

CONSTITUTION OF THE EMPORIA STATE
UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SCIENCE
TEACHING ASSOCIATION STUDENT
CHAPTER
(most recent modification 09/01)

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be Emporia State University National Science Teaching Association Student Chapter and shall be an alliance of the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA), Arlington, VA, USA. This organization shall be a student chapter of NSTA.

Article II: NSTA'S Guiding Principles

- Model excellence;
- Champion science literacy;
- Value scientific excellence;
- Embrace diversity, equity, and respect;
- Enhance teaching and learning through research;
- Collaborate with partners; and
- Exemplify a dynamic professional organization.

(Available via <https://www.nsta.org/overview>)

These will be accomplished through a variety of chapter activities for the membership.

Article III: Membership SECTION 1:

Eligibility

Membership is open to all Emporia State University students. A student is defined as an individual in good standing enrolled in course work leading to an appropriate degree. NSTA encourages diverse membership. The student chapter may not require a member to join NSTA or non-NSTA organizations to become a chapter member or enjoy the full privileges afforded by the student chapter. No person shall be on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, Vietnam Era Veteran status , or such factors that cannot be considered lawfully excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity within this organization.

SECTION 2: Dues

The student chapter Executive Board defined as the President, Program Chair/Vice-President, Membership Chair/Secretary/Treasurer, and Newsletter/Publicity Chair shall determine annual dues, if any, for members.

SECTION 3: Privileges

Any member shall be entitled to vote, hold office, participate in discussions, and otherwise receive chapter benefits and materials.

Article IV: Governance SECTION

1: Faculty Advisor

The student chapter shall have a faculty advisor who is the recognized liaison between NSTA and the chapter. The faculty advisor shall be an NSTA member.

SECTION 2: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the following officers:

- IV.2.1 President
- IV.2.2 Program Chair/Vice-President
- IV.2.3 Membership Chair/Secretary/Treasurer
- IV.2.4 Newsletter/Publicity Chair

SECTION 3: The Purpose of the Executive Board

The Executive Board shall govern the student chapter. To serve this purpose, the Executive Board:

- IV.3.1 shall be the planning and legislative body.
- IV.3.2 shall fulfill the policies enacted by this organization.
- IV.3.3 shall have the power to initiate programs and activities for all members.
- IV.3.4 shall have the power to direct grievances and resolutions to the members.

SECTION 4: Duties of the Executive Board Members

IV.4.1 The President:

- a. oversees and is responsible for the daily operations of the student chapter.
- b. presides at and conducts all meetings.
- c. shall act as the official host and representative of this organization in campus functions.
- d. shall be responsible for implementing legislation enacted by the organization.
- e. shall be responsible, with the consultation of the Executive Board, to see that this constitution is adhered to.
- f. shall have the power to call emergency meetings when necessary.
- g. shall provide an officer update sheet to the Associated Student Government Senate Operations Committee Chair after each election.

IV.4.2 The Program Chair/Vice-President:

- a. assumes duties of president in the absence of the president.
- b. is responsible for chapter program development and coordination.
- c. shall oversee the committees of this organization.

IV.4.3 The Membership Chair/Secretary/Treasurer :

- a. shall maintain membership records to include an accurate record of member attendance at all meetings.
- b. shall maintain official written records of the student chapter to include accurate minutes of all meetings.
- c. shall keep a record of finances of this organization.
- d. shall be responsible for collecting the stated dues from each member.
- e. shall give a financial report at each meeting.
- f. shall be responsible for correspondence to other organizations and individuals.

IV.4.4 The Newsletter/Publicity Chair:

- a. coordinates publication of a chapter newsletter.
- b. coordinates publicity for chapter events.
- c. Coordinate events using social media

SECTION 5: Election Rules and Regulations

IV.5.1 Executive Board officers will be elected for a one-year term by the members at an annual meeting held during the fall semester.

IV.5.2 The election will utilize a written ballot, with a simple majority determining the winner.

SECTION 6: Removal and Succession

IV.6.1 Violation or disregard for any part of this constitution or the organization shall be grounds for removal charges against any of the elected officers.

IV.6.2 Removal shall be accomplished by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present.

IV.6.3 Removal proceedings may be initiated by any voting member.

IV.6.4 In the event of removal, resignation, or vacancy of any elected officer, a special election shall be held to fill that position.

Article V: Finances

V.1.1 Yearly dues will be collected from each member at the beginning of each fall semester or on a prorated basis at the time of membership.

V.1.2 The purpose of said dues shall be to provide funding for the sponsoring of events, programming, promotions of the organization, social activities, or other approved activities.

Article VI: Meetings

There shall be at least one general membership meeting per year. Meetings may be called at such times and places as the governing group may determine.

Meetings may be called by written request of any five (5) members, provided all members are notified in advance of time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

Article VII: Amendments

Upon recommendation by the governing group, this constitution may be amended at any meeting of the membership by vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the meeting has been given to all members prior to the time of voting.

VII. I. I Any amendments passed must be reviewed by the Center for Student Involvement for submission to the Associated Student Government Student Senate to become a part of the recognized student organization's official constitution.