

Fairbanks Retired Teachers' Association

Constitution

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Article I

Name

The name of this Association shall be the Fairbanks Retired Teachers' Association. The Association is formed as a non-profit organization and is hereafter referred to as the Association and as FRTA.

Article II

Purpose

Section 1. To serve as a Local Unit of the Alaska State Retired Educators Association (AKREA) and maintain affiliation with the National Retired Teacher's Association (NRTA) Division of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Section 2. To help retired teachers maintain identity with the teaching profession and to further the cause of education.

Section 3. To help advance the interests and welfare of the retired educator in the state and local community.

Section 4. To foster good fellowship among retired teachers.

Section 5. To provide scholarships for graduating high school students.

Article III

Definition and Membership

Section 1. The term "retired teacher" shall mean anyone who has, at some time been employed in the schools of the nation's, on any educational level and is retired.

Section 2. Active membership shall be open to any retired educator or administrator formerly employed in the nations public or private schools or at the university level.

Section 3. Associate membership shall be offered to anyone interested in the work of this Association and approved for membership in the Association by the Executive Board; upon payment of dues, he/she shall assume membership with all rights and privileges, except the right to vote, and hold office, or to represent the Association.

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Article IV

Officers

- Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and shall be elected to hold office for 24 calendar months.
- Section 2. Officer elections shall be held in May of each odd year. Any active member is eligible for nomination. Election shall be by majority vote of those present at the election meeting. Officers elected will be installed at the first regular fall meeting or as appropriate for interim fillings.
- Section 3. As part of the election process the President in the second year of the 24-month term, with the advice of the board, will appoint a nominating committee and its' chairperson on or before the January meeting of the Association. The Slate of nominees shall be presented to the membership at the April meeting and voted on in May.

Article V

Executive Board

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, the chairpersons of the committees, and the Newsletter Editor. The President shall chair the Board and vote only if a tie occurs.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least four times and more as determined by needs of the Association.
- Section 3. A majority in attendance shall constitute a Quorum.
- Section 4. Vacancies on the Executive Board shall be filled by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.
- Section 5. No officer shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

Article VI

Committees

The President, after installation shall with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, appoint chairpersons for committees as needed. After that action the President and chairperson shall complete the membership of committees. Each committee shall have 2 or more members.

Committees and Their Duties

1. Membership Committee—Develops strategies and carries out activities to encourage the broadest potential membership.
2. Finance Committee—Develops and presents to the Executive Board an annual budget, considers changes in dues and as may be necessary and if necessary proposes way to gather resources for special projects.

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3. Program Committee—Plans programs for the year by searching out possibilities and presenting a general plan to the Executive Board at the beginning of each year. Provides leadership in arranging specific programs in collaboration with the Executive Board.
4. Fellowship “sunshine” Committee—Leadership for inspiring active members with timely program activities and through keeping in touch with members who are inactive from illness, accidents or disabilities, or who may have moved from the community. Doing so at appropriate Holidays or other “special times” is an important role of this committee.
5. Scholarship Committee—The chair maintains and updates applications and accompanying cover letters. Distribute copies of scholarship packet to all FNSBSD high schools. Receives and evaluates scholarship applications that are submitted. The chair schedules a committee meeting for the evaluation of applications and selecting the recipients for the scholarships. Notification is given to all who applied. Working with the treasurer, the committee chair insures that payment is sent to the appropriate schools for the recipients.

Article VII

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at a regular or called meeting of Association by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present provided that the proposed amendments have been introduced to the membership at least one month prior to voting on it/them.

Section 2. All amendments must be presented in writing before final action is taken on them.

Article VIII

Adoption and Effective Date

This Constitution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption or amendment, provided, however, that nothing in this Constitution shall be deemed to impair any acts or proceedings heretofore undertaken by or on behalf of the Association.

The Association shall operate as a non-profit organization. All income received shall be for the non-profit purposes of the organization, and no part of the income shall inure to the benefit on any officer or member. In the event of a future dissolution of the organization, all assets shall be distributed to another non-profit organization holding a status prescribed by Section 507(a)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code as determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

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1. Designation of Year:
 - A. The Official Year shall be correlated with the calendar year, January through December.
 - B. The financial year shall correlate with the calendar year.
2. Election of officers:
 - A. Election shall be held at the May meeting of each odd year except in extreme circumstances the Executive Board shall have the authority to set a different date.
3. Regular meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month, except no regular meetings shall be held June and July.
4. Membership dues shall be \$10.00 per member per year.
5. All funding requests not contained in the Annual Budget shall be presented to the Executive Board for their recommendation prior to action by the membership.