

STUDENT BYLAWS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The official name of this organization shall be the Kansas Technology Student Association and may be referred to as Kansas TSA.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

Section 1. General Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote the national and state objectives, goals, and educational programs of TSA on the state and local levels. Kansas TSA shall promote membership, extensions and retention, leadership training, and the educational programs sponsored by TSA.

Section 2. Specific Purposes

The following are the specific purposes of Kansas TSA:

- develop, through individual and team work, the ability of members to plan, organize, and use a variety of resources to solve problems.
- explore technology and develop an understanding of technological literacy.
- promote high standards of learning through curricular resource activities.
- encourage students in expressing creativity.
- develop consumer awareness.
- provide career opportunity information pertaining to a broad range of occupations, including training requisites, working conditions, salaries or wages, and other relevant information.
- provide exploratory experiences in classrooms and laboratories, and develop partnerships in business or industry to acquaint students with career opportunities.
- assist in providing guidance and counseling for students enrolled in technology education programs in making informed and meaningful career choices.
- expose students to the responsibility of representing a large membership.
- instill desirable work habits and attitudes toward the positive way of life in students and foster a deep respect for the dignity of work.
- prepare individuals for enrollment in advanced or highly skilled vocational and technical education programs.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP & ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Kansas Technology Student Association is an organization of local chapter delegations each operating in accordance with a state charter granted by TSA, Inc.

Section 2. Kansas TSA is an Association of chartered local chapters within the state of Kansas. Membership in Kansas TSA shall be through the chartered local chapters of the State Association.

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Section 3 Affiliation for Kansas TSA (a Kansas CTSO recognized by the Kansas State Department of Education) has nothing to do with a school's affiliation and participation with the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA).

Section 4. Member Classifications

The members of the state delegation shall be those members of Kansas TSA attending a Kansas school. Each chapter will consist of individual members as described below:

- A. **Active.** Active members shall be students who are presently enrolled in or have been previously enrolled in technology education programs. An active member shall pay dues and may hold a national office, state office, participate in national or state competitive events or projects, serve as a national or state voting delegate, or otherwise represent their associations in national or state TSA affairs as may be approved by their association or chapter.
- B. **Alumni.** Alumni members shall consist of those individuals who have completed an Industrial Arts program or technology education program (has been a former active AIASA/TSA member) and who have graduated from or left school.
- C. **Professional.** Professional members are those persons engaged in education, business, or industry that have an interest in Kansas TSA and in the welfare of technology education.
- D. **Honorary or Honorary Life Members.** Honorary or Honorary Life members are individuals who have made contributions to the advancement of technology education and AIASA/TSA. Honorary or Honorary Life members must be approved by the Kansas TSA Board of Directors and shall be exempt from annual dues and conference registrations.

Section 5. No individual or chapter may affiliate with TSA by bypassing the state association.

Section 6. Dues

- A. **National Dues.** Annual national member dues for student and non-student membership classification shall be remitted by the local chapter as established by the National TSA Bylaws and or National TSA policy guidelines.
- B. **State Dues.** Annual membership dues shall be determined by the Kansas TSA, Inc., Board of Directors, State TSA Officers, and the state delegation. All Dues shall be remitted by the local chapter as established by Kansas TSA policy.

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- C. **Local Chapter Dues.** The local chapter may assess membership dues in addition to dues assessed by national and state TSA.

Section 7. Membership Year

The membership year shall be in accordance with National TSA Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Qualifications for a State Office

To be qualified for a state office in Kansas TSA, a candidate shall:

1. Be an active member of Kansas TSA;
2. Not be eligible to run for an office during their senior year;
3. File an official application in accordance with the posted procedure; and
4. Have credentials reviewed and approved by the local chapter advisor. The local chapter advisor must submit written verification of his/her support of the candidate.

Section 2. State Officers

A. The Kansas TSA elected state officers shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Sergeant-at-Arms
6. Reporter

B. State officers elected at the state conference may hold a local TSA office concurrently with their term as a state officer.

C. State officers may serve more than one term in the same state office.

D. Duties of all State Officers

1. Lead and direct Kansas TSA to the best of his/her ability, keeping in mind the highest standards and ideals of the Association;
2. Obtain official dress before representing the state association in an official capacity; and
3. Attend and represent TSA at all required functions listed in the officer candidate packet.

E. Specific duties of each State Officer

1. **President.** It shall be the duty of the President of Kansas TSA to preside at all meetings; to make necessary committee appointments, including the designation of a committee chairperson; to develop with the Board of Directors a program of work for the term of office; and to be available as necessary in promoting the welfare of Kansas TSA.

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2. **Vice-President.** It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to accept the responsibilities of the President as occasion may demand; and to be available as necessary in promoting the welfare of Kansas TSA.
3. **Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to record proceedings of all meetings; and to be available as necessary in promoting the welfare of Kansas TSA.
4. **Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to keep records and membership reports as necessary; and to be available as necessary in promoting the welfare of Kansas TSA.
5. **Sergeant-at-Arms.** It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to assist in the preparation and control of the meeting place; in the event that a parliamentarian is not appointed by the President, to assist in conducting all meetings according to parliamentary procedure as set forth by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised; and to be available as necessary in promoting the general welfare of Kansas TSA.
6. **Reporter.** It shall be the duty of the Reporter to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to accumulate and keep up-to-date information on the history of the association; to prepare content, both social and professional, for publication and/or posting to social media; to contact other association members concerning new items for publication; and to be available as necessary in promoting the general welfare of Kansas TSA.

Section 3. Nominations

- A. In order to run for state office, eligible persons will file an official application in accordance with the posted procedures.
- B. In the event, no candidate has filed for a state office by the designated date, or if a candidate does not receive a majority vote, the Kansas TSA Board of Directors will appoint a qualified TSA student member to the position.
- C. Candidates may be allowed to move from the original office they filed for if there are vacant positions and as long as all candidates are given an equal opportunity.

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Section 4. Elections

- A. The Kansas TSA state officers shall be elected annually at the Kansas TSA State Conference. A majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting at the election session of the state conference shall be required to elect a candidate to office.
- B. If there are more than two candidates for an office and a majority is not reached, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding vote will be dropped until a majority is reached.
- C. The candidate for state office must be present at the state conference in order to be elected.
- D. The state officers' term will begin at the close of the national conference in the year that they are elected, and they will serve until the close of the following national conference.
- E. Vacancies
 1. If the office of State President becomes vacant during the membership year, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President. If any other state office becomes vacant the position shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors.
 2. Failure to fulfill the obligations of a state office without legitimate cause will result in the removal from office by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. A Kansas TSA State Conference will be held each year with the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The annual business meeting will be held during the State Conference.

Section 2. Local chapters of Kansas TSA will exercise their voting privileges through voting delegates at the annual business meeting during the Kansas TSA State Conference.

Section 3. A majority of the registered voting delegates for the state conference shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI. THE LOCAL TSA ADVISOR

It is recommended that a technology education teacher serve as a chapter TSA advisor, however, in cases where there is no such interested teacher, a school's principal may appoint a state certified educator. The appointed advisor would have all the rights and privileges of a regular advisor as long as that chapter is in good standing.

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ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Kansas TSA, Inc., Board of Directors is the policy making body for the administration of Kansas TSA activities and programs.

Section 2. The Kansas TSA, Inc., Board of Directors will manage Kansas TSA's finances and will furnish an annual report to each chartered delegation.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern Kansas TSA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE IX. TRADEMARK POLICIES

Kansas TSA adheres to and enforces all trademark policies stated in the National Trademark Policies regarding the use of the association's name, colors, and emblem. Any illegal use of these items can be cause for legal action by TSA, Inc.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. To amend these bylaws, the proposed amendment(s) must be presented in writing or submitted electronically to the Board of Directors ninety (90) days prior to the state conference. A proposed amendment shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall submit the proposed amendment(s) to the local chapters thirty (30) days prior to the state conference of the current membership year.

Section 2. The State President must present proposed amendment(s) to these bylaws, as per Section 1, to the voting delegates of Kansas TSA at the first general session of the state conference. The change will be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the calculated chapter votes at the business session of the state conference.

Section 3. Proposed amendment(s) to these bylaws, as per Section 1, that have been presented to the voting delegates of Kansas TSA during the business session of the state conference that fail to be ratified may be presented to the delegation at the next state conference.

ARTICLE XI. DEFAULT TO NATIONAL BYLAWS/POLICY PROCEDURE

In the event an issue arises that is not clearly covered by the Kansas TSA Bylaws, the Kansas TSA Board of Directors will utilize the national constitution and bylaws and or national policy as a guide to render as fair and definitive judgment as possible until the Kansas TSA Bylaws or Kansas TSA Policy is amended.