

BYLAWS

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

Article I: Membership

Membership shall be opened to all non-public, non-profit schools at the pre-school, elementary, and secondary level and to organized systems of such schools in the State of Texas. Membership shall be unlimited in number and shall consist of one-year memberships at a fee to be levied by the Board of Directors.

Article II: Board of Directors

This association shall be governed by a Board of Directors of no fewer than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21) member representatives of participating schools and/or organization of schools.

Each member organization may have a representative on the Board of Directors. Non-organization members shall be approved and elected by the Board of Directors.

Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent from three (3) successive regular meetings shall cease to be a member thereof unless excused by action from the Board of Directors.

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Regional heads of member schools may be eligible for membership on the Board of Directors.

Non-voting representative observers to the Board of Directors of the Association shall attend by invitation and may include observers from other groups concerned with the maintenance and well-being of private education.

Article III: Executive Committee

The officers of this Association shall be as follows: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Each officer shall be elected for the term of two (2) years by the members of the Board of Directors.

The President shall preside over the meetings of the Association, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors; he shall call special meetings of the Association, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors; he shall perform all acts and duties usually performed by the President of a Corporation as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President shall in absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. In the event of death or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall fulfill the unexpired term.

The Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President at the end of his term as Vice-President.

The Secretary shall have custody of all records, books and papers belonging to the Association; shall keep accurate and precise minutes of each regular and special meeting; shall issue certificates of membership to all who pay their dues regularly; shall carry on the correspondence of the Association.

The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all monies of the Association and shall maintain such books as necessary, and submit books for annual audit. The Treasurer shall submit reports at each meeting as well as an annual report. The annual budget is presented by the Treasurer and approved by the Board of Directors in April.

A salaried Executive Director (part or full-time) may be employed by the Association to carry out its business if it so elects. The Executive Director is hired or fired by the Board of Directors, reports to the Board of Directors and may be subject to an annual evaluation by the Board of Directors.

Article IV: Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet periodically during the year. Persons desiring to address the Board of Directors shall indicate that desire by notice in writing to the President at least one week prior to a meeting. Said notice shall outline in detail the matters to be discussed.

All regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as may be fixed by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors not less than fourteen (14) days notice. Notice of the place, date, and hour of all meetings must be delivered in writing or by e-mail. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President with a five (5) day notice.

A simple majority of the full Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act as spokesman for the Association.

The Executive Committee may fix its own rules of procedure, but in the absence of such, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members of the Association on a non-voting basis.

The annual meeting open to membership of the Association shall be held on a day of each fiscal year designated by the Board of Directors. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the 1st day of July and terminate on the 30th of June each year.

Article V: Other Committees

The Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other committees as it deems advisable and may discontinue the same at its pleasure. Each entity shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to it by the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors and shall be appointed and vacancies filled in the manner determined by the Executive Committee. In the absence of other direction, the President shall appoint all committees.

Article VI: Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership of the full Board of Directors. Notification of proposed amendment must be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting in which said amendment will be considered.

TANS Mission Statement

- TANS is an advocate for non-public education in Texas, representing early childhood, elementary, and secondary levels.
- TANS works to insure that:
 - Non-public schools exist and are free to develop and implement their individual missions and objectives.
 - The independence of non-public education is protected.
 - Members benefit from dissemination of information.
 - The public perceives non-public education as credible and positive.
 - All non-public schools and teachers are treated equitably.