made part of this constitution as a By-Law, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Sect. 2: The Board shall be empowered to establish, amend, and rescind by-laws by a vote of two-thirds of its full voting membership.

### **Article XI Amendments**

- Sect. 1: These articles may be amended or repealed or revised (via mail ballot of the membership) provided a copy of the proposed amendment or revision and the original article being amended or revised has been submitted to the membership at least thirty days prior to the due date on the mail ballot.
- Sect. 2: All proposed amendments or revisions shall be presented in writing to the Board.
- Sect. 3: Proposed amendments or revisions to the Articles shall be presented to the membership upon petition of 10% of the Council membership or a majority of the Board.
- Sect. 4: Ratification of an amendment or revision to the Articles shall be by a simple majority of the Council members who return the mail ballot within 30 days from the mailing date. The due date for receipt of the ballot shall be clearly indicated on the ballot.
- Sect. 5: Unless otherwise stated in the resolution, an amendment or revision shall take effect immediately after its ratification.

### **Article XII Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the latest edition of the *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution.

### **Article XIII Policy**

- Sect. 1: The National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics is a non-profit organization and as such shall not use funds for the benefit of its members, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and/or reasonable expenses incurred and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereto. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying out of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- Sect. 2: If at anytime the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics shall cease to carry out the purpose as herein stated, all assets and property held by it, whether in trust or otherwise, shall, after the payment of its liabilities, be paid over to an organization, selected by the final Board of Directors of the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics, and, which has similar purposes and has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as now enacted or as to may hereafter be amended, and such assets and property shall be applied exclusively for such charitable, scientific, and educational programs.