

Constitution

Updated by voting membership in 2009

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

1. This organization shall be known as the Cleveland Regional Council of Science Teachers (CRCST).
2. The purposes of the Council are as follows:
 - a. To develop, promote, and expand the field of science education.
 - b. To help develop teacher growth in the field of science.
 - c. To bring together elementary, middle/junior high, senior high school and college teachers, so that their common problems may be discussed.
 - d. To help teachers develop an appreciation of the educational significance of various branches of science through active participation in fields other than their own.
 - e. To bring before the public the value of and need for science education.
 - f. To present well-known persons in the field of science in order to keep teachers up-to-date on modern scientific trends.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP, DUES, MEETINGS

1. Any teacher of elementary or secondary school science or person directly interested in the betterment of science education, being in sympathy with the objectives of the organization, may become an active member upon payment of annual dues.
2. The dues shall be determined by Board action.
3. The Board of Directors shall meet no less than three times a year or at the request of the President or a majority of the Board of Directors. General membership meetings will be arranged by the Program Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION, OFFICERS, DUTIES

1. The Council shall consist of the active members of the organization.
2. The elective officers of the council shall be chosen by the general membership. They shall include President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be elected for terms as follows:

President 1 year

President-Elect 1 year

Secretary 2 years

Treasurer 2 years

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected on alternate years.

3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus elected members as follows:

Voting Membership (elected):

Five Cleveland Public School representatives;

Four regional public school representatives;

Two private school representatives;

Two parochial school representatives;

Two informal science educators;

One CRABS representative, and;

Two college/university representatives.

Each of these people shall serve for two years.

No representative shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Non-voting Membership (advisory capacity):

The President with the majority approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint additional members to the Board of Directors to act in an advisory capacity. No more than ten shall be appointed to serve for a period of one year.

4. The Board of Directors is to be elected by a majority of the active members present at its annual general meeting; half of the board will be elected in odd years, with the remaining board members being elected in even years. The total membership of the board shall be no more than thirty-two members.

5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to select the business to be referred to the general membership. The Board shall have the power to act on all business of the Council or to refer items of business to the general membership for action. The president shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie vote.

6. The President shall have general charge of these affairs of the Council and shall be chairman of the Board of Directors.

7. The President-Elect shall assume the office of President in the absence of the President, or in the case of a vacancy.

8. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall work with the President and endeavor to carry out the policies formulated by, or acceptable to the Board of Directors. They shall make an annual report to the general membership and shall assume such duties as may be specified by the Board of Directors.

9. The nominating Committee shall present a suggestive slate of elective officers, including the Board of Directors, to be voted at the annual business meeting, giving choices or not, as they see fit. Nominations also may be made from the floor.

ARTICLE IV ADOPTION

1. This Constitution shall become effective following approval by the majority of members present at a general membership business meeting.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

1. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, followed by a simple majority vote of the members present at the next general membership business meeting.

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

1. The rules contained in Robert's "Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution or further by-laws.

ARTICLE II COMMITTEES

1. Appointment of Committees

- a. The Board of Directors shall appoint, within one month after the Autumn general membership business meeting all standing committees. These committees may include members from the general membership.
- b. The President shall appoint special committees when he or she deems it necessary.

2. Standing Committees

- a. There shall be a Fall Conference Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to cooperate in planning and organizing the annual Fall Conference.
- b. The President shall appoint members of the Board to represent the Council on The Science Education Council of Ohio (SECO) Board of Directors, the planning Board of the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (NEOSEF), and the Cleveland Technical Societies Council (CTSC) Board of Directors.
- c. The President shall appoint members of the Board to manage: Membership; Archives, and; the Newsletter.

The Immediate Past-President shall be the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee.

ARTICLE III QUORUM

1. A quorum for the Board of Directors shall be eight voting members.
2. A quorum at a general membership meeting shall be forty percent of the general membership.