

Association of Leadership Educators, Inc. Constitution

Article I. Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc.

Article II. Purpose

Section 1. The purposes of this association are:

- a. To strengthen the leadership skills and competencies of the professional educators who work to develop the leadership capabilities of others, and;
- b. To strengthen and broaden the knowledge base which supports research, teaching and outreach, student services, consulting, and other programs in leadership.

Section 2. The Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, that qualify as exempt as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Article III. Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any individual whose interest is leadership education.

Section 2. The membership year shall run from July 1 through June 30.

Section 3. The Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

Section 4. Dues may be established by vote of the membership at any annual meeting. A simple majority of those present shall be all that is necessary to establish or change the dues.

Article IV. Activities and Earnings

Section 1. The Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., will sponsor an annual conference, publish a proceeding of the conference, and conduct other educational activities to fulfill its purpose.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., shall inure to the benefit, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., 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 Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article V. Amendments to Constitution.

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting provided that the membership at large has been notified twice at least 60 days and 30 days in advance of any proposed amendments or changes.

Article VI. Dissolution.

Upon dissolution of the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., assets shall be distributed for one or more purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or 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 the district court of the county in which the principal office (current president) of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

BYLAWS

I. Officers and Responsibilities

Section 1. The officers of the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and three Directors; Membership and Marketing, Awards and Recognition and Resource Development. These officers shall be known as the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for conducting association business. The Editor of the Journal of Leadership Education (JOLE) shall be an ex-officio member of the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc. Board of Directors.

Section 2. Term of the office of President, Vice-President, and Past President shall be one year. The Vice-President shall become the President at the end of the one-term; the President shall move to the office of Past President and a new Vice-President shall be elected each year.

Section 3. The terms of the Secretary, and Treasurer shall be two years. The office of Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years. The office of Treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years

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Section 5. The term of office of the Newsletter Editor shall be two years.

Section 6. Terms of office for all individuals shall begin in each case upon installation at the annual meeting following the election in which they were elected or succeeded to that office.

Section 7. All officers shall serve one term in the office to which they were elected. Individuals will be eligible for re-election to the same office after being absent from the Board of Directors for a period of one year.

Section 8. Any officer missing two consecutive board meetings without a valid reason or otherwise failing to fulfill responsibilities designated in the bylaws may be replaced. The President is empowered to choose a successor with the advice and counsel of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- a. promote and foster the goals and objectives of the Association of Leadership Educators
- b. develop and implement an annual plan of work
- c. appoint committees
- d. establish and implement operational policies in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws

Section 10. The duties of the President shall be to:

- a. preside at Association meetings
- b. call special meetings
- c. appoint committee members
- d. serve as an ex-officio member of Association Committees

Section 11. The duties of the Past President shall be to:

- a. give advice and counsel to the Board of Directors
- b. chair the Nominating Committee
- c. serve as Historian for the Association

Section 12. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to:

- a. preside in the absence of the President
- b. chair the Conference Committee
- c. prepare to become President at the end of the term

Section 13. The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

- a. take and circulate minutes of Board of Directors and Annual Association meetings
- b. initiate and respond to Association correspondence

Section 14. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

- a. receive dues and other income and make payments
- b. maintain financial accounts and records
- c. maintain membership information
- d. serve on the Membership Committee
- e. maintain the membership directory

Section 15. The duties of the Directors shall be to:

- a. give advice and counsel to the Board of Directors
- b. one director shall chair the Membership and Marketing Committee
- c. one director shall chair the Resource Development Committee
- d. one director shall chair the Awards and Recognition Committee

Section 16. The duties of the Newsletter Editor shall be to:

- a. collect items of interest
- b. prepare and distribute a newsletter

II. Standing Committees

The following committees shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and counsel of the Board of Directors in a manner assuring representation of the geographic region, areas of interest, and professional affiliation of the active members of the organization.

Section 1. Nominating Committee; which shall be chaired by the Past President. The function of the Nominating committee shall be to prepare a slate of nominees for each vacant office.

Section 2. Membership and Marketing Committee, which shall be chaired by the Director for Membership and Marketing. The function of the Membership and Marketing Committee shall be to recruit and retain members and to enhance the visibility of ALE.

Section 3. Resource Development Committee, which shall be chaired by the Director for Resource Development. The function of the committee shall be to study and recommend plans for resource acquisition including planning the location of annual meetings.

Section 4. Conference Committee, which shall be chaired by the Vice-President. The function of this committee shall be to plan the Annual Conference.

Section 5. Awards and Recognition Committee, which shall be chaired by the Director for Awards and Recognition. The function of Awards and Recognition Committee is to recognize outstanding education programs and service of ALE members.

III. Ad Hoc Committees

Section 1. Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed as necessary.

IV. Meetings

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association of Leadership Educators, Inc., held in conjunction with the annual conference.

Section 2. For purposes of conducting business, a quorum shall consist of the members present at the annual meeting.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall convene at least once a year to conduct Association business at the call of the President or by a written request of the majority of the Board of Directors. Such meetings may be held by teleconference.

V. Elections

Section 1. Election of officers and directors shall be conducted by e-mail ballot. The proposed slate of officers shall be sent to members of record. All members shall be eligible to vote for one individual for each office. Ballots will be prepared and emailed to the membership in sufficient time to provide at least three weeks from the date of emailing to the final date for acceptance of completed ballots, and to provide for results to be announced at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The President may appoint person(s) to fill any vacant position.

VI. Journal of Leadership Education

The Board of Directors shall establish a Journal of Leadership Education (JOLE) to be published electronically and distributed universally. The purpose of the Journal of Leadership Education shall be to further the research and scholarly pursuit of leadership education theory through a forum for development of the knowledge base and practice of Leadership Education. The Journal of Leadership Education shall promote a dialogue that engages both academics and practitioners. The Journal of Leadership Education shall be published a minimum of two times per year.

Section 1. The Editor of the Journal of Leadership Education shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and serve for a minimum of three years. The Editor will serve as an Ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

VII. Amendments to Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting provided that the membership has been notified at least 30 days in advance of any proposed amendment changes.