



California Council on Teacher Education

Amendments to California Council on Teacher Education By-Laws Requested by the Association of Teacher Educators

Background

The California Council on Teacher Education (CCTE) became the California state chapter of the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) on July 1, 2001, as part of the merger that year of the California Council on the Education of Teachers (CCET), the California Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (CACTE), and the State of California Association of Teacher Educators (SCARE), a merger that was reflected in the reworking of the CCET by-laws into the new and current by-laws of CCTE. Prior to that year SCATE was the California state chapter of ATE. Now, 17 years later, ATE has conducted a review of the by-laws of all state chapters and has requested some minor amendments to the CCTE by-laws in order to conform fully and appropriately to national ATE expectations for state chapters.

In this process, following its review of the current CCTE by-laws, ATE shared a list of requested changes with CCTE early this year, and a three-person ad hoc CCTE committee (consisting of CCTE Vice President for ATE Michael Cosenza, the CCTE Executive Secretary Alan Jones, and CCTE President Virginia Kennedy) drafted proposed by-laws changes, submitted those changes to ATE for review, and received assurance from ATE indicating that the proposed amendments would indeed conform to ATE's expectations for state chapters.

With that assurance in hand, the proposed amendments to the CCTE by-laws will now be presented for approval at the June 9, 2018, meeting of the CCTE Board of Directors and the Board at that time will be asked to authorize an e-mail vote of the CCTE membership to approve the amendments. Once that vote is completed, assuming approval by the membership, CCTE will inform ATE that the amendments have been adopted.

The Proposed By-Law Amendments

The amendments being proposed are as follows:

Section 4.01(a) - The terms of the Vice President for AACTE and Vice President for ATE are changed from 2 to 3 years, since it is ATE's expectation that state chapter officers serving as liaison to ATE will serve three-year terms. The proposal to also change the term of the Vice President for AACTE is offered to retain conformity between the two Vice President offices.

Section 4.01(b) - Language has been added to stipulate that a majority (at least 8) of the members of the CCTE Board of Directors shall be national members of ATE, and that the Vice President for ATE shall be among those 8. This is to conform to an ATE requirement that a majority of the officers of state chapters be national members of ATE.

Section V(a) - Language has been added to state that the CCTE Board of Directors will appoint 2 delegates and 2 alternates to ATE for 3-year terms, and that all 4 such individuals selected will be national members of ATE. This new language has been requested by ATE since it is their expectation that procedures for selecting delegates and alternates to the national organization will appear in state chapter by-laws.

Section 6.01(d) - The terms of the two Vice Presidents have been changed to 3 years to conform with Section 4.01(a).

Section 6.01(f) - The phrase "for whom there will be no term limits" has been added to clarify that the two Vice Presidents are not limited in re-election, as is the case for all other CCTE officers. This change is to allow for greater stability in CCTE's liaison with the national organizations.

Section 6.03 - Language has been added to indicate that if the Vice President for ATE office falls vacant and a replacement must be appointed by the CCTE Board of Directors, that replacement must be a national member of ATE, to be consistent with Section 4.01(a) above.

The current CCTE by-laws, with the above amendments included, appear on the following pages so that the changes can be seen in context.

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of the California Association of Colleges of Teacher Education,

the Independent California Colleges and Universities Council on Education of Teachers,

and the State of California Association of Teacher Educators

To Take Effect July 1, 2001

and Since Amended October 17, 2002, October 30, 2003, March 25, 2010, and March 27, 2014

with currently proposed amendments (May 2018)

added to sections 4.01(a), 4.01(b), V(a), 6.01(d), 6.01(f), & 6.03

Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as The California Council on Teacher Education (CCTE or Council). The Council is incorporated under the laws of the State of California to enjoy the privileges and the protection afforded by such legal status.

Article II. Purpose.

The purpose of this organization shall be to stimulate the improvement of pre-service education, induction and professional development of teachers. This purpose may be implemented by such activities as: (1) Conducting conferences, workshops, and similar meetings; (2) Extending service functions to institutions, organizations, and to the public who are interested in the education of teachers; (3) Maintaining liaison with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and other official government agencies interested in the preparation of teachers; (4) Serving as the state affiliate in California of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) and maintaining liaison with other national, state, and local organizations interested in the improvement of the education of teachers; (5) Taking public positions in support of or in opposition to policies and practices affecting teacher education by whatever agency of government; (6) Supporting scholarly publications that report research and policy regarding the preparation of teachers, and (7) Promoting other programs and activities which may contribute to effective preparation of school personnel.

Article III. The Assembly.

Section 3.01. The Governing Body.

The governing body of this organization shall be the Assembly. It shall consist of those delegates and members registered at an official meeting of the Council.

Section 3.02. Membership.

CCTE provides for individual membership and full participation without regard for sex, race, color, age, national origin, religion, creed, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. There are five categories of membership which follow:

(a) Institutional Delegates. Delegates from each member institution to be appointed by the head of the educational unit of the institution as follows: (i) Each institution shall be entitled to six delegates; (ii) Institutions are encouraged to appoint delegates representing subject matter disciplines as well as professional education; (iii) Member institutions wishing to involve more than six persons may purchase individual memberships for such additional individuals.

(b) Organizations and governmental agencies can request membership which includes six delegates. The Board shall review the size, composition, and mission of the organization in considering the petition. Member organizations or governmental agencies wishing to involve more than six persons may purchase individual memberships for such individuals.

(c) Individual Members. (i) Any individual with a basic interest in and concern for the improvement of the education of teachers may become a member. Such members have all of the rights and responsibilities of any delegate. (ii) Any individual, officially appointed to a working group of the Council, as provided for in Article VIII, may become a member of the Council. Such membership is not obligatory. (iii) Each member of the Board of Directors who is no longer named as a delegate shall remain an individual member for the duration of his/her membership on the Board.

- (d) Student Members. Any student can become a member, with all the rights and responsibilities of membership.
- (e) Retired members. (i) Persons upon retirement from their professional assignments may become a retired member of the Council.
- (ii) Retired members have all the rights and responsibilities of membership.

Section 3.03. Dues and Fees.

- (a) Dues for the various classifications of Membership shall be established by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Dues for the various classifications of membership may not be increased by more than ten percent (10%) annually without approval of the Assembly.
- (b) The registration fee at each conference and meeting of the Assembly shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.04. Functions of the Assembly.

The functions of the Assembly shall include the following:

- (a) To establish policy for the Council including creation and approval of a policy framework.
- (b) To identify professional concerns meriting intensive study.
- (c) To make recommendations for action to the Board of Directors; (d) To promote other activities and programs relevant to the purposes of the Council.

Section 3.05. Meetings of the Assembly.

- (a) Voting in the Assembly shall be limited to delegates from member institutions, organizations, governmental agencies, associated organizations, and individual members, student members, and retired members.
- (b) The Assembly shall meet twice a year, in the fall and in the spring, during the semiannual conferences sponsored by the Council.
- (c) All meetings of the Assembly shall be called by the President of the Council. Additional meetings of the Assembly may be called by the President.
- (d) Attendance at meetings of the Assembly may be limited by the Board of Directors to delegates and members and to others invited by the Board of Directors.
- (e) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Assembly except as modified by the Board of Directors. (f) Public positions on policy issues shall require two-thirds approval of those voting.

Article IV. Board of Directors.

Section 4.01. Membership.

- (a) The officers of the Council shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice President for AACTE, and Vice President for ATE, the first three of whom will serve two-year terms, while the Vice Presidents will serve three-year terms. The President Elect shall succeed to the Presidency. The President shall succeed to the Past Presidency.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall consist of fourteen voting members: the five officers listed above and nine directors elected at-large by the membership of the Council; the nine at-large members will serve three-year staggered terms. A majority (at least 8) of the Board members shall be members of the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE), with the Vice President for ATE being one of those 8.
- (c) The Executive Secretary of the Council shall be a non-voting member of the Board, appointed by the Board of Directors.
- (d) The Board may invite consultants to attend any and all meetings of the Board and Delegate Assembly. The terms of such consultants shall be determined by the Board. Consultants to the Board of Directors are non-voting members.

Section 4.02. Duties and Functions.

- (a) President. (i) Shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Board of Directors. (ii) Shall speak officially for the Council. (iii) Shall appoint such standing committees and working groups as prescribed by the bylaws and the Board of Directors with the concurrence of that body. Shall appoint such working groups as prescribed by the Board of Directors with the concurrence of that body. (iv) Shall designate members to represent the Council at various meetings, conferences, and hearings. (v) Shall perform such other duties as necessary to carry on the work of the Council.
- (b) The Past President. (i) Shall serve as parliamentarian for Board and Assembly meetings. (ii) Shall chair the Nominations and Election Committee and oversee the elections and voting processes. (iii) Shall assist the President as needed.
- (c) The President-Elect. (i) Shall serve in the absence of the President. (ii) Shall recommend to the Board of Directors the conference chairs. (iii) Shall serve as a liaison between the conference committees and the Board of Directors.
- (d) Vice Presidents for AACTE and ATE. (i) Shall attend the annual meeting of the national organization to which they are a representative. (ii) Shall represent the interests of the Council and affiliated organizations to the relevant national organization. (iii) Shall report to the Council on national activities. (iv) Shall facilitate activities that address the goals of the respective national organizations.
- (e) Executive Secretary. (i) Shall serve as primary staff to the Board of Directors and President, and will carry out duties as developed and assigned by the Board. (ii) Shall serve as fiscal officer and as business and office manager and shall be responsible for the employment of the clerical staff. (iii) Shall support the semiannual conference planning and organization, and manage the details of the implementation. (iv) Shall prepare and present preliminary annual budgets, interim budget reports, and present audit reports to the

Board of Directors.

(f) Board of Directors. (i) Shall supervise standing committees and working groups of the Council, as provided for in these bylaws. (ii) Shall determine the major issues to be brought before the Assembly and approve plans for semi-annual meetings. (iii) Shall recommend members for appropriate governmental and professional commissions and committees. (iv) Shall authorize expenditures of funds of the Council. (v) Shall act for the Council between Assembly meetings consistent with the policy framework. When adopting public positions on policy issues, a two-thirds favorable vote of the Board shall be required. (vi) Shall carry out other duties which may be detailed in the bylaws or given to it by the Assembly.

Section 4.03. Meetings and Quorums.

(a) The Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to all regular meetings of the Assembly, and at other times when called by the President.

(b) Absence of any member from three consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors shall constitute a voluntary resignation. By majority vote of the Board, the position shall be declared vacant and an appointment shall be made for the remainder of the term.

(c) The Board of Directors shall be empowered to conduct the business of the Council whenever a quorum is present at a meeting.

(d) A quorum is eight of the fourteen members.

Article V. Affiliated and Associated Organizations.

(a) CCTE shall serve as the state chapter for AACTE and ATE, affiliated through formal bylaw organizational connection. Immediately following the annual elections in which the Vice President for ATE is elected, the Board of Directors shall select 2 delegates and 2 alternates to ATE who will serve for 3-year terms; all delegates and alternates shall be members of ATE.

(b) Upon petition, the Board of Directors may confer associate status on any organization that supports the goals and mission of the Council.

(c) Associated organizations may be involved in planning and participating in semi-annual conferences and other Council activities and may share in certain costs of those conferences.

(d) Associated organizations may conduct concurrent meetings or activities at semi-annual conferences.

(e) Associated organizations shall pay the same dues as institutional members and may appoint six delegates.

(f) Associated organizations will appoint a liaison to attend Board of Directors meetings as a non-voting member.

Article VI. Elections and Appointment of Officers.

Section 6.01. Nominations, Elections, and Terms of Office.

(a) In the Fall, the President shall appoint a Nominations and Election Committee of three or more members of the Assembly chaired by the Past President. This committee shall develop a slate of candidates for the officers and directorships of the Council, pursuant to the articles of these bylaws. This slate shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary at least twelve weeks prior to the spring meeting of the Assembly. Candidates for all positions shall be delegates to or members of the Council. In electing officers and members of the Board of Directors, the delegates and members should take into consideration the desirability of broad representation in terms of geographic and professional diversity, including balance among the kinds of institutions and organizations holding institutional and associated memberships. The previous sentence shall be included in all presentations of nominees for the Board of Directors.

(b) Within four weeks after the appointment of the Nominations and Election Committee, the Executive Secretary shall solicit from all delegates recommendations for nominees for positions to be filled, and shall submit all recommendations received to the Nomination and Election Committee.

(c) At least ten weeks prior to the start of the spring conference, the Executive Secretary shall send to each delegate and member the slate prepared by the Nominations and Election Committee, along with a brief vita and statement from each nominee. Any delegate or member wishing to nominate someone not on the slate prepared by the Nominations and Election Committee may do so by forwarding to the Executive Secretary a written nomination containing the supporting signatures of 15 delegates or members, a brief vita of the nominee, and the signed consent and statement from the nominee. Such nominations must be received by the Executive Secretary not later than seven weeks before the spring meeting at which the election ballots will be tabulated. The Executive Secretary will send an official election ballot to each delegate and member at least four weeks prior to the spring election meeting. All ballots must be received by noon on the Friday of the spring conference. The Executive Secretary shall turn them over to the Nominations and Election Committee to be counted. Delegates and members attending the annual meeting at which elections are held shall be given the opportunity to cast a ballot or to deliver the ballot of another delegate by noon on the Friday of the spring conference. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall ensure that each person submits only one vote. Results of the election shall be announced by the President during the spring meeting, and in writing to the membership in a timely manner.

(d) Candidates for President-Elect shall be nominated and elected biennially at the spring meeting and shall serve a term of 2 years. Candidates for Vice President for AACTE and Vice President for ATE shall be nominated and elected every three years at the spring meeting and shall serve terms of 3 years.

(e) Three directors shall be nominated and elected annually to serve three-year terms.

(f) No officer or director shall be eligible for election to a second consecutive full term of office in the same position, with the exception of the Vice Presidents for whom there will be no term limits.

(g) The Nominations and Election Committee shall be responsible for all decisions and procedures relative to completing the election of officers and directors except for the office of Executive Secretary.

Section 6.02 The Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary shall be an employee of the Council. He or she shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, normally for a three-year term at compensation set by the Board. Periodic reviews of the Executive Secretary's performance shall be conducted by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.03 Vacancies During Term of Office.

(a) In case of vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall become President for that unexpired term.

(b) All other vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors at its next meeting, and shall be for the unexpired term of the officer or director replaced, and if the Vice President for ATE is so replaced, it must be by a member of ATE.

Article VII. Standing Committees.

Section 7.01. Research Committee.

(a) Duties and Functions. The Research Committee shall select research proposals for presentation at the semi-annual meetings of the Council and shall undertake other activities in support of research in teacher education as set forth by the Board of Directors.

(b) Membership. The Research Committee shall consist of a chairperson appointed by the President for a renewable three-year term, and other members appointed by the chair.

Section 7.02. Awards Committee.

(a) Duties and Functions. The Awards Committee shall establish awards with the approval of the Board of Directors, and then solicit and review nominations and select recipients.

(b) Membership. The Awards Committee shall consist of a chairperson appointed by the President for a renewable three-year term, and other members appointed by the chair.

Section 7.03. Policy Committee.

(a) Duties and Functions. (i) The committee shall develop recommendations regarding policies that affect teacher education at the state and national levels, propose those recommendations to the Board for consideration and action, and implement decisions of the Board with regard to issues of policy. (ii) The committee shall work with the conference chairs in proposing and sponsoring policy sessions at each conference. The committee shall carry out other tasks regarding policy issues as are defined and specified by the President and Board of Directors.

(b) Membership. (i) The chair of the Policy Committee shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors for a renewable three-year term. (ii) The Policy Committee shall consist of a chair and members selected by the chair and confirmed by the President and the Board of Directors. Members shall reflect the diversity of region and constituency of the Council.

Section 7.04. Membership Committee.

(a) Duties and Functions. The committee shall be responsible for membership recruitment and development, and service and support of the membership as set forth by the Board of Directors.

(b) Membership. The Membership Committee shall consist of a chairperson appointed by the President for a three-year renewable term, and additional committee members selected by the chairperson.

Section 7.05. Journals.

CCTE sponsors two scholarly journals.

(a) *The Teacher Education Quarterly.* The *Teacher Education Quarterly* shall be published four times a year on behalf of the Council. It shall be under the direction of an Editor(s) appointed by the Board of Directors and a seven-member Editorial Board, and shall have a Panel of Readers. Its purpose shall be the publication of scholarly articles of research and policy on the education of teachers.

(i) Duties and Functions of the Editorial Board: (a) Review the publication policies of the *Teacher Education Quarterly*. (b) Formulate procedures for appointing members of the Editorial Board and establishing a Panel of Readers for refereed articles.

(ii) Membership: The Editorial Board shall consist of seven members. Two shall be the Editor and Associate Editor who shall serve a renewable three-year term. Five members will be appointed for five-year staggered terms. The President and the Executive Secretary of the Council shall be ex officio members of the Editorial Board.

(iii) Editorial Board Officers: (1) There shall be two officers of the Editorial Board, a Chair, who shall be the Editor, and a secretary, who shall be the Associate Editor; (2) The Board of Directors of the Council shall appoint the Editor from candidates selected by a committee composed of two members of the Editorial Board and two members of the Board of Directors of the Council; (3) The Associate Editor shall be selected by the Editor with the advice and consent of the Editorial Board; (4) The Editor shall represent the journal at meetings of the Board of Directors of the Council.

(b) *Issues in Teacher Education.* *Issues in Teacher Education* shall be published two or more times a year on behalf of the Council. It

shall be under the direction of an Editor(s) appointed by the Board of Directors and a five-member Editorial Board, and shall have a panel of readers. Its purpose shall be the publication of peer-reviewed articles on topics, concerns, and methodologies for improving the quality of teacher education.

(i) Duties and functions of the Editorial Board. (1) Review the publication policies of the journal. (2) Formulate procedures for appointing members of the Editorial Board and establishing a Panel of Readers for refereed articles.

(ii) Membership. The Editorial Board shall consist of the Editor(s), Associate Editor, and five members. The Editor(s) shall serve a three-year renewable term. Five members shall be appointed for five year staggered renewable terms. The President and the Executive Secretary of the Council shall be ex officio members of the Editorial Board.

(iii) Editorial Board Officers. (1) The Board of Directors of the Council shall appoint the Editor(s) from candidates selected by a committee composed of two members of the Editorial Board and two members of the Board of Directors of the Council; (2) The Associate Editor shall be selected by the Editor with the advice and consent of the Editorial Board; (3) The Editor shall represent the journal at meetings of the Board of Directors of the Council.

(c) Other publications may be established by the Council at the discretion of the Board of Directors, which will select the editorship and guidelines for publication.

Section 7.06 Conference Committees.

The Board of Directors shall, upon the recommendation of the President-Elect, appoint a Chairperson for each semiannual conference.

(a) Duties and Responsibilities of the Conference Chairperson. The Chairperson shall: (i) appoint members of the Conference Committee and work with them in planning and conducting the conferences; (ii) work with the Executive Secretary in making all arrangements for the conference; (iii) keep the President-Elect informed about matters concerning the conference, including budget, program, and schedules; (iv) report on conference planning progress at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and (v) follow the guidelines of the Board of Directors as set forth in the Conference Planning Manual.

(b) Conference Committee. A Conference Committee shall advise and assist the Chairperson in planning and conducting each conference.

Section 7.07. Executive Committee.

(a) Duties and Functions. Coordinate CCTE's fiscal, policy, membership and editorial business between regular board meetings.

(b) Membership. The Executive Committee is comprised of the President, President-Elect and the Past President and the Executive Secretary.

Article VIII. Working Groups.

Section 8.01. Working Groups.

The Council may establish working groups, including but not limited to committees, task forces, commissions, and regional councils, to deal with areas of either special or continuing interest to the Council.

Section 8.02. Special Interest Groups.

The Board of Directors may approve Special Interest Groups (SIGs) upon request of interested delegates and members, and such SIGs will meet at each Conference to explore topics and programs of interest.

Section 8.03. Periodic Reviews.

The SIGs exist at the pleasure of the Board. The Board of Directors shall review the work of the working groups and SIGs and take such action as the review indicates.

Article IX. Amendments.

Section 9.01. Initiation of Amendments.

Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by (a) the Board of Directors or (b) any group of 20 members attested to by their signatures, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the President 60 days prior to an official meeting of the Assembly.

Section 9.02. Circulation to Members.

Proposed amendment or amendments to the bylaws shall be circulated to the members at least 30 days in advance of the next official meeting of the Assembly.

Section 9.03. Vote on Amendments.

(a) These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly.

(b) These bylaws may be amended without previous notice by a unanimous vote of the Assembly.