Georgia Technology Student Association
Constitution and Student Bylaws

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE
We, a group of students in local chapters of the Georgia Technology Student Association affiliated with TSA, recognize the need for and benefits to be derived from the promotion and improvements of STEM's Engineering and Technology education in our schools and state and hereby resolve to organize a state association.

ARTICLE I: NAME
The name of this association shall be the Georgia Technology Student Association, referred to hereinafter as the association, or GA TSA.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES
This association is an organization of students enrolled or previously enrolled in STEM's Engineering and Technology education classes in the middle/junior or senior high schools in the state of Georgia, functioning through comparable local chapters, and has as its purposes:

1. to provide opportunities for development of leadership through active participation in chapter activities;
2. to foster high standards of craftsmanship, scholarship, fellowship and ethics;
3. to encourage broader educational experiences through STEM's Engineering and Technology activities;
4. to increase the knowledge and understanding of our technological society;
5. to instill desirable habits and attitudes in students that foster a deep respect for the dignity of work;
6. to assist chapter members in making informed and meaningful college and career choices;
7. to provide good leisure time and recreational activities and hobbies;
8. to promote a better understanding and greater appreciation of STEM's Engineering and Technology education in the school and community;
9. to aid students in the intelligent choice of an occupation; and
10. to stimulate and develop a spirit of fair competition.

ARTICLE III: DESCRIPTION
The association is a statewide organization of affiliated local chapters in middle/junior and senior high schools. Any local chapter having a teacher-advisor, hereinafter described, and consisting of membership coming from a state accredited middle/junior or senior high school in the state of Georgia, may upon application, be admitted to the association as a chapter.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1
Membership in this association shall be classified as active, associate, alumni, professional and honorary.

Section 2
Active membership shall be open to middle/junior and senior high school students enrolled or previously enrolled in STEM's Engineering and Technology or approved career technical and agricultural education program who are members in good standing in the local (state and national affiliated) chapter of the school in which they are enrolled.

Section 3
Associate membership shall be students who are enrolled in related fields of instruction with emphasis in technology education or who have been previously enrolled in technology education programs. An associate member shall pay dues as established by the TSA, Inc., Board of Directors. Associate members shall not vote or hold office.

Section 4
Alumni members shall consist of those individuals who have completed an industrial arts/technology education program (have been former active or associate TSA members) and who have graduated from or left school. Alumni members shall pay dues as established by the TSA, Inc., Board of Directors. Alumni members shall not vote or hold office.

Section 5
Professional members are those individuals engaged in education, business, and industry who have interest in TSA and in the welfare of technology education. Professional members shall pay dues as established by the TSA, Inc., Board of Directors. Professional members shall not vote or hold office.

Section 6

A. Honorary membership in the state association may be bestowed upon school administrators, teachers, business or professional men and women and others who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of STEM's Engineering and Technology education as set forth in the purposes of this association upon the recommendation of the state advisor and/or State Officers, hereinafter described, and a majority affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.

B. Honorary membership in local chapters may be bestowed upon individuals upon the recommendation of the local teacher-advisor, hereinafter described, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the local chapter.

Section 7
The fiscal and membership year shall be from August 1 to July 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE V: VOTING

Section 1
Local chapters shall exercise their voting privileges through voting delegates at the annual business meeting (State Leadership Conference).

Section 2
Apportionment of the number of voting delegates shall be determined annually as described in the student bylaws in Article XXII, Section 1.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1
There shall be one annual business meeting (State Leadership Conference).

Section 2
Special Meetings shall be determined by the State Advisor/Executive Director, Board of Directors or their designee.

Section 3
The State Officers shall meet at such time and place as the president may direct and as approved by the Executive Director/State Advisor.

Section 4
The Board of Directors shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson of the Board of Directors may direct.

Section 5
The time and place of meetings of local chapters shall be determined by each local chapter. There shall be a minimum of one meeting a month of local chapters.

ARTICLE VII: STATE OFFICERS

Section 1
State Officers of the association shall consist of a president, 1st vice president (elected from the senior high division), 2nd vice president (elected from the junior/middle school division), secretary, treasurer, reporter and sergeant-at-arms.

Section 2
The State Officers shall serve as a perpetual standing committee of the Board of Directors.

Section 3
In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the 1st vice president shall automatically succeed to this office. The office of 1st vice president would then be declared vacant and all affiliated chapters would be notified of said vacancy and be eligible to submit a candidate for consideration by the executive committee for the unexpired term.

Local chapters will also be notified in the event of a vacancy in other elected offices (sergeant-at-arms is appointed) so they can submit a candidate for consideration. The State Officers would review those candidates submitted and select a person to fill the vacancy with the approval of the Executive Director/State Advisor.

Section 4
The term of office for all State Officers shall be one year, beginning and ending at the close of the annual State Leadership Conference.

Section 5.
No officer of the association may serve for more than two consecutive terms as a State Officer.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1
All officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting at the State Leadership Conference by a simple majority vote of all voting delegates in attendance.

ARTICLE IX: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1
The Board of Directors shall be comprised of STEM's Engineering and Technology Education stakeholders as described in the Georgia TSA Corporate Bylaws.

ARTICLE X: TEACHER-ADVISORS
The local teacher-advisor(s) should be certified in the field of STEM's Engineering and Technology education and teach STEM's Engineering and Technology education subjects.

ARTICLE XI: DUES

Section 1

Under the unified membership structure, the dues for the state association shall be determined by the Board of Directors

Section 2
There shall be no dues for honorary members.

Section 3
Dues for alumni members shall be established according to the Alumni Association bylaws and policies.

ARTICLE XII: QUORUM
A quorum for the transaction of any business shall be established by roll call at the opening roll call of attendees at the annual business meeting as described in student bylaws Article XXI, Sections 1 and 2,

ARTICLE XIII: EMBLEM AND COLORS

Section 1
The official National Association TSA Emblem is pictured below.

It is generally described as a rectangular shape with three parts. The middle section and largest part of the emblem contains the letters TSA in 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 blank red rectangular shape, the same size as the bottom area. This portion is intentionally left blank so that each state can put their own name on the emblem if desired. The logo represents the association's commitment to technology and its impact on the future.

Section 2
The colors of TSA shall be scarlet (red), white and blue.

a. Scarlet (red) - represents the strength and determination of the technology education students and teachers to obtain their goal.
b. White - represents the high standards, morals, and religious beliefs we hold.
c. Blue (navy) - represent the sincerity of the technology education students and teachers in obtaining a greater knowledge of our technical world.

Section 3

The official Georgia TSA Emblem is located below.

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ARTICLE XIV: CREED AND MOTTO

Section 1
The motto of the association will be: "Learning to Live in a Technical World"

Section 2
The creed of the Technology Student Association will be:

"I believe that Technology Education holds an important place in my life in the technical world. I believe there is a need for the development of good attitudes concerning work, tools, materials, experimentation, and processes of industry."

"Guided by my teachers, artisans from industry, and my own initiative, I will strive to do my best in making my school, community, state, and nation better places in which to live."

"I will accept the responsibilities that are mine. I will accept the theories that are supported by proper evidence. I will explore on my own for safer, more effective methods of working and living."

"I will strive to develop a cooperative attitude and will exercise tact and respect for other individuals."

"Through the work of my hands and mind I will express my ideas to the best of my ability."

"I will make it my goal to do better each day the task before me, and to be steadfast in my belief in my God, and my fellow Americans."

ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENTS

Section 1
The constitution may be amended as follows:

A. All proposed amendments to the constitution shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

B. Board of Directors shall submit the approved bylaw amendment to the State Officers for consideration.

C. If passed by a majority of the State Officers, the proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to each local chapter at least 30 days prior to the State Leadership Conference.

D. Upon receiving a two thirds majority vote of the voting delegates at the annual business meeting at the State Leadership Conference, the amendment shall become effective immediately.

Section 2
No amendment, policy, procedure of the corporate bylaws or the student constitution and bylaws shall be inconsistent with state and federal law, National TSA bylaws and policies, rules and regulations as established by the Georgia Board of Education and/or Georgia Department of Education, or the corporate bylaws and policies as established by the Georgia TSA Board of Directors.

STUDENT BYLAWS

ARTICLE XVI: DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

Section 1
President - It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings. In his/her absence, or with his/her consent, the 1st vice president shall preside at all meetings of the state association. The president shall appoint all committees except those provided for in the constitution and bylaws. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 2
1st Vice President - It shall be the duty of the 1st vice president, in the absence of the president, to assume the duties of the president. The 1st vice president shall work and assist in securing new chapters for the association. He/she shall serve as chairperson of the nominating committee. The 1st vice president shall serve in any other capacity as directed by the president.

Section 3
2nd Vice President - The 2nd vice president shall work and assist in securing new chapters for the association. He/she shall serve as co-chairperson of the nominating committee. The 2nd vice president shall serve in any capacity as directed by the president.

Section 4
Secretary - The secretary shall keep accurate records of each meeting of the association and the executive committee meetings. He/she shall prepare copies of all procedures and reports for the president and state advisor. It is the secretary's duty to notify members of the executive and Board of Directors about meetings. The secretary is the chairperson of the resolutions committee. It shall be the duty of the secretary to serve in any other capacity as directed by the president.

Section 5
Treasurer - The treasurer shall keep accurate records of membership and membership dues as reported by the Executive Director and make treasurer's reports to the membership at business meetings. The treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the auditing committee and shall present an auditor's statement to the membership. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to serve in any other capacity as directed by the president.

Section 6
Reporter - The reporter shall be responsible for keeping records, pictures, and other materials of historic importance to the association. He/she shall compile a occasions. He/she shall serve as chairperson of the publicity, public relations and public display committee. It shall be the duty of the reporter to serve in any other capacity as directed by the president.

Section 7
Sergeant-at-Arms - It shall be the duty of the sergeant-at-arms to serve in any capacity as directed by the president. The sergeant-at-arms shall assist the president in conducting meetings in accordance with the constitution and bylaws. He/she shall check credentials of the delegates and seat same, and maintain order. He/she is responsible for interpreting the same constitution and bylaws. He/she shall serve as chairperson of the constitution and bylaws committee.

ARTICLE XVII: DUTIES OF THE STATE OFFICERS

Section 1
The State Officers shall be the student representation of the Board of Directors of the association except as provided in the student constitution and bylaws and corporate bylaws.

Section 2
The State Officers shall serve as a perpetual standing committee of the Board of Directors.

Section 3
The State Officers, may establish rules and procedures as may be necessary to govern its operations.

ARTICLE XVIII: DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1
The Board of Directors shall serve as the governing body of Georgia TSA exercising all powers as delegated and authorized by National TSA and the Georgia Department of Education as the state charter holder. The Board of Directors shall be composed of a variety of stakeholders and constituencies representing the mission area of TSA (e.g. students, alumni, teacher-advisors, administrators, industry, etc.) whose number, appointment, term, and duties are described in the corporate bylaws and policies and procedures.

Section 2
Board of Directors members shall advise teacher-advisors at the planning conference and annual conference on rules, conduct and procedures.

ARTICLE XIX: BUSINESS MEETING
The members of the Board of Directors or their designee shall conduct all business required for auditing, bylaw and constitution changes, and resolutions. A financial summary will be

presented at the business meeting during the state conference. All resolutions will be presented to the delegate body for its consideration during the business meeting at the state conference.

ARTICLE XX: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1
Each person who is a candidate for office shall be a member of the association.

Section 2
All officers of the state association shall be selected from those students whose school records are satisfactory.

Section 3
Any person who has met the qualifications of the constitutions and bylaws, regardless of the number from that school serving as officers, may be nominated.

Section 4
Nominations are certified by the nominating committee. All nominations must be posted the day before the election.

Section 5
All officers shall be elected from the active membership at the annual conference by the voting delegates.

Section 6
Voting for state officers shall be secret ballot. To be duly elected all candidates must receive a simple majority of all votes cast by the voting delegates.

Section 7
All elected officers shall assume their duties at the end of the annual conference which they are elected, and continue until the next annual conference.

ARTICLE XXI: DELEGATES AND VOTING

Section 1
Each local chapter is entitled to one delegate for up to twenty-four state and nationally affiliated members, two delegate for twenty-five members up to thirty-four, and three delegates for chapters which have thirty-five or more not to exceed three delegates for any one chapter.

Section 2

Each delegate is entitled to one vote after his/her credentials have been presented and approved by the sergeant-at-arms. All delegates shall be active members in good standing.

Section 3
Procedure by which the delegate body votes on all matters shall be at the discretion of the president, except the election of officers.

Section 4
In case of a tie, the president shall cast the final and deciding vote.

ARTICLE XXII: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1
The last general session of the annual conference shall be a business meeting.

Section 2
The order of business for all state meetings shall be established by the State Officers and approved by the Board of Directors or their designee.

ARTICLE XXIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1
Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority of the association, subject to special rules which have been or may be adopted. It will govern in any case that might arise which is not herein included.

Section 2
Final interpretations of any parliamentary authority questions shall be made by the sergeant-at-arms.

ARTICLE XIV: IMPEACHMENT OF STATE OFFICERS

Section 1
Any State Officer failing to perform his/her duties may be impeached and removed from office by two thirds vote of the State Officers other than the officer involved.

Section 2
The impeachment of a State Officer may be appealed to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

ARTICLE XXV: AMENDMENTS

Section 1
The student bylaws may be amended as follows: All proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the chairperson of the Constitution and Bylaws committee and in turn to the State Officers in advance of the State Officer at which these are to be acted upon.

Section 2
If passed by a majority of the State Officers, the proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to each local chapter at least 30 days prior to the annual conference. Upon receiving a two thirds majority vote of the delegates present at the annual conference, the amendments shall become effective at the beginning of the next membership year.

Section 3
No amendment, policy, procedure of the corporate bylaws or the student constitution and bylaws shall be inconsistent with state and federal law, National TSA bylaws and policies, rules and regulations as established by the Georgia Board of Education and/or Georgia Department of Education, or the corporate bylaws and policies as established by the Georgia TSA Board of Directors.