

CONSTITUTION

The Tennessee Section
of
The American Association of Physics Teachers

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers; its geographical boundaries shall be the State of Tennessee.

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of this organization shall be the advancement and correlation of the teaching of Physics at all educational levels through the exchange of ideas among its members, and the furtherance of an appreciation for the role of physics in our culture.

Article III. Membership

1) The membership shall consist of teachers, students, administrators, and others who are interested in the teaching of physics in Tennessee secondary schools, junior colleges, colleges and universities. Membership is not contingent upon membership in the (national) American Association of Physics Teachers. A non-member of the Association may participate in the activities of the Section, including voting on affairs of Sectional concern, payment of dues, and holding Section office; but he may not be a member of the Council of the Association.

2) Application for membership shall be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Tennessee Section.

3) Those persons shall be declared members whose membership applications upon examination by the Secretary/Treasurer have been found to be in order in accordance with Section (1) of this Article.

Article IV. Officers

1) The officers of the Tennessee Section shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman (who is Chairman-elect), and a Secretary/Treasurer.

2) The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting with the exception of the Chairman; this office is automatically filled by the previous Vice-Chairman. All officers serve one-year terms, but the Secretary/Treasurer may be re-elected for succeeding terms.

Article V. Nomination and Election of Officers

1) The Chairman shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of not less than three (3) members of the Tennessee Section, at least one (1) month prior to the annual meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The committee is automatically dissolved after the election of officers at the annual meeting.

2) Election of officers shall be by majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting.

Article VI. Representative to the council of the American Association of Physics Teachers

The representative to the Council of the American Association of Physics Teachers shall be appointed annually by the officers of the Tennessee Section from those members who are also members of the national organization.

Article VII. Committees

1) The Chairman shall convene an Executive Committee consisting of the present three officers and officers who have served the Section during the past five years, whose duty will be to meet to discuss urgent affairs and to give direction and purpose to the Tennessee Section.

2) The Chairman may appoint ad hoc committees when deemed necessary.

Article VIII. Meetings

1) The date for succeeding annual meetings will be set, with recommendation of the Executive Committee, by vote of the membership at each annual meeting.

2) Other meetings may be held when such action is initiated by the Executive Committee.

Article IXS. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the annual meeting. Such amendments may be initiated by the Executive Committee, or by petition from at least twenty members, and shall be submitted by mail to the membership at least two months prior to the annual meeting.

BYLAWS

I. Dues and Fiscal Responsibility

1) The annual dues shall be collected by the Secretary/Treasurer, who shall report the financial status of the Section at each annual meeting.

2) The amount of dues shall be set by majority vote of the membership. Membership will be dropped if dues are in arrears for over one year.

3) The dues shall be used for the proper operation of the Tennessee Section. The proper use of the funds shall be the responsibility of the Chairman and shall be executed by the Secretary/Treasurer.

II. Officers

A vacancy in the Chairmanship shall be automatically filled by the Vice-Chairman, who shall serve during the following year also; a vacancy in the office of Secretary/Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee.

III. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by the same procedures as are set forth in Article IX of the Constitution, except that only one month prior notice is required.

As adopted in 1970 and amended on November 19, 1977.