

Southeast Region Association
of the
American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

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Constitution

Article I. Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Southeast Region of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. The Association shall be incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the provisions of the North Carolina Business Corporation (2022).

Article II. Purpose

Section 1 The purpose of the Southeast Region, in keeping with that of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education, shall be to promote traffic safety and its concomitant benefits by means of improving and extending driver education /training activities in schools, colleges, universities, industry, and other institutions. The purposes of driver and traffic safety shall be in harmony with those of general education.

Section 2 The Association shall work towards accomplishing its purposes through an annual conference, development and dissemination of materials designed to improve teaching in this field, and through other activities appropriate to carry out the purpose of Section 1.

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

Section 4 No part of the net earnings of the 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 provisions set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including publishing distribution of assets) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the 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, 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 Tax Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article III. Member States

Section 1 The Association shall consist of the eight states and two territories which make up the Southeast Region of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. The eight states are as follows: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia; and the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1 Membership in this association shall correspond directly to membership in the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association, ie. Any members of ADTSEA residing in the states listed in Article III are automatically eligible to become members of the Southeast Region Association.

Article V. Elective Officers

Section 1 The elective officers shall be:

(A) A President

(B) A President-Elect

(C) A Vice-President

(D) Immediate Past President

(E) A Recording Secretary

The election of officers shall be held during the official business meeting of the association every two years at the annual conference. Term of office shall begin at the date of election.

Section 2 The President shall preside at all meetings of the association (with the exception of the Southeast Region meeting at the annual ADTSEA Conference at which time presiding privileges are extended to the Senior ADTSEA Board Member for the Southeast Region). The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee, perform all duties as are by custom and parliamentary practice required of the office, and serve as an ad hoc member of all standing committees. The president shall appoint the Treasurer with the approval of the executive committee.

Section 3 The President-Elect shall perform the duties of that office and shall assume the duties of the president in the event of the absence or disability of the president. He/she shall serve at the discretion of the president when called upon to do so.

Section 4 The Vice-President shall be in charge of and make all the arrangements for the exhibitors for the annual conference.

Section 5 The Immediate Past President shall serve as program chairman for the annual conference and shall also serve at the discretion of the president when called upon to do so.

Section 6 The Recording Secretary shall keep record of all meetings of the association and shall submit a complete copy of the official minutes of the business meeting of the association, held during the annual conference, within 30 days to the President and members of the board. In addition, the recording secretary shall provide the President with a copy of the transactions of the Southeast Region Section meetings of the annual ADTSEA Conference with 30 days of the meeting.

Section 7 The term of office for the President and President-Elect shall be for two years. The President shall not be chosen from the same state more frequently than once in three years. The President-Elect shall not be chosen from the same state more frequently than once in three years. Therefore, the President, President-Elect,

and the immediate Past President must be elected from different states. These officers will assume their duties at the conclusion of the business meeting of the annual conference.

Section 8 At the conclusion of the President's term of office, the President-Elect shall become the President.

Section 9 In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-Elect, the Executive Committee, as described in Article VI, shall conduct a special election or appoint a person to carry out the duties of that office until the office can be filled at the annual election.

Section 10 In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the Executive Committee shall conduct a special election or appoint a person to carry out the duties of that office until the office can be filled at the annual election.

Section 11 Only persons who have been active members of this association for a minimum of one full year immediately prior to official nominations and who have been in attendance previously for at least one region or ADTSEA Conference shall be eligible to serve as an elected officer.

Article VI. Treasurer

Section 1 This person shall serve as corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. He/she shall perform all duties pertaining to and required of that office, including maintenance of a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements. Disbursements of Association funds shall be made by the Treasurer under the authority of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall give a written financial report to the members present at the annual association business meeting. The Treasurer shall serve as an ad hoc member of all standing and appointive committees. The Treasurer shall serve as a non voting member of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

Article VII. Executive Committee

Section I There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the following:

- (A) The elected officers of the Association
- (B) The Immediate Past President
- (C) The Treasurer

Section 2 The Executive Committee shall:

- (A) Formulate and/or approve policies of the Association;
- (B) Interpret provisions of the Constitution in case of doubt;
- (C) Prepare an annual budget and render a report to the Association;
- (D) Fill vacancies in offices until the next election;
- (E) Be custodian of the property of the Association;
- (F) Have power to make contracts;
- (G) Assist the President in matters where his decision will affect the policy and welfare of the Association;
- (H) Review and evaluate the work of the various committees and keep the Association informed of such reviews and evaluations;
- (I) Review, from time to time, the provisions of the Constitution and recommend changes when deemed necessary;
- (J) Act on emergency measures affecting the Association between official business meetings; and
- (K) Perform other duties as they may be necessary for the efficient functioning of the Association.

Section 3 The Executive Committee shall constitute a nominating committee for elective officers of the Association.

Article VIII. Standing Committees

Section I The standing committees for the Association shall consist of the following:

- (A) Exhibits
- (B) Membership
- (C) Conference registration
- (D) History

(E) Publications

(F) Resolutions

Section 2 Standing committees may be formed or dissolved the Association President upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 3 The chairman of each committee shall be appointed by the Association President and serves at the President's discretion.

Section 4 The Chairmanship of all standing committees shall be filled from the active membership of the Association.

Article IX. Meetings

Section 1 The Association shall hold an annual conference in keeping with the purposes as stated in Article II. The Association shall hold an annual business meeting for conducting the official business of the Association.

Article X. Publications

Section 1 The Association shall prepare and disseminate information concerning driver education and specifically related activities in safety education through appropriate publications authorized by the Executive Committee.

Article XI. Amendments

Section 1 The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of active voting members present at the annual business meeting provided the proposed amendment(s) have been circulated by the Executive Committee in printed form at least 30 days before the annual business meeting. An amendment may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by petition from any member of the Association. Upon receipt of such petition, the Executive Committee shall present the amendment as provided by this article.

Article XII. Ratification

Section 1 This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification by three-fourths (3/4) of those present at the annual conference of the Southeast Region of ADTSEA.

Article XIII. Bylaws

Section 1 Details regarding organization and activities of the Association shall be regulated by the Bylaws. The Bylaws may be amended at any official business meeting of the Association by a majority of the active members present provided notice of the proposed change(s) has been circulated at least 30 days before the date of the official business meeting.

Article XIV. Dissolution

Section 1 The Association may be dissolved only upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership upon one year's notice.

Section 2 Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 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 disposed of shall be disposed by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to said organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operate exclusively for such purposes.

Section 3 None of the assets of the Association shall ever revert to the individuals of organizations comprising its membership, nor shall any donor be given preferential consideration in the disposition of assets.

BYLAWS

Article I Parliamentary Authority

Section 1 In all matters not covered by its Constitution and Bylaws, the Association shall be governed by the provisions of the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, revised, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

Article II Affiliations

Section 1 The Association will work for the development of effective state organizations which will serve the profession in the region and, at the same time, make possible a stronger and more representative regional organization.

Section 2 Any association, professional organization, or group whose interests and purposes are similar to those of the Southeast Region of ADTSEA and whose constitution and bylaws are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association may, upon request, and on approval of the Executive Committee, become affiliated with the Association. The purpose of the affiliation shall be to enable the Association and affiliated groups to work effectively toward their common goals.

Article III Duties and Responsibilities of the Directors of ADTSEA

Section 1 As provided in Article V of the Constitution of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education, the Southeast Region will have two (2) representatives on the Board of Directors of ADTSEA.

Section 2 The directors shall be nominated and elected by the voting members of the Association for a three (3) year term of office. The nominating may be done at any business meeting of the Association or in such other appropriate manner the Association shall approve. The election of Directors shall be by mail ballot prepared and conducted by the Executive Committee of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association.

Section 3 The Director's term of office shall begin September 1, and shall end on August, 31. A member shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the Board of Directors. A period of at least one year must elapse before a member can be elected to a third term on the Board of Directors. The Senior Board Member of the Southeast Region of ADTSEA shall serve as the Membership Chairman for the region.

Section 4 Persons elected to complete a term as Director, a portion of which term has been filled through appointment by the Board of Directors, shall hold office until the expiration of the three (3) year term in which the non-election or vacancy occurred.

Article V. Membership Dues

Section 1 There shall be an annual membership dues of \$25 in the Association.

Article VI. Cooperating Organizations

Section 1 This Association shall provide the framework to enable the effectiveness of traffic safety education in schools, colleges, universities, the private sector, industry, and other areas. The Association shall foster a cooperative relationship with such groups but shall not permit such groups to speak for the Association.

Article VII. Fiscal Year

Section 1 The fiscal year for the Association shall begin on January 1, and end on December 31. (For tax purposes)