

CONSTITUTION

CONSTITUTION FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESEARCH

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PREAMBLE

The Southeastern Association for Community College Research provides an avenue for its members to express themselves on matters of current and mutual concern and to advise other groups on matters related to research and planning in community-based, postsecondary institutions.

Article I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Southeastern Association for Community College Research, hereafter called the Association.

Article II - PURPOSE

The Association is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and shall not engage in any activity which is not permitted by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501 (a) and described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services actually rendered. No substantial part of its activities shall be for carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and it shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Pursuant to these purposes, the Association is to provide a regional forum for planning, coordinating, or conducting activities which promote community-based, postsecondary institutions. The Association will serve as a means to identify information and research needs and promote the use of research results on regional, state, and local levels.

The Association will seek to fulfill its purpose by meeting the following goals:

1. To identify and articulate issues at the local, state, and regional level affecting research and planning at community-based, post-secondary institutions.
2. To promote training in and concern for research and planning as an integral part of community-based, postsecondary institutions.
3. To facilitate communication and exchange of information among Association members and other interest groups on current trends and practices in research and planning.
4. To promote training and professional development of those involved in research and planning.
5. To coordinate its activities with related interest groups and associations to maximize resources.
6. To promote cooperation and communication among various other agencies, organizations, and associations on matters of mutual concern in research and planning.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be open to, but not limited to, those involved in or interested in research and planning for community-based, postsecondary institutions in the southeastern region of the United States and the territory of Puerto Rico and to those who meet such additional qualifications as may be prescribed in the By-Laws of the Association.

Article IV- FINANCES

All members shall pay dues as are approved by the Executive Board of the Association. The fiscal year will be January 1st through December 31st. Following the close of the fiscal year, the records of the Association shall be subject to audit, as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Association.

Upon dissolution of the Association, the Executive Officers shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the purpose of the Association. The recipient organization(s) shall operate for educational purposes and qualify as an exempt organization(s) as determined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Article V - OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, an Immediate Past-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Article VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The governing body of the Association shall be the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have the authority to make policies for the Association which is consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two At-Large Members, Newsletter Editor, and Local Arrangements Chair.

Article VII - ELECTIONS

Section 1. The President-Elect shall be elected annually by the membership of the Association and will serve one year as President-Elect, one year as President, and one year as Past-President. The Secretary, Treasurer, and the At-Large Members shall each be elected to terms of two years.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the President-Elect shall become President and serve the unexpired term. If there are vacancies both in the office of President and President-Elect, the Secretary shall become President and serve the unexpired term. If there is a vacancy in all three offices, the Immediate Past-President shall appoint one member of the Association to serve as President for the unexpired term.

Article VIII - ADOPTION & REVISION of CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Section 1. On recommendation of the Executive Board, this Constitution may be amended by a majority of the respondents to a ballot of the Association membership or by a majority of Association members who attend the annual business meeting of the Association. Notice of any proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be sent to all current members of the Association at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting.

Section 2. On recommendation of the Executive Board, the By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the respondents to a ballot of the Association membership or by a majority of Association members who attend the annual business meeting of the Association. Notice of any proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be sent to all members of the Association at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting.

Section 3. This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification by the members, as herein defined, who attend the annual business meeting when this Constitution is presented and who have made dues payment for the current year membership before this time.

Article IX - RULES of PROCEDURE

The Executive Board and the Association shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised except in instances when it would be in conflict with the By-Laws for special rules of the Association.