

NOTE:

An amendment was approved by unanimous vote of the PAGE Delegate Assembly in official session on June 20, 2009:

Under Article III add new section "g" to allow president to appoint Teacher Academy graduate to ex officio seat on PAGE Board of Directors.

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**CONSTITUTION  
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA EDUCATORS**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name, Core Business, Purpose and Limitations**

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Professional Association of Georgia Educators hereinafter in this document referred to as the Association.

Section 2. Core Business. Our core business at PAGE is to provide professional learning for educators that will enhance professional competence and confidence, build leadership qualities and lead to higher academic achievement for students.

Section 23. Purpose. The purposes of this Association are:

- (a) To maintain, promote and foster the concept of uninterrupted education of students at all times;
- (b) To maintain, promote and foster such programs as to ensure that the citizens of this state, through their duly elected officials, shall always maintain control of the public school systems of this state;
- (c) To maintain, promote and foster the right of all professional educators to have at all times freedom of choice as to the professional organizations and associations to which they may belong;
- (d) To maintain, promote and foster public confidence in the educational systems of this state;
- (e) To maintain, promote and foster the professional status of and compensation for the educators of this state;
- (f) To protect the rights of all professional educators of this state;
- (g) To strive continually to maintain, promote and foster respect for the profession of education on the local, state and national levels;
- (h) To encourage research and development of educational methods and materials with emphasis on classroom instruction to the students and to provide opportunity for the exchange of experiences and opinions of professional educators through discussion, studies and publications;

(i) To develop and encourage the practice of high standards of personal and professional conduct among professional educators;

(j) To conduct and cooperate in courses of study for the benefit of persons desiring to fit themselves for the profession of education and to provide opportunities for members to increase their knowledge of educational standards and methods and to increase their individual capabilities;

(k) To hold meetings and conferences for the mutual improvement and education of members;

(l) To acquire, preserve and disseminate data and information relative to the functions and accomplishments of professional educators;

(m) To promote the profession of education by providing for the recognition of educational attainment and professional competence of professional educators;

(n) To unite through membership in the Association persons interested in maintaining, promoting and fostering the goals, objectives and purposes of the Association and to do all and everything necessary, suitable and proper for the accomplishment of said purposes and any of the powers heretofore set forth and as may otherwise be authorized by law; and to do every other act or acts, thing or things, incidental or pertaining to or growing out of or connected with the aforesaid purposes or powers, or any part or parts thereof, provided the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of the law under which this Association is organized and provided the same are consistent with the public interest.

Section 34. Limitations. The following are limitations on the activities, purposes and organization of the Association:

(a) The Association is not organized for and is not to be operated for pecuniary gain or profit;

(b) No part of the property of the Association and no part of its income or earnings are to accrue to the benefit of any Director or other private individual;

(c) The Association is prohibited from engaging in any activity contrary to the purposes for which the Association is organized;

(d) The Association shall not be controlled by or affiliated with, either directly or indirectly, any labor union of any kind or description, whether local, state, national, or otherwise;

(e) In no event is a strike or threat of work stoppage or slow down to be promoted, fostered or employed by the Association in furtherance of the purposes for which it is organized, or for any other reason;

(f) The Association shall not endorse or financially support any political candidate for local, state or federal office. Members of the Association are urged to select the candidate(s) of their choice and to actively support them.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Membership and Dues**

Section 1. Membership Eligibility Statement. The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) was formed to address the professional, educational and legal needs of Georgia's public school educators--professional and support. Private school educators from accredited schools are also eligible for membership. Membership is available to qualified public and private school educators from Pre-K through college and university level.

The Board of Directors is vested with the final authority on all questions pertaining to any individual's eligibility for membership in the Association.

Section 2. Membership Categories

(a) Professional. Including, but not limited to, Certificated Teachers and Administrators; and persons employed in a professional education role in agencies funded by the Georgia Department of Education or the State of Georgia.

(b) Support. Including, but not limited to, Paraprofessionals, Teacher Assistants, Bus Drivers, Custodians, School Lunch Staff, Secretaries, Substitute Teachers (unless certificated long term substitutes who shall be professional members) and School Security Officers.

(c) Student. ~~Undergraduate~~ College or University students studying to become teachers are eligible for membership in the Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE), an organization under the direction and guidance of PAGE. Students who are participating-enrolled in approved Youth Apprenticeship programs-Education Pathway courses in their high schools are also eligible for membership.

(d) Retired. Retired teachers, administrators and support personnel.

(e) Retired Life. Life membership in the Association may be extended to anyone by majority vote of the Board of Directors or by payment of a one-time membership fee as determined by the Board.

~~(f) Affiliate. The Association welcomes the endorsement and active support of individuals or groups who wish to assist the Association in the implementation of its goals, principles and programs.~~

~~(g) Honorary. Honorary membership in the Association is open to those persons who~~

~~have performed meritorious services for the Association and/or for public education in the State of Georgia, and such persons shall become honorary members upon recommendation to and approval by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 3. Membership Rights and Privileges and Membership Dues.

(a) Professional members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership including voting and office holding in the Association.

(b) Support members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership except voting and office holding in the Association.

(c) Student members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership except voting and office holding in the Association. Student members may vote and hold office in SPAGE.

(d) Retired members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges\* of full membership including voting, but not that of office holding. ~~(\*exception under subsection (h))~~ However, effective June 2013, retired members may be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors in one of two positions held by retired educators.

(e) Retired Life members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges\* of full membership including voting, but not that of office holding. ~~(\*exception under subsection (h))~~ However, effective June 2013, retired members may be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors in one of two positions held by retired educators.

~~(f) Affiliate members are not entitled to any rights and privileges of membership and shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the Association, except such members may be furnished copies of appropriate official publications and may be entitled to attend and participate in any meetings or activities.~~

~~(g) Honorary members are not entitled to any rights and privileges of membership and shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the Association, except such honorary members may be furnished copies of appropriate official publications and may be entitled to attend and participate in any meetings or activities. Such members shall not be charged any membership dues or fees. Such membership shall continue for lifetime, or until terminated by majority of the members of the Board of Directors.~~

(h) Dues. The payment and acceptance of annual dues entitles a member to exercise the rights and privileges of membership as set forth herein for a 12-month period from the date of such payment. Annual dues for all classes of membership shall be set by the Board of Directors.

(i) Termination of Membership. Membership in the Association shall terminate at the end of the 12-month period for which membership dues have been paid by the member and

accepted by the Board of Directors.

(h) The following classes are eligible for coverage by PAGE's liability insurance and PAGE's Legal Protection Plan: Professional, Support and Student-, except that student members are eligible for coverage by PAGE's Legal Protection Plan only for the defense of actions brought against the student arising out of the activities involving their student teaching.

### ARTICLE III

#### Board of Directors and Management of the Association

##### A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Government by Board of Directors. The government of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors subject to the rules, regulations and bylaws of the Association and to this Constitution.

Section 2. Division of State into Districts. The school systems of the state shall be divided into ~~42~~ 13 districts compatible with the most convenient and effective method of holding meetings, promoting membership and providing informational services. This divisional plan shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Delegate Assembly in annual session.

Section 3. Composition. The Board of Directors of the Association shall be composed of the following:

- (a) The President of the Association;
- (b) The President-Elect of the Association;
- (c) The Secretary of the Association;
- (d) The Treasurer of the Association;
- (e) The Immediate Past President of the Association;
- (f) A District Director from each of the ~~42~~13 Association districts into which the state is divided.

In the event any Director of the Board of Directors representing an Association district ceases to have his place of business and office in the Association district which such member represents, such member shall continue to serve on the Board of Directors only until the President appoints and the Board approves a new District Director at the next June annual meeting~~meeting of the Board to serve out the remainder of the unexpired term of the Association. If the term of office of such member does not normally expire at such annual meeting, there shall be a special election to fill out the remainder of such unexpired term. Such election and nominations therefore shall be conducted as elections and nominations for such positions are normally conducted.~~

(g) Two Retired Georgia Educators who reside in the State of Georgia, to be appointed by

the President and approved by the Board to a three-year term. These two positions shall have full voting rights on the Board.

(gh) A graduate of the Teacher Academy, to be appointed by the president to a two-year term upon the recommendation of the Executive Director. This position will be ex officio and shall not have any right to vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless qualified to vote under any other provisions of this Constitution.

(hi) All chairmen of all committees appointed by the President; these persons shall be members of the Board of directors ex officio and shall not have any right to vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless qualified to vote under any other provisions of this Constitution.

Section 4. Eligibility. Only active members of the Association in good standing shall be eligible to be members of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the two retired educators who shall be retired or retired life members of the Association in order to be eligible to serve on the Board.

Section 5. Elections of Members of Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected in the manner provided for hereinafter and shall take office ~~immediately upon adjournment at the June Board -of the~~ meeting ~~at which said~~ following the election ~~took place~~; except following such action at the 1980 annual meeting the members shall thereafter take office on July 1 following the convention and coinciding with the start of the new administrative year.

(a) Directors from each of the 13 Association Districts and the Officers shall be elected ~~at~~ via the annual business meeting of the Association by a majority vote of the ~~Delegate Assembly members~~ present and voting. No person shall vote for any office or position for which he is a candidate.

(b) Nominations for District Directors and Officers shall be made by a nominating committee. Additional ~~nominations write in votes~~ may be ~~made cast from the floor of the Delegate Assembly in via~~ the annual business meeting.

(c) Vacancies in the office of district director shall be filled by appointment by the President and approval by the Board to serve out the remainder of the unexpired term, a majority vote of the other directors present and voting at a regular or special meeting and the person so selected shall serve until a director can be nominated by the Delegate Assembly at annual convention to fulfill the unexpired term, or until the term expires, whichever comes first.

Section 6. Terms on Board of Directors. Each member of the Board of Directors shall hold office for the following terms or until such member's successor is elected or appointed and qualified:

(a) The President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and all Chairmen of committees shall serve for a period of time concurrent with the term of their respective positions or until their

successors have been duly chosen and qualified.

(b) ~~Members-District Directors of~~ the Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership by the Delegate Assembly during the annual business meeting for a three-year term of office. Effective July 1, 2005 and subsequently thereafter, Directors shall serve staggered three-year terms according to the following schedule:

- (1) Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 – Term expires 6/30/2007
- (2) Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 – Term expires 6/30/2006
- (3) Districts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 – Term expires 6/30/2008

All members shall serve their designated term of office and/or until their successors have been duly chosen and qualified.

Section 7. Vacancies on Board of Directors. Vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors arising on account of the death, resignation or termination of office under any provision of this constitution shall be filled as follows:

(a) Any vacancy arising in the office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect and he/she shall assume all of the duties of the President for the unexpired term and shall continue to serve for the term during which he would regularly have served as President;

(b) Any vacancy arising in the office of President-Elect shall remain unfilled for the unexpired term, and an election for the office of President-Elect shall be held ~~at~~ via the next annual business meeting.

(c) Any vacancy arising in the office of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled for the unexpired term by such person ~~elected~~ appointed at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors by majority vote of those present and qualified to vote and voting;

(d) Any vacancy arising in the office of Chairman of a committee shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President or the President may delegate the appointment to the members of said committee.

Section 8. Subject to the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States of America, the Board of Directors is authorized to adopt such policies, rules and regulations as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the provisions of this Constitution to achieve the purpose and goals of the Association; and to take such other action as may be required by the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States of America; or as may be directed by a court of

competent jurisdiction.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to evaluate the progress of the Association and to ensure that the policies, rules and regulations of the Association are properly implemented.

#### B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Composition. There shall be an Executive Committee to consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and ~~may include four~~ other members of the Board of Directors selected by the President and confirmed by the Board.

Section 2. Powers. During the interim between meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee shall be vested with power to perform all acts and transact all business which the Board of Directors might do. It shall serve as a Personnel Committee for the Board of Directors, including recommending a person to be Executive.

Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times as may be called by the President ~~or any four members thereof~~, and appropriate notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given to all members.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Officers of the Association

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall consist of:

- (a) President
- (b) President-Elect
- (c) Treasurer
- (d) Secretary
- (e) Immediate Past President

Section 2. Eligibility. Only active members of the Association shall be eligible to hold office in the Association.

Section 3. President. The President shall be responsible for carrying out the purposes of the Association. The duties of the President shall include, but not be limited to, presiding at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the membership. The President shall represent the Association at other meetings or shall designate a person or persons to fulfill this function, and the President ~~shall~~ may act as the official spokesman for the Association and shall authenticate, by his/~~her~~ signature, when necessary, all of the acts, orders and proceedings of the Association. The President shall perform all duties as usually pertain to the Office of President, as well as such duties as may be assigned by the membership at any regular meeting or by the Board of Directors. The President shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of an annual report of the activities of the Association at the regular annual meeting of the Association. The President shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees.



Section 4. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President, the membership at any regular meeting, or by the Board of Directors. During any period in which the President is unable to act, the President-Elect shall perform the duties of President. There should be continuity in the program of the Association for the benefit of the public and the members, and it shall be the duty of the President-Elect, not only to participate actively in the program of the Association during his term, but also to plan for the program for the year in which he/she shall act as President, and to make needed arrangements for the prompt inaugural of the program upon assuming office and prevent interruption in the continuing programs then being carried on by the Association.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have general supervision of the finances of the Association. The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept full and accurate records and accounts showing the transactions of the Association and shall see that all expenditures are duly authorized. The Treasurer shall report annually and more frequently if required by the President. The Treasurer shall perform all other duties as may be assigned by the President, the membership at any regular meeting, or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Secretary. the Secretary ~~shall keep full minutes of all meetings, including meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors; shall read such minutes at the proper subsequent meeting; shall give notice of meetings; shall notify all officers and directors of their election or appointment shall report on membership at each board meeting;~~ and shall perform all other duties as may be incidental to the office of Secretary or assigned by the President, the membership at any regular meeting, or by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall maintain an active and current roll of the membership of the Association, and shall certify as eligible to vote all active members of the Association present at meetings who are eligible to vote.

Section 7. Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President ~~shall be a member of all standing committees provided for herein and~~ shall have such ~~other~~ responsibilities assigned by the President, ~~the membership at any regular meeting,~~ or by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall have general and active management of its affairs subject to general policies prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Election of Officers. The officers shall be elected in the manner provided for in this instrument and shall take office at the ~~beginning of the new administrative year on July 1 following the annual meeting.~~

June Conference.

Section 10. Terms of Office. The terms of office of the President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for one (1) year beginning with the new administrative year, or until such officer's successor is elected or appointed and qualified.

Section 11. Vacancies in Office. Vacancies occurring in the office of any officer arising on account of the death, resignation or termination of office under any of these provisions shall be filled in accordance with provisions of Article III, Section ~~8~~7.

Section 12. Succession of President-Elect to President. The member of the Association elected President-Elect at ~~an~~the annual business meeting of the membership shall, upon expiration of his term, succeed to the office of President for a term of one (1) year beginning at the June Conference.~~with the new administrative year.~~

## ARTICLE V

### Elections

Section 1. Effective Date for Implementation of Article V. The first elections held pursuant to these provisions shall be held at the annual meeting of the Association in 1976. All persons who are serving in an elected position under any past provisions and whose terms do not expire at the meeting on which these provisions are adopted shall continue in office or position until such time as their regular term expires. All offices and positions becoming vacant at the meeting at which said first elections are held shall be filled according to these bylaws.

Section 2. Qualifications for Voting or Making Nominations. Only active members of the Association in good standing shall be eligible to vote or nominate in any election of the Association.

Section 3. Offices Filled by Election.

(a) The President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected ~~at~~via the ~~regular~~annual business meeting of the Association to serve such terms as are specified in these provisions;

(b) Members of the Board of Directors representing the Association Districts shall be elected ~~at~~via the ~~regular~~annual business meeting of the Association by the membership ~~of each such Association District~~ to serve such terms as are specified in these provisions.

Section 4. Duties of Secretary in Elections. The Secretary shall perform the following duties in connection with elections to positions as officers of the Association:

(a) The Secretary shall cause a notice to be published and mailed to all members of the Association not less than sixty (60) days prior to each annual meeting of the Association setting forth:

(1) The positions of President-Elect, Treasurer, ~~and~~Secretary and Directors which are to be filled by election at said annual meeting;

(2) The eligibility requirements for such positions;

(3) The nomination and election procedure;

~~(4) The names and addresses of members of the Election Committee.~~

Section 5. Nominations. Nominations for any office may be made in any of the following ways:

(a) Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee which shall consist of the President, who shall act as chairman ~~but shall have no vote on the Committee,~~ and ~~seven~~ ~~(7)~~ five (5) members who shall be appointed by the President from among the members of the Board of Directors. Such Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to each annual business meeting of the Association and it shall be the duty of the President, as Chairman of the Committee, to notify all members thereof of the time and place of such meeting or meetings. ~~Five (5)~~ Four (4) ~~voting~~ members of said Nominating Committee shall constitute a quorum for such meeting or meetings. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one (1) or more candidates for the office of president-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of all nominees nominated by it to the ~~election committee~~ Board of Directors of the Association not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the annual meeting at which such elections are to be held.

(b) Nominations from Members. ~~Nominations Write in votes~~ for candidates for the office of President-Elect, Treasurer, ~~and~~ Secretary and Directors may be made by any member who is qualified to vote and may be made ~~from the floor at~~ via the ~~regular~~ annual business meeting.

~~Section 6. Election Committee. Elections held at the regular annual meeting of the Association shall be conducted by the Election Committee which shall consist of the President, who shall act as Chairman, and two (2) members who shall be appointed by the President from among the members and alternate members of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 76. Conduct of Elections. The ~~Election Committee~~ Board of Directors shall conduct such elections as follows:

(a) The ~~Election Committee~~ Board of Directors shall receive the report of the Nominating Committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the Association and shall determine if the persons nominated are eligible for office;

(b) The ~~Election Committee~~ Board of Directors shall cause ballots to be prepared for each position. The ~~Election Nominating~~ Committee shall at the Board of Directors meetings which precedes the annual business meeting present to the Board of Directors for their approval a plan for the conduct of the elections at the annual meeting, which plan shall contain a list of the places, dates and times for voting ~~at~~ via the annual business meeting and which plan shall ensure that there is adequate time to count the votes prior to the conclusion of the meeting. Each member registered and qualified to vote ~~at~~ via the annual business meeting and desiring to vote shall mark his ballot according to the instructions thereon and shall return the ballot according to the posted procedures to one of the voting places established by the ~~Election Nominating~~ Committee. The ~~Election Committee~~ Board of Directors shall, at the conclusion of the voting, ~~count~~ tally the votes and report the results at the ~~annual meeting~~ June Board Meeting. The ~~Election Committee~~ Board of Directors

may employ such impartial clerical assistance as it may deem necessary.

Section 87. Declaration of Results of Elections.

(a) The candidate receiving ~~a majority of the~~ the most votes cast in elections for President-Elect, Treasurer ~~and~~, Secretary and Director shall be declared elected;

(b) The persons certified as provided hereinabove as having been elected to the Board of Directors from each PAGE District shall be declared elected to the Board of Directors.

~~(c) In the event no candidate in an election for the office of President Elect, Treasurer or Secretary receives a majority of the votes cast, the members present at the annual meeting shall determine which of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in election shall be declared elected, and such determination shall be made by conducting a vote of the membership between the two (2) such candidates.~~

## ARTICLE VI

### Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The following shall be Standing Committees of the Association and shall be appointed by the President as hereinafter provided:

(a) Nominating

~~(b) Elections~~

~~(c) Legislative~~

~~(d) Professional Learning and Membership.~~

Section 2. Special Committees. The President shall appoint such Committees as he shall deem necessary and proper and shall designate their duties and their size deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the Association. Upon motion of any member and the passage of such motion by a majority vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors, a committee for any specific purpose may be formed and it shall then be mandatory for the President to make the appointment of such Committee. The President may delegate the appointment of Committee members to the Chairmen of the respective Committees.

Section 3. Appointments and Terms. All Committee Chairmen and Committee members shall be appointed by the President for terms coincident with that of the President.

Section 4. Vacancy. A vacancy in any Committee, unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws, shall be filled by appointment by the President and the appointee shall hold the office for the unexpired term or until his successor shall have been chosen.

Section 5. Meetings. Committees shall meet as often as necessary in order to perform their duties. Except where otherwise provided, they may act by correspondence, or otherwise in writing, without

assembling in person at any particular place.

Section 6. Reports. The Committee Chairmen shall submit to the President, Secretary and such other persons or committees as designated by the President in writing, reports of the activities and recommendations of their respective committees. Reports may be submitted at intervals as required or desired by the President except each committee shall submit a report of its entire activities not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting of the Association.

## ARTICLE VII

### Meetings

Section 1. Annual Business Meeting. Members of the Association shall ~~meet~~ convene annually at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors for the annual business meeting. Notice of the annual business meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all members not less than sixty (60) days prior to such annual business meeting, and such notice may be given to the membership by publication of such notice in the official newsletter of the Association. This annual business meeting may be conducted in person or via electronic/online communication methods.

Section 2. Special Meetings. The President or the Board of Directors by majority vote of the members present and voting may call other meetings of the membership of the Association at such times as he or they shall designate. Notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all members not less than twenty (20) days before such meetings, and notice of such meetings may be given to the membership by publication of such notice in the official newsletter of the Association.

Section 3. Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet not less than four times during each fiscal year at such time as the President or the Board of Directors by majority vote of the members present and voting may designate; provided, that one of such meetings shall ~~coincide with the regular annual meeting of the membership~~ be held in June. Notice of such meetings shall be given by the Secretary to all members of the Board of Directors not less than fifteen (15) days prior to each such meeting. The Board of Directors may use telephonic or electronic/online communication methods to conduct their meetings.

Section 4. Board of Directors Attendance. PAGE seeks full contribution of all board members. Except, in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as serious illness or death in the family, if a member has two absences in a row the President or his/her designee will contact the member to discuss the problem. If appropriate, the member's response will be shared with the entire board at the next board meeting. At that meeting, the board may decide what actions to take regarding the board member's continued membership on the board.

Section 45. Quorums. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for Board of Directors meetings.

Section 56. Rules. All meetings, including committee meetings, shall be conducted in accordance

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with these provisions and where no provision is made in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Section 67. Voting at Meetings. Except as otherwise provided herein, all questions coming before any meeting (Members, Board of Directors, Committee, ~~Congressional District Membership~~, or other) when duly convened shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Allied Units and Local Chapters**

~~Section 1. Qualifications/Applications.~~ Any organization of professional educators of any school system, whether public or private, in which membership is restricted to persons actively engaged in the profession of education may apply for alliance with the Professional Association of Georgia Educators. The applying organization shall submit to the Secretary of the Association a petition containing:

(a) ~~A certified copy of a Resolution regularly adopted by the applying organization authorizing alliance;~~

(b) ~~A petition signed by at least three (3) members of the applying organization describing its organization and listing the size of its membership;~~

(c) ~~A copy of any Constitution, Bylaws or Articles of Procedure for the conduct of the affairs of the applying organization.~~

~~Section 2. Alliance.~~ The Secretary of the Association shall present the alliance petition at the next meeting of the Board of Directors for approval. Upon approval by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting, the applicant shall be declared and accepted as an allied unit of the Association.

~~Section 3. Termination of Alliance.~~ Any allied unit shall cease being an allied unit at any time by notice to the Board of Directors or by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE ~~IX~~VIII**

### **Amendments**

The Constitution of the Association may be amended only at any meeting of the Association by motion made in writing to the President at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Copies of the motion containing the proposed amendment shall be mailed to all members of the Board of Directors at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting, and a summary and description of same shall be published in the official newsletter of the Association. The motion to amend shall then be voted upon at the meeting and shall require a majority vote ~~of those present~~ for adoption. The provisions of this section imposing certain time requirements may be waived with the unanimous consent of all Board members present at any meeting.