



NADSFL

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Submitted by the NADSFL Executive Board

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Association shall be the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Languages (NADSFL), which is an Affiliate of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

The purposes of this Association are:

1. To stimulate, identify, recognize, and to support in the development of efficient and effective supervisory practices as an instrument for the improvement of foreign language education;
2. To enhance the status of foreign language supervisors by providing opportunities for professional growth;
3. To create a forum for foreign language supervisors to discuss and take action on matters of common interest and concern;
4. To stimulate and support the development of curriculum materials;
5. To present to the appropriate agencies issues of concern to foreign language educators;
6. To report on research and initiatives affecting foreign language such as: policy, advocacy, pedagogy, language acquisition theory, assessment, curriculum and instruction; and
7. To support members in their endeavors as foreign language supervisors.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

This organization shall have four classes of membership: regular, associate, retired, and patron.

Section 2:

Membership shall be determined as follows:

Regular

Those eligible for regular membership are public elementary or secondary personnel (local education agency) OR private (non-state supported) elementary or secondary personnel whose area of responsibility is supervision of world language programs including the implementation of state and district policies for languages other than English of any state of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, and the possessions of the United States of America. Additionally, elementary or secondary directors/administrators within a local education agency or private education agency who were formerly responsible for world language education and

who are currently responsible for the oversight of personnel and programs related to world language education are eligible for regular membership.

Associate

Those eligible for associate membership include the following:

- a. individuals from post-secondary institutions, public or private, with responsibility for world language education or world language teacher education or training;
- b. representatives of national or state professional organizations that are advocates for world language education from the United States and other countries; or
- c. individuals who are full-time professional world language consultants

Retired

Those eligible for retired membership are persons who have held regular membership in NADSFL and who have retired from positions in elementary or secondary public or private institutions.

Patron

Those eligible for patron membership include: individuals who are employed on a regular basis by commercial vendors such as textbook publishers, educational materials developers, or assessment companies.

Section 3:

- Regular members shall have voting privileges and are eligible for election to the Executive Board as outlined in Article IV.
- Associate members shall have voting privileges but shall not be eligible for election to the Executive Board.
- Retired members shall have voting privileges but shall not be eligible for election to the Executive Board.
- Patron members shall not have voting privileges or eligibility for office.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1:

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, an Immediate Past President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Any REGULAR member in good standing is eligible to serve as officer of the organization.

Section 2:

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve for a term of two years. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 3:

The officers shall be elected by a ballot (such as electronic or paper). All NADSFL members in good standing, with the exception of PATRON members, may vote for officers.

Section 4:

The duties of the officers shall be those which appear in the list of job descriptions for such officers and other specific duties as the President and/or the Executive Board deem necessary for the effective functioning of the Association.

Section 5:

Officers shall assume their office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting at which their election is announced.

Section 6:

If the President is unable, for any reason, to complete his/her term of office, the Vice President shall assume this office. If any other officer is unable, for any reason, to complete his/her term of office, the President shall, with the approval of the Executive Board, appoint a person to complete the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1:

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and the Executive Secretary, appointed by the President.

Section 2:

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

Section 3:

The Executive Board shall meet annually, in conjunction with the Annual ACTFL Convention, and virtually at least once a quarter.

ARTICLE VI: ADVISORY BOARD

Section 1:

The Advisory Board shall consist of the Executive Board and the appointed positions of: Regional Representatives, mentoring members chair, nominations chair, membership chair, and any other chair position appointed by the President.

Section 2:

The five Regional Representatives' whose geographic areas are defined by the following regional conferences: Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Southern Conference on Language Teaching, Southwest Conference on Language Teaching, and the Pacific Northwest Council for Languages.

Section 3:

The term of office of the Regional Representative and other appointees shall be two years.

Section 4:

The Regional Representatives and Presidential appointments shall assume their offices at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they are appointed. Specific responsibilities shall be determined by the Executive Board at the Annual Business Meeting and at such other times as determined by the President.

Section 5:

The Advisory Board shall meet annually, in conjunction with the Annual ACTFL Convention, and virtually at least twice during the year.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1:

There shall be an annual meeting of the Association in conjunction with the Annual ACTFL Conference.

Section 2:

Other meetings may be held as decided by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII: APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1:

All standing committee chairpersons, as stated in Article VI, are appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2:

There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of a Chairman and at least three members. The President, with the approval of the Board, will appoint the Chairman and members annually. Among other responsibilities, the Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of candidates for the biannual election and present it to the Executive Board for approval. Upon approval, the Nominating Committee will set a time frame for the election so that the results can be announced at the annual meeting.

Section 3:

The Executive Board may establish various committees to carry on special projects and activities as the need may arise. The President, with the approval of the Board, will appoint the members of such committees and will serve as an ex-officio member.

ARTICLE IX: QUORUM AND RULES OF ORDER

Section 1:

A simple majority of members in attendance at the Annual Meeting shall be required for approval of any motions.

Section 2:

Meetings of the Executive Board, other than those held at the Annual Convention, may be called by the President.

Section 3:

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE X: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Section 1:

No part of the net earning of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustee, officers, or other private persons except that the Association 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 shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association 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. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an Association exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an Association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.).

Section 2:

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the 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 in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Law), as the Executive Committee shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Association 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.

ARTICLE XI: CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

The Association complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It also complies with Title IX.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

Amendments to the Bylaws of this Association may be proposed by the Executive Board or any group of fifteen members at the annual meeting.

Section 2:

Said proposals are to be presented at the annual meeting by the Secretary.

Section 3:

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to all members for vote by the Secretary within forty days after the Annual Business Meeting. Said votes shall be called for and counted by the Secretary sixty days after the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 4:

An amendment shall be enacted if two-thirds of the votes are in favor of the amendment.

ARTICLE XIII: DUES

Section 1:

Membership in the organization is contingent upon payment of dues.

Section 2:

Annual dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and approved by a simple majority of members in attendance at the annual meeting