

IDAHO TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Article I Name

Section 1.

The official name of this organization shall be the Idaho Technology Student Association and may be referred to as the “IDTSA” Chapter.

Article II Purposes

Section 1. The general purposes of this organization are:

- To assist local chapters in the growth and development of IDTSA.
- To assist local chapters in the development of leadership and citizenship in social, economic, educational and community activities.
- To increase the knowledge and understanding of our technological world.
- To assist technology education students in the making of informed and meaningful occupational choices and goals.

Section 2. The specific purposes of this organization are:

- To develop the ability of members to plan and organize together, using a variety of resources to carry out activities and projects to solve problems.
- To explore technology and develop an understanding of technological literacy.
- To promote student learning in leadership and technology through co-curricular resource activities.
- To encourage students in creative expression.
- To develop consumer awareness in students.
- To provide career opportunity information pertaining to a broad range of occupations through various competitions.
- To expose students to the responsibility of representing a large membership.
- To prepare individuals for enrollment in advanced or highly skilled vocational and technical education programs.

Article III Membership and Organization

Section 1.

The Idaho Technology Student Association is an organization of local association chapters, each operating in accordance with a Charter granted by IDTSA.

Section 2.

Each chartered association of the IDTSA Chapter will be responsible for all operational activities within the state or geographic region; under the direction of the State Advisor of Technology Education or an appointed representative.

Section 3.

The Administration of IDTSA interests will be vested in the State Advisor and State Officers of IDTSA.

Section 4.

A local chapter shall use its full school/geographical area name before the acronym IDTSA when identifying itself as a local chapter of the IDTSA chapter.

Section 5.

Membership eligibility will be governed by IDTSA. Annual membership dues shall be determined by IDTSA. A local association may be chartered as a member if approved by the State Advisor. The membership year shall be September 1st to August 31st.

Section 6.

Individual membership in IDTSA will be through chartered local chapters. A chapter will consist of a school or geographical unit. Each chapter will consist of individual members as described below:

- Active members shall be students who are presently enrolled in or have been previously enrolled in a technology education program, including (but not limited to) Computer Science, Information Technology, Engineering, Media Technology, Drafting, and any technology class directly pertaining to a competition; within their middle school or high school years. An active member shall pay dues as established by IDTSA and may hold a national office, state office, participate in national, state, and/or regional competitive events or projects, serve as a national or state voting delegate, or otherwise represent their associations in national or state TSA affairs as may be approved by their association or chapter.
- Associate members shall be students who are enrolled in related fields of instruction with emphasis in technology education, or who have been previously enrolled in technology education programs. An associate member shall pay dues as established by IDTSA and shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

- Alumni members shall consist of those individuals who have completed a technology education program (have been a former active or associate IDTSA member), and who have graduated from or left school. Alumni members shall pay dues as established by IDTSA. Alumni members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.
- Professional members are those persons engaged in education, business, and industry; who have an interest in IDTSA and in the welfare of technology education. Professional members shall pay dues as established by IDTSA. Professional members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.
- Honorary/Honorary Life members may be individuals who have made or are making contributions to the advancements of technology education as may be approved by the IDTSA executive committee and shall be exempt from annual dues.

Section 7.

Individual members that have moved to a school or area that does not have an active chapter may continue to be affiliated with IDTSA by continuing membership with their former chapter or with a chapter that is closest to them.

Article IV State Officers

Section 1.

The state officers of IDTSA shall consist of a: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Reporter. These state officers, along with the IDTSA State Advisor will be known collectively as the Executive Committee of IDTSA.

Section 2. Duties of the IDTSA State Officers:

- President: It shall be the duty of the President of IDTSA to preside at all meetings; to make necessary committee appointments including the designation of a committee chairperson; to develop, with the Executive committee, a program of work for his/her term of office; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.
- Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to accept the responsibility of the President as occasions may demand; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.
- Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to record proceedings of all meetings; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.
- Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to keep records and membership reports as necessary; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.

- Sergeant-at-Arms: It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to help in the preparation and control of the meeting place; in the event that a parliamentarian is not appointed by the President, to assist in conducting all meetings according to parliamentary procedures as set forth by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.
- Reporter: It shall be the duty of the Reporter to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to accumulate and keep up-to-date information on the history of the association; to prepare articles for publication in IDTSA publications, professional magazines and journals, newspapers and other news media; to contact other association members concerning new items for publication, and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.

Section 3. Qualifications for State Office

- Only active members of IDTSA will be eligible for a state office. Students cannot be elected to state office during their senior year.
- A student must be a member of TSA for at least one year before seeking state office. A TSA member must have completed the eighth grade to be qualified for a national office.
- No individual may server more than one term as a state officer in the same office.

Section 4. Nominations

- The state IDTSA President shall have authority to appoint a credentials committee to review all state officer candidates and their qualifications, and will submit to the voting delegates a slate of all candidates declared eligible for each state office. There will be no additional nomination from the floor.
- No chapter may have more than two state officers at any one time.

Section 5. Elections

- State Officer Candidates (SOC) must submit an application prior to the specified deadline and prior to the annual SLC. Candidates are expected to meet all qualifications and requirements as stated in the "Qualifications for State Office" section. Officers will be elected annually with each chapter entitled to at least two officers as long as the candidates meets the eligibility requirements.
- The voting delegates will vote for officers by ballot during SLC.
- Canidates are elected based on a combination of scores from the application and interview process and ballot count scores. Candidates with the highest point totals will be declared state officers.

Section 6.

Individuals elected as State Officers at the annual conference will hold office until the close of the next annual conference, unless removed from office by the State Advisor.

Section 7.

The Executive Committee may fill, by appointment, any vacancy occurring in the state officers for the unexpired term, except in the office of President, which shall be filled by the Vice-President. In the case of a tie, the President will cast the deciding vote.

Article V Meetings

Section 1.

An IDTSA Conference will be held each year with the time, date, and location designated by the IDTSA Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Each chartered delegation will be entitled to one vote for each state officer in attendance {maximum of two (2)}, plus two (2) additional votes for each chapter in that local delegation which has student members in attendance at the conference.

Section 3.

A majority of the registered voting delegates for the state conference shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII The Local TSA Advisor

Section 1.

It is recommended that a technology education teacher serve as a local chapter IDTSA advisor; however, in cases where there is no such interested teacher, a local state-certified educator may be appointed by the school's Principal. The appointed advisor would have all of the rights and privileges of a regular advisor, as long as that chapter is in good standing.

Article VIII Board of Directors

Section 1.

The IDTSA Board of Directors is the policy making body for the administration of IDTSA activities and programs.

Section 2.

The IDTSA Board of Directors will manage IDTSA's finances and will make available an annual report to each chartered delegation.

Section 3.

The Board of Directors will consist of a: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, TSA state President, six Regional Representatives, two Industry Representatives, the Idaho TSA State Advisor, and the Engineering and Technology Program Manager as assigned by the Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education.

Section 4.

The duties of the Board of Directors:

- President: It shall be the duty of the President of the Board of Directors of IDTSA to schedule and preside at all board meetings; to make necessary committee appointments including the designation of a committee chairperson; to serve as the registered agent IDTSA corporation; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.
- Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to accept the responsibility of the President as occasions may demand; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.
- Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to record proceedings of all meetings; disseminate those records to all members of the board and the state officers within 7 days; make those records available to all advisors on request; provide the annual report to the Secretary of State; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.
- Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to serve in any capacity as directed by the President, to review quarterly financial reports from the IDTSA State Advisor; to work with the IDTSA State Advisor to develop and maintain a budget, to work with the IDTSA State Adviser to generate the annual report, to disseminate the annual report to the board, state officers and each chartered delegation; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA.
- State Advisor: is a non-voting member. It shall be the duty of the State Advisor to be the intermediate between the board and the Idaho CTE and National TSA; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of IDTSA. Within the parameters of their job at Idaho CTE they will schedule and run SLC and student officer leadership development and any other duties as assigned.

Section 5.

The elections of officers will occur every other year at odd numbered years. The board of directors will be elected by the chapter advisors present at the time of the election. The election

will take place during SLC. If for any reason the election does not occur at that time it is the responsibility of the president of the board to call for a special election that will take place prior to July 1st.

Section 6.

The IDTSA Executive Committee shall consist of IDCTE TSA State Advisor, IDTSA Board President, IDTSA Board Vice President, IDTSA Board Secretary, and IDTSA Board Treasurer. The Executive committee shall address extraneous, extraordinary or sensitive issues.