

**CONSTITUTION OF  
THE ASSEMBLY OF STATE COORDINATORS OF  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

**ARTICLE I:** NAME: The name of this organization shall be the Assembly of State Coordinators of English Language Arts (ASCELA)

**ARTICLE II:** PURPOSE: The purposes of this assembly are to promote resource and information sharing among all individuals who have an affiliation **or interest** related to English language arts with state departments of education; to form liaisons with organizations and individuals within and outside the Nation Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) who share the interests of ASCELA; and to promote the **quality of instruction in English at all levels.**

**ARTICLE III:** MEMBERSHIP:

**SECTION I: QUALIFICATIONS**

Any individual in an English language arts related position in a state department of education **or any individual interested in the purposes of this assembly** is eligible for membership in ASCELA.

**SECTION II: MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

The membership year shall be from one annual NCTE Fall Convention to the NEXT.

**SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP DUES**

ASCELA dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the membership as represented by those attending the Annual Business Meeting. The annual dues are currently \$15 per year per member.

**ARTICLE IV:** AFFILIATION:

This organization shall be affiliated with the Nation Council of Teachers of English, hereinafter sometimes referred to as NCTE, as provided for by Amendment 15 to Article VIII of that organization's constitution. In assuming the responsibilities of such an affiliation, this assembly shall pay the annual dues required for affiliation and shall be represented by a liaison officer from the Assembly to NCTE

as provided by Article V – D of the Council’s Constitution.

**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS:**

ASCELA will elect at their annual business meeting a CHAIR, a VICE CHAIR, a SECRETARY, a TREASURER, and a WEBMASTER. One-year terms for officers will begin with the close of the annual business meeting. TREASURER will serve at least 2 terms so that changes in banking can be minimized.

**ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS’ DUTIES:**

**CHAIR:**

Conduct the annual business meeting and make arrangements for the annual meeting to be held on the Thursday before the beginning of the annual NCTE Fall Convention and Conference.

**VICE CHAIR:**

Make proposal for ASCELA presentation at the annual NCTE Fall Convention and Conference. Agree to serve as CHAIR in following year.

**SECRETARY:**

Take minutes of meeting and send to BOARD for approval. Submit approved minutes to WEBMASTER as highlights of meeting. Compose thank you notes and other correspondence as appropriate following ASCELA annual meeting. Coordinate with TREASURER and WEBMASTER to keep directory up-date and on-line.

**TREASURER:**

Collect dues and update directory. Supervise and keep record of financial transactions. Coordinate with SECRETARY and WEBMASTER to keep directory up-date and on-line. Coordinate annual membership drive.

**WEBMASTER:**

Arrange for continued access to website. Update information as required. Coordinate with SECRETARY and TREASURER to keep directory up-date and on-line.

**ARTICLE VII: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF ASCELA**

This constitution can be amended by a majority vote of those members in attendance at the annual fall meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII: REQUIREMENTS FOR EXEMPTION STATUS**

#### SECTION 1:

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### SECTION 2:

No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in section 1 hereof and in ARTICLE II of this constitution.

#### SECTION 3:

No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### SECTION 4:

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### SECTION 5:

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of

Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.