

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The official name of this organization shall be known as the Arkansas Technology Student Association, commonly referred to as Arkansas TSA.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

Section 1: the purposes of the Association are as follows:

§a: To assist local chapters in the growth and development of TSA, as well as the development of leadership in social, economic, scholastic, and civic activities.

§b: To promote STEM education and careers across the state of Arkansas.

§c: To give Arkansas students the tools and capabilities to pursue a technology career.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Arkansas TSA is a non-profit association of chartered local chapters within the state of Arkansas.

Section 2: The administration of Arkansas TSA will be vested in the state executive council.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in Arkansas TSA shall be through the chartered local chapters of this State Association.

Section 2: Arkansas TSA will be chartered as a member of TSA Incorporated, upon approval of the Board of Directors of TSA Incorporated.

Section 3: Classes of membership which shall be recognized by Arkansas TSA are Active, Alumni, Professional, and Honorary member.

§a: Active members shall be students who shall pay dues as established in order to hold a state office, participate in state competitive events or projects, or otherwise represent their association as may be approved by their association.

§b: Alumni members shall consist of those individuals who have been a former active TSA member who has graduated from or left school. Alumni members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

§c: Professional members are employed individuals who associate with Arkansas TSA. Professional members do not have the right to vote or hold office.

§d: Honorary members are long time supporters of TSA appointed by the Arkansas TSA executive council. Honorary members do not have the right to vote or hold office, and are excused from paying dues.

Section 4: The membership year shall be from August 1 to July 31.

Section 5: (NON-DISCRIMINATION) Arkansas Technology Student Associate is an equal opportunity organization and will not discriminate or deny membership on bases of race, creed, national origin, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE V: VOTING

Section 1: Local chapters of Arkansas TSA will exercise their voting privileges through voting delegates by ballot.

Section 2: Each chartered local chapter will be entitled to two voting delegates, plus one additional voting delegate for each state and /or national officer that is an active member from that chapter.

Section 3: Those not in attendance may vote, but only at half weight.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: A State TSA Conference shall be held each year, this shall serve as the official annual meeting of Arkansas TSA. A leadership conference shall also be held each year, but will not be an official annual meeting.

Section 2: The executive council shall designate the time and place of annual meetings and shall be empowered to call special meetings.

ARTICLE VII: STATE OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of Arkansas TSA shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. In addition, the executive council may appoint up to two (2) alternate state officers and up to two (2) regional representatives.

Section 2: Arkansas TSA state officers who are elected as national association officers shall relinquish office in the state association but will remain as a member of the executive council with all of the rights and privileges of a state officer.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS

Section 1: To serve as officers, students must meet all of the following requirements.

§a: Remain in good standing with the local, state and the national organizations and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA for the prior two semesters with no D or F.

§b: Be familiar with the by-laws of Arkansas TSA

§c: Secure the written permission of their school to complete the duties and responsibilities associated with the office.

§d: Have properly completed and submitted the officer nomination form upon the endorsement of their local chapter advisor to the state office prior to the published deadline.

§e: Presidential, Vice Presidential, and Treasurer candidates must be in high school

§f: All state officer candidates must have attended the most previous Arkansas TSA Leadership Conference prior to running for office.

§g: All State TSA officer candidates MUST have been a member of TSA for at least a year or have attended at least ONE regional competition.

Section 2: Election Procedures:

§a: State officers shall be elected by voting delegates who have been selected by local chapters. Each chartered local chapter is entitled to two voting delegates, plus one additional voting delegate for each state officer and/or national officer that is an active member from that chapter.

§b: Officer candidates shall submit the officer nomination form supplied on the Arkansas TSA website prior to the published deadline for this form.

§c: A chapter may nominate a maximum of three state officer candidates, no more than two per office.

§d: Candidates are able to run for state office through their junior year and serve as a graduating senior.

§e: State Officers shall be elected by a vote mandated by the current sergeant at arms during the annual state conference.

§f: if running unopposed, a candidate must secure a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. If they do not and the office is left open, the runner up for the highest position available will be voted on for the position.

§g: Each student may run for only one office.

§h: Previous State officers may not run for any previously held office.

Section 3: Tenure

§a: Newly elected officers shall serve a period of leadership internship with the former state officers before officially coming into power at the beginning of the next membership year.

§b: The official term of office will be one membership year.

Section 4: Internship period

§a: During the leadership internship, the newly elected state officers will meet with the current state officers to smooth the transition of leadership.

§b: The period of internship shall last from the election of the new officers until the end of the membership year.

Section 5: Vacancies

§a: Vacancies that occur for state offices due to lack of candidates for that office will be filled by a special election conducted by the executive council.

§b: A vacancy occurring in the unexpired term of State President shall automatically be filled by the Vice President. In the event the Vice President is unable to perform this duty, the executive council shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy. Nominees will be selected by the executive council.

§c: A vacancy offering in the unexpired term of the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sergeant-at-Arms, or Representative, will be filled by appointment of the executive council or by a special election held by the executive council. Nominees will be selected by the executive council.

ARTICLE IX: REPRESENTATION

Section 1: Logo

§a: The logo of this organization shall be the logo of national TSA with the addition of the word "Arkansas" on the upper bar of the logo, as shown on the cover page of these bylaws.

Section 2: Motto and Creed

§a: The motto and creed of Arkansas TSA shall be the same as those adopted by the National TSA.

Section 3: Rules, Regulations, and Bylaws

§a: Such rules, regulations, and bylaws as are seen necessary for the proper conduct of this organization shall be adopted.

§b: No rules, regulations, and bylaws shall be adopted which are contrary to this constitution.

ARTICLE X: STATE OFFICER DUTIES

Section 1: General Responsibilities

§a: lead Arkansas TSA to the best of his/her ability, keeping in mind the highest standards and ideals of the association.

§b: Obtain official TSA dress before representing the state association in an official capacity.

§c: Attend and represent Arkansas TSA at the following functions whether or not their school will be represented: TSA National Conference, Arkansas Leadership Conference, Arkansas State Competition, and all executive committee meetings conducted throughout the year.

Section 2: President

§a: Preside at and conduct meetings according to parliamentary procedure.

§b: Call upon other officers to take the chair when necessary or desirable.

§c: Keep association activities progressing in a satisfactory manner.

§d: Represent the association in outside activities.

Section 3: Vice President

§a: Assist the President.

§b: Serve as President in the absence of the President.

§c: Appoint committees and serve as chairperson of each.

Section 4: Secretary

§a: Prepare and read the minutes of each meeting.

§b: Contact members to obtain news regarding the association.

§c: Be responsible for association correspondence

Section 5: Reporter

§a: maintain and update the Arkansas TSA website as needed

§b: maintain the Arkansas TSA social media accounts

Section 6: Treasurer

§a: Report all financial standings at each meeting.

§b: Obtain and present ideas and suggestions for increasing the treasury and financing activities.

Section 7: Sergeant-at-Arms

§a: conduct all voting procedures for the association using the voting method of their choice.

Section 8: Regional Representative

§a: Promote leadership development in their region of Arkansas.

§b: Represent the chartered local chapters in their region of Arkansas.

ARTICLE XI: FINANCES

Section 1: Dues

§a: Dues for the State Association shall be paid by each active member of the local chapter in order for the local chapter to become affiliated with the State Association.

§b: The amount set by the National Board of Directors of TSA as national dues shall be collected by the state advisor and forwarded to the national office by the established annual deadline.

§c: Each local chapter shall independently determine the amount of dues to be collected.

Section 2: Expenditures

§a: Arkansas' Student Leadership Center shall collect all and distribute all monies for Arkansas TSA according to annual budget.

§b: Expenditures shall be for the welfare and promotion of the association.

§c: All Expenditures will be documented with receipts, excel spreadsheets, or Quick books logs through the Student Leadership Center.

§d: All expenses will be made with the permission of the state advisor beforehand

Section 3: Conferences

§a: Conference fees are to be determined by the state advisor according to expenses that are required by the conference.

§b: Conference fees must be made before the local chapter can participate in the conference.

ARTICLE XII: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Executive Council

§a: The executive council shall be comprised of the state advisor, state STEM supervisor, state officers, officer appointed representatives, state officer's local advisors, and national officers who are active members of a TSA chapter. The state advisor will be the chairperson of this council.

§b: The executive council shall act on behalf of the association as necessary to promote the general welfare of the association when the association is not in session and will approve the annual budget.

Section 2: Special Committees

§a: Special committees may be appointed by the Vice President whenever deemed necessary

Section 3: Growth Committee

§a: This committee shall exist to guide new chapters in the creation of local TSA programs.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

§a: Amendments shall be submitted by the active members of the association.

§b: Amendments shall be submitted in writing to the executive council office. Proposed amendments must be signed by at least three active members a minimum of 60 days before the business meeting in which they will be introduced.

§c: The amendments shall be distributed to the executive council at its next meeting. The amendment shall be read aloud before a vote is taken.

§d: Two-thirds vote of the council shall be necessary for adoption of amendments.