

Constitution of the Southern California District of Region XII, NAFSA: Association of International Educators

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Name

The name of this organization shall be the Southern California District of Region XII, NAFSA: Association of International Educators (herein after referred to as "The Southern California District"). When the name "NAFSA is used in this document, it means the national association

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to generally advocate NAFSA's mission within its specific geographic area while responding to the needs of it members.

Membership

Membership in this organization is open to all persons, institutions, and other organizations intentioned in the purposes this organization and located in the geographic area defined by the Board of Directors of the NAFSA and Article VII of the NAFSA Region XII, namely the geographic area roughly defined as the area of the Sate of California between the Mexican border and an imaginary line bisecting the State at the point just north of Santa Barbara.

Authority

The authority for the existence of this organization is derived from and implemented under the plenary legal powers of the Board of Directors of NAFSA. That authority extends to this organization through the constitution of Region XII of NAFSA, As suggested in Bylaws Article III. Except in the sense that this organization shall choose, through participatory democratic principles, those delegated activities in which it will engage and except in the sense that this organization shall determine the relative priority of such activities in the light of the needs and capabilities unique to its members in this geographic setting, this organization shall have no legal existence independent of the parent structures.

Officers

Activities of this organization shall be planned, coordinated, and implemented through the district Team.

Section 1. The District Team shall be chaired by an elected District Chairperson.

Section 2. There shall be an elected Vice-Chairperson who, in the year following his/her election, shall succeed to the Chair.

Section 3. There shall be a District representative of each of the Professional Sections of the NAFSA (as provided in the NAFSA Bylaws Article VII).

Section 4. There shall be such other appointed representatives on the District Team as the District Chairperson shall deem appropriate in the light of current needs of the District and of the membership but in no case exceeding 25 regular members including the two elected officers. Ad hoc and ex officio members may be pre-empted to the team at the need by the District Chairperson in excess of the stipulated membership. Eligibility for office, election procedures, and methods of filling vacancies, duties, terms of the office, and the precise composition of the team shall be specified by the Bylaws of the organization.

Election

The District Team shall, each year immediately following the annual business meeting, designate a Nominations Committee which shall be responsible for conducting such election procedures as are required by this constitution and specified in the Bylaws.

Committees

There shall be such other standing committees and other short term groupings, in addition to the Nominations Committee specified in Article VI above, as shall be deemed necessary by the District Team for the effective operation of the organization and as specified in the Bylaws.

Meetings

Meetings of the organization shall be convened on such dates and in such places as the District Team shall designate.

Section 1. The District Team shall meet at least once annually coincident with a general meeting of the organization and at least once in addition for purposes of planning annual activities, sufficiently prior to the annual business meeting of permit such planning.

Section 2. There shall be an annual business meeting of the organization coincident with the annual general meeting. The purpose of the annual business meeting shall be to conduct the public affair of the organization. Those members present at such a meeting shall be definition constitute a quorum. On all matters pertaining to this organization, all those present shall be deemed to have voting rights. On matters pertaining, in the opinion of the Chair, to NAFSA, or NAFSA Region XII only, exclusively those persons present who are also members in good standing of NAFSA shall have voting rights. In the event that the number of such person present is too small to be representative in the opinion of the Chair, matters requiring a vote shall be submitted to mail ballot.

Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a simple majority of all members of the organization voting by mail ballot.

Section 1. Amendments must be approved in advance by the District Team to assure that they are harmonious with the Constitutions of the parent bodies.

Section 2. Amendments must be brought to the attention of the general membership no less than thirty days prior to the conduct of the mail ballot.