

By-Laws of the Two-Year College English Association and the Regional Associations

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I. The National Organization

- A. Name: Two-Year College English Association (hereafter referred to as National TYCA or TYCA-Regional) [formerly the National Two Year College Council of the Conference on College Composition and Communication] “Two-year college” encompasses community colleges, junior colleges, technical colleges, and the first two years of college.
- B. Mission: TYCA serves to promote the teaching and study of English in two-year college, to advance the theories and practices of teaching English in the two-year college, and to provide a national voice for the two-year college in postsecondary education.

Recognizing the unique institutional character of the two-year college, open to all students, TYCA is further committed to student diversity in culture, age, background, ability and goals, and the critical role of literacy required in a democratic society.

C. Purposes:

- 1. To identify and articulate the best theories, practices, and pedagogy in teaching English in the two-year college;
- 2. To establish multiple channels for the communication of these theories, practices, and pedagogies and for discussion and effective change by the members of National TYCA and the TYCA Regionals;
- 3. To influence the future of English studies.

D. Goals:

- 1. To promote excellence in the theory and practice of teaching English
- 2. To encourage scholarship and research that informs the teaching of writing, literature, and language.
- 3. To provide a forum for shared professional concerns
- 4. To recognize and support diversity in the classroom and in the profession
- 5. To promote awareness of the distinctively open academic and social environment of the two-year college
- 6. To promote awareness of the effectiveness and adaptability of the two-year college in meeting community needs
- 7. To encourage subscriptions to *Teaching English in the Two-Year College* (hereafter referred to as *TETYC*)
- 8. To establish, affirm, and strengthen ties to groups that share our professional commitments
- 9. To encourage the participation in TYCA of teachers of English in the first two college years through meetings, conferences, publications and other professional activities.

- E. Organizational ties: TYCA is an association within the Two-Year College, Four-Year College and University Section (hereafter referred to as the College Section) of The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). TYCA maintains strong working relationships with the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC). TYCA also participates fully in the College Forum of NCTE.

F. Membership:

1. Any dues-paying member of the NCTE College Section who teaches English at a two-year college or who is interested in such teaching may be an individual voting member of TYCA.
2. All Regional Conferences on English in the Two-Year College, while maintaining their own membership and dues, will be Associations of National TYCA.

II. Two-Year College English Association (National TYCA) Executive Committee

A. Membership

1. The TYCA Executive Committee shall consist of **twelve** voting members, **five** non-voting members, and seven regional alternates:
 - a. Chair
 - b. Associate Chair (**even numbered years**)
 - c. Immediate Past Chair (**odd numbered years**)
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Editor of *TETYC*
 - f. Editor, TYCA to You (non-voting)
 - g. Seven Regional Representatives
 - h. Seven Regional Executive Committee Chairs (non-voting, except when serving as alternates for the regional representatives)
 - i. Archivist (non-voting)
 - j. **College Forum Representative (non-voting)**
 - k. **College Section Steering Committee Representative (non-voting)**
 - l. Executive Secretary-Treasurer (NCTE Executive Director) (non-voting)
2. The seven regional representatives shall serve three-year terms on TYCA's Executive Committee, the terms staggered so that not more than three members are elected each year.
3. The Chair of TYCA should be an ex officio **voting** member of the NCTE Executive Committee.
4. The four officers of TYCA shall be ex officio voting members of the CCCC Executive Committee. The Editor of *TETYC* shall be an ex officio non-voting member of the CCCC Executive Committee.
5. The Editor of *TETYC* and the **College Section Steering Committee Representative** shall be ex officio non-voting members of the College Section Committee.
6. The Chair and **College Forum Representative** will serve as members of the College Forum.
7. While serving on the TYCA Executive Committee, all committee members must maintain membership in TYCA, NCTE, CCCC, and their regional TYCA association.

B. Duties of the Two-Year College English Association Executive Committee

The TYCA Executive Committee shall

1. Study and discuss issues common to the teaching of English in two-year colleges and propose specific methods and practices to improve the teaching of English.
2. Encourage the professional development of all teachers of English in two-year colleges.
3. Appoint national committees to explore the problems of teaching English in two-year colleges and make recommendations to address such problems to the Regional Executive Committees (REC), the CCCC Executive Committee, and NCTE Executive Committee.

4. Appoint the archivist.
5. Cooperate with other CCCC and NCTE constituent groups with similar interests and concerns.
6. Coordinate the work of and advise the Regional Executive Committees of the TYCA Regional Associations.
 - a. Advise on the financial proceedings of the Regional Association as needed, including acknowledging receipt of the appropriate Regional per capita dues for NCTE
 - b. Provide, as needed, information to assist Regional Associations in developing their programs
7. Establish guidelines for allocating any funding granted to TYCA for distribution to Regional Associations.
8. Recommend to the editor of *TETYC* persons to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board of *TETYC*
9. Send nominations for officers and committees to NCTE and CCCC to the appropriate nominating committees.
10. Encourage program proposals from teachers of English in the two-year college and coordinate with NCTE and CCCC program chairs to ensure an effective two-year college presence in conference programs.
11. Undertake other actions judged appropriate by the Executive Committee to further the mission and purposes of TYCA.

C. Officers of TYCA Executive Committee

1. The officers shall be the Chair, Associate Chair (**even numbered years**), Immediate Past Chair (**odd numbered years**), Secretary and Editor of *TETYC*.
2. The Associate Chair and Secretary are elected by a national ballot mailed to all members of TYCA. The person elected Associate Chair serves the first year as Associate Chair, the second **and third** year as Chair, and the **fourth** year as Immediate Past Chair. The Secretary serves a three-year term.
3. The nominating committee composed of the TYCA Executive Committee Immediate Past Chair and the seven Regional representatives shall prepare a ballot of two candidates for each of the nationally elected positions. To the extent possible, nominations should strive to reflect the diversity of TYCA membership, drawing from full and part-time teachers, from the seven regional associations, and from those TYCA members who do not belong to the regional associations. The election process shall be completed before the fall meeting of TYCA Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee of TYCA shall nominate TYCA members to the *TETYC* editor selection and review committees.
5. In the event an office becomes vacant, TYCA Executive Committee will appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.

D. Duties of the TYCA Executive Committee Officers

1. The Chair shall
 - a. Assume the responsibility for the Functioning of TYCA
 - b. Plan the agenda for all business meetings
 - c. Preside at all business meetings of TYCA unless unavoidably absent
 - d. Appoint all committees authorized by TYCA
 - e. Prepare an annual report on TYCA and regional association activities for presentations to the TYCA Executive Committee, to the College Section steering committee, and to the NCTE Executive Committee.

The Chair will also provide an oral report on TYCA and regional activities to the CCCC executive committee at its regular meetings.

- f. Ensure that REC Chairs and regional newsletter editors receive copies of all announcements of committee vacancies and calls for program proposals and participants from NCTE and CCCC as they are pertinent to teachers of English in two-year colleges.
 - g. Ensure that all liaisons and appointees to relevant groups in NCTE are appointed.
 - h. Notify CCCC Chair of any proxy representation prior to biannual meetings.
 - i. **Attend all NCTE Executive Committee Meetings**
2. The Associate Chair shall
 - a. Assist the Chair and preside in the Chair's absence
 - b. Serve as Program Chair to coordinate program proposals and workshops presented by and/or of particular interest to two-year college English teachers at CCCC and NCTE.
 3. The Immediate Past Chair shall
 - a. Advise the Chair and TYCA
 - b. Chair the nominating committee
 4. The Secretary shall
 - a. Prepare minutes of all business meetings of TYCA
 - b. Distribute minutes to all members of the TYCA Executive Committee within thirty days of the meeting.
 - c. Maintain a permanent file of the minutes and all other records necessary to the orderly transaction of TYCA business
 - d. Send copies of all minutes and other records to the Executive Director of NCTE
 - e. Assist the Chair in preparing for each business meeting
 5. The Executive Secretary –Treasurer shall
 - a. Keep an accurate record of finances for TYCA which shall include the per capita payments from the regional associations
 - b. Authorize payment of all bills incurred by TYCA
 - c. Direct NCTE staff to meet annually with the TYCA Executive Committee to explain NCTE's budget as it affects TYCA, report on per capita payments from the regionals, report on current numbers of members, and provide information to the TYCA Executive Committee as it plans the year's activities
 6. The Editor of *TETYC* shall
 - a. Provide a forum to announce and explore issues of interest to the teaching of English in the two-year college and the first two years of college
 - b. Serve as resource speaker or workshop leader for regionals
 - c. Serve as an advisor for editors of regional newsletters
- E. Meetings of TYCA Executive Committee
1. The TYCA Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year, in conjunction with the CCCC Annual Convention and the NCTE Annual Convention.
 2. Fifty percent of the current TYCA Executive Committee members, including ex officio voting members, shall constitute a quorum at any regularly authorized meeting of the Council.

III. The Regional Associations: There shall be seven Two-Year College English Association

Regional Associations. Those regions served by a currently constituted state organization of two-year college English faculty staff abide by their state organization constitution.

A. Names

1. TYCA-Midwest
2. TYCA-Northeast
3. TYCA-Pacific Northwest
4. TYCA-Pacific Coast/ECCTYC
5. TYCA-Southeast
6. TYCA-Southwest
7. TYCA-West

B. Purposes

1. The central purpose of each association is to provide a framework for a variety of professional activities among the teachers of English in two-year colleges within its region.
2. Specific goals include:
 - a. Defining and exploring issues relevant to the improvement of the teaching of English in the two-year colleges within its region
 - b. Conducting an annual regional conference
 - c. Publishing reports of regional conferences and news items of special interest to members within the region
 - d. Encouraging studies and research in the teaching of English in the first two-college years

C. Regional Boundaries

1. TYCA-Midwest shall serve members in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Manitoba.
2. TYCA-Northeast shall serve members in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland.
3. TYCA-Pacific Northwest shall serve members in Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.
4. TYCA-Pacific Coast shall serve members in California through the constitution and by-laws of the English Council of California Two-Year Colleges (ECCTYC).
5. TYCA-Southeast shall serve members in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.
6. TYCA-Southwest shall serve members in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.
7. TYCA-West shall serve members in Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Southern Idaho, Wyoming, and Hawaii.

D. Membership

1. Individual membership shall be open to all persons engaged in teaching or administrators of English courses at any two-year college, to those engaged in the teaching of English during the first two college years, and to all others interested in such teaching.
2. Members are those whose current dues are paid.
3. Only members shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

E. Dues

1. Each REC shall determine the dues for its region. Any change in dues must be approved by a majority of those regional members voting on the change.
2. All regional associations of TYCA shall contribute to the support of National TYCA by paying a per capita fee based on annual regional conference registration for all attendees. The total per capita dues a regional pays shall be reduced by the number of regional members who are also individual voting members of National TYCA. The per capita rate for regional association dues shall be set by the National TYCA Executive Committee, subject to approval by a majority of the RECs or the membership of at least four regionals.

IV. Regional Executive Committees

A. Membership: Each association shall have a Regional Executive Committee comprised as follows:

1. Six members elected
2. One representative elected to the National TYCA Executive Committee, elected by the regional membership after nomination by the REC from those members who have served on the REC
3. Four elected by the REC for specific duties (voting)
 - a. Program Chair
 - b. Assistant Program Chair
 - c. Local Arrangements Chair
 - d. Editor of regional publications
5. State or area representatives. These members shall be voting members only if they are elected by the general membership or their area constituents.
6. Other, optional, non-voting positions, such as but not limited to
 - a. Assistant Local Arrangements Chair
 - b. Business and Advertising Manager
 - c. The Immediate Past Chair
 - d. Archivist
 - e. One four-year college or university representative

B. Election of REC

1. The members of the REC may be elected at the regional's annual conference or by mail ballot of the membership.
2. The Nominating Committee is elected for the following year at the annual regional conference or by mail ballot as soon as feasible following the conference. During the first general session of the annual regional conference, the chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for nominations for members of the next year's Nominating Committee.
3. The Nominating Committee shall provide the regional chair, at least thirty days before the annual conference, a slate of candidates who have indicated willingness to serve. The slate shall, when possible, include at least two candidates for each vacancy and shall provide for reasonable geographic representation from the region.
4. Ballots providing space for write-in candidates and including a brief biographical sketch of each candidate (about 50 words) shall be distributed during registration at the annual regional conference.
5. Candidates shall be introduced at the first general session of the conference, at which time additional nominations shall be called for.
6. Ballot boxes shall be placed in convenient locations, and voting hours shall be publicized.

7. The Nominating Committee shall count the ballots and report the results to the REC Chair who will announce the results at the annual business meeting and/or in the next regional newsletter.
 8. If the election is held by mail after the annual regional conference, ballots shall be mailed to each member of the regional association no later than ten days after the conference. Ballots are to be returned within ten days. Thirty days after the mailing of the ballots, all ballots will be counted by the Chair of the Nominating Committee and the results forwarded to the REC Chair.
 9. If the election is held by mail before the annual regional conference, the Nominating Committee will provide the regional Chair a slate of candidates at least 60 days before the first date of the annual regional conference. Ballots shall be mailed to each member of the regional association at least thirty days prior to the first date of the annual regional conference. All ballots received by the Chair of the Nominating Committee by the end of the business day before the annual regional conference will be counted and the results reported to the REC Chair at the next Regional Executive committee meeting.
 10. All members of the REC must be members in good standing of the regional association and of TYCA/NCTE. However, the Chair and the National TYCA Representative must also be members of CCCC due to their membership in the National TYCA Executive Committee.
 11. REC members shall serve three-year terms—the terms staggered so that no more than two members are elected in any one year.
 12. The terms of elected REC members shall begin within thirty days after the election. The term of the National TYCA representative shall begin immediately upon election.
 13. No elected REC member shall be eligible for reelection after serving two consecutive three-year terms, but that person may be reelected after retirement from office for one year.
 14. If a vacancy on the REC occurs before the expiration of an elected member's term of office, the REC shall appoint someone to serve until the next election.
- C. Duties of the Regional Executive Committee
- The REC shall
1. Carry out the central purpose and fulfill the specific goals of the regional association
 2. Promote the development of the regional association any way consistent with the by-laws or the policies and procedures of TYCA
 3. Conduct at least two business meetings each year, one in conjunction with the annual regional conference
 4. Select a site and dates for the annual regional conference and meet with the Program Chair to plan the general theme and outline of the conference
 5. Elect conference officials as described in IV.C.5 and any other optional, non-voting members as the association finds necessary
 6. Elect from among the six elected REC members a Chair, an Assistant Chair (optional), a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Membership Chair. The terms of office shall be one year. The regional representatives to National TYCA is not eligible for these offices
 7. Announce the officers and members elected by the REC as soon as possible after their election, either at the annual business meeting or in the next issue of the regional newsletter

8. Propose and promote regional association program proposals for the programs of NCTE and CCCC
- D. Members Elected by the REC (all must be members in good standing of the regional association and TYCA)
1. Program Chair
 - a. The REC shall elect a Program Chair to a one-year term commencing at the close of the annual regional conference preceding the conference he or she is to plan.
 - b. The Program Chair shall hold no other office on the REC.
 2. Assistant Program Chair
 - a. The REC shall elect an Assistant Program Chair whose term of office shall coincide with that of the Program Chair.
 - b. The Assistant Program Chair shall hold no other office on the REC.
 3. Local Arrangements Chair
 - a. The REC shall elect a Local Arrangements Chair whose term of office shall coincide with that of the Program Chair. Preferably, the Local Arrangements Chair should have faculty status at the college which is acting as host to the conference.
 - b. The Local Arrangements Chair shall hold no other office on the REC.
 4. Assistant Local Arrangements Chair (optional)
 - a. The REC may elect an Assistant Local Arrangements Chair whose term shall coincide with that of the Local Arrangements Chair.
 - b. The Assistant Local Arrangements Chair shall hold no other office on the REC and shall be a non-voting, ex officio member of that body.
 5. Editor of Regional Publications
 - a. The REC shall elect an editor of regional publications to serve a three-year term.
 - b. The term of the editor shall begin at a time designated by the REC.
 - c. The editor shall hold office for not more than two consecutive terms, but may be reelected after retirement from office for one year.
 - d. The editor shall hold no other office on the REC.
 6. Business and Advertising Manager (optional)
 - a. The REC may elect a business and advertising manager to assist the editor of regional publications in securing advertising for publications and the Program Chair in securing advertising for the published program of the annual regional conference.
 - b. The business and advertising manager shall serve a three-year term, which shall begin at a time designated by the REC.
 - c. The business and advertising manager shall hold office for not more than two consecutive terms, but may be reelected after retirement from office for one year.
 - d. The business and advertising manager shall hold no other office on the REC and shall be a non-voting, ex officio member of that body.
 7. Four-Year Representative
 - a. The National TYCA EC shall appoint an NCTE member from a four-year college or university to each REC for a three-year term.
 - b. This member shall be recommended by the REC to the Chair of National TYCA at least thirty days before a TYCA business meeting during the year in which the vacancy occurs.
 - c. The term of the four-year college or university representative shall begin immediately upon appointment by the National TYCA EC.

- d. The four-year college or university representative shall hold office for not more than two consecutive three-year terms, but may be reappointed after retirement from office for one year.
- e. The four-year college or university representative shall serve as an advisor to the REC.
- f. The four-year college or university representative shall provide information to support constructive dialogue between teachers and administrators from two-year and four-year institutions and graduate schools.

E. Meetings of the REC

1. At least two regular business meetings shall be held each year, one in conjunction with the regional's annual conference. Meetings may be called by the Chair of the REC, or at the request of two other REC members. Notice of the meetings shall be provided to all REC members, normally in writing, at least two weeks in advance.
2. Four members of the REC present at any authorized meeting shall constitute a quorum.

V. Duties of the REC Officers

A. The Chair shall

1. Assume responsibility for the proper functioning of the regional association and the REC.
2. Preside at the meetings of the REC unless unavoidably absent.
3. Plan and distribute items to come from other REC members.
4. Carry out the directives and decisions of the REC.
5. Serve on the National TYCA Executive Committee as an alternate to the regional TYCA representative, providing TYCA with
 - a. Expertise on and advice concerning regional association conditions
 - b. Names of teachers of English in two-year colleges from their respective regions who are willing to accept nominations to NCTE or CCCC committees as calls for nominations are made
 - c. Recommendations that foster broad participation of regional members in NCTE and CCCC programs
6. Report the results of all elections and appointments within thirty days to the regional membership, to the Chair of TYCA, to the Chair of the College Section Steering Committee, to the Chair of CCCC, and to the NCTE Executive Director.
7. forward to the NCTE Associate Executive Director for Higher Education the following items:
 - a. The minutes of all business meetings at the annual regional conference
 - b. The official brochure announcing the annual regional conference
 - c. The official program of the annual regional conference
 - d. The results of all elections and balloting on amendments to the by-laws
 - e. The regional supplement to the national newsletter and any other publications
 - f. A brief annual report concerning the year's activities
 - g. Copies of all resolutions passed by the regional membership

B. The Assistant Chair shall

1. Assist the REC Chair in the duties of that office
2. Preside at the REC meetings in the absence of the REC Chair

- C. The Treasurer shall
 - 1. Be responsible for all financial transactions of the regional association, including but not limited to
 - a. Paying all bills incurred by the regional annual conference or the regional association after they have been authorized by the REC
 - b. Forwarding the required per capita contribution for each regional member to the Executive Director of NCTE on or before June 1 of each year and sending a report of that contribution to the Chair of National TYCA at the same time
 - c. Maintaining complete financial records
 - d. Arranging for a professional audit every two years if the REC elects to do so
 - e. Preparing annual financial reports for submission to the REC, the regional membership, National TYCA, the Chair of the College Section Steering Committee and the NCTE Executive Director
 - 2. Maintain a complete list of members who have paid their annual dues
- D. The Secretary shall
 - 1. Keep minutes of all meetings of the REC and all business meetings of the regional association
 - 2. forward copies of such minutes to all REC members within thirty days after the meeting
 - 3. Upon authorization by the REC or its Chair, conduct all correspondence
 - 4. Maintain permanent records of all resolutions passed by, or actions taken by, the regional association
- E. The Membership Chair shall
 - 1. In coordination with the Treasurer, maintain an up-to-date list of the names and addresses of regional members
 - 2. Report annually to the REC on the distribution of members by state within the region
 - 3. Devise and implement ways of increasing regional membership
 - 4. encourage members of the regional association to maintain membership in TYCA/NCTE and CCCC
- F. The Program Chair shall
 - 1. With the assistance and approval of the REC, plan a general theme and specific workshops for the annual conference
 - 2. With the assistance and approval of the REC, select the major speakers for the conference
 - 3. Assume responsibility for the completion of the conference program
 - 4. Prepare a brief report of the annual conference and submit it to the REC not more than sixty days after the conference
 - 5. Provide the editor of regional publications with the materials necessary to publicize the program and to report on the conference after it has taken place
 - 6. With the Assistant Program Chair, review the evaluations of programs at the annual conference and recommend presenters for NCTE and CCCC program participation
- G. The Assistant Program Chair shall assist the Program Chair in completing all arrangements for the program of the annual conference
- H. The Local Arrangements Chair shall carry out the tasks assigned to this office in *Regional Conferences on English in the Two-Year College: A Manual*
- I. The Assistant Local Arrangements Chair shall assist the Local Arrangements Chair in that office

- J. The Editor of Regional Publications shall
 - 1. Edit, publish, and distribute at least two newsletters a year
 - 2. Obtain from the Membership Chair a current list of members' names and addresses
 - 3. At least once a year, incorporate in the regional newsletter a report provided by the region's National TYCA representative
 - 4. Work with the Program Chair and the Local Arrangements Chair on preconference publicity
 - 5. Edit, publish, and distribute a report of the annual conference to the members of the regional. This report may be a part of the regular regional newsletter, or it may be a special publication.
 - 6. Send to the editor of *Teaching English in the Two-Year College (TETYC)* copies of all regional publications
- K. The Business and Advertising Manager shall
 - 1. Assist the editor of regional publications in securing advertising in regional newsletters
 - 2. Assist the Program Chair in securing advertising for the published program of the annual regional meeting
- L. The Immediate Past Chair shall
 - 1. Serve as a resource to the incoming REC Chair
 - 2. Advise the REC when requested
- M. The Regional Representative to the TYCA Executive Committee shall
 - 1. Serve as representative of the region to National TYCA by
 - a. Attending the twice yearly meetings of National TYCA or if that is impossible, notifying the alternate to insure regional representation
 - b. Forwarding to National TYCA any resolutions and proposals originating with the REC or regional membership
 - c. Presenting a written report to the National TYCA Executive Committee at each meeting about regional issues and activities
 - d. Reporting to National TYCA plans for and the results of the annual conference in the region
 - 2. Serve as a representative to the region from National TYCA by
 - a. Attending the regional REC meetings
 - b. Informing the REC and the membership about resolutions and proposals made by National TYCA or by other regional associations
 - c. Presenting a written report of National TYCA issues and activities to the REC after each national meeting
 - d. At least once a year, presenting a written report of National TYCA activities and issues to the editor of regional publications for inclusion in the regional newsletter
 - e. Developing ways to implement in the region those decisions which a majority of the regionals, or their representatives at National TYCA, have agreed should be general practice

VI. Requirements to be Exempt as an Organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Section 1. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. No part of the net earning of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that

the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in section 1 hereof and article I of these by-laws.

Section 3. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 5. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

VII. Amendments of the By-Laws

A. Amendments to these by-laws may be proposed by

1. A majority vote of the membership in a regional association or its REC
2. National TYCA
3. The CCCC Executive Committee
4. The College Section Steering Committee
5. The NCTE Executive Committee

B. Amendments may be approved by the National TYCA Executive Committee

1. By a two-thirds vote of the legal votes cast if no previous notice of the proposed amendment has been given
2. By a majority of the legal votes cast if previous notice had been given by mail at least thirty days prior to the National TYCA Executive Committee meeting

C. An amendment approved by the National TYCA Executive Committee shall be submitted to the regional associations for a vote of the membership.

1. Each REC must submit any amendment adopted by the National TYCA Executive Committee to its membership either by mail or at its next annual business meeting.
2. A regional shall be considered to have approved an amendment which receives approval by a majority of those voting.
3. Notice of approval or rejection of the proposed amendment must be sent to the Executive Director of NCTE, by the regional chair within thirty days of the voting.
4. An amendment shall become effective when it has been approved by four of the regionals.