

**CONSTITUTION
of the
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS ORGANIZATION**

**ARTICLE I
Name and Affiliation**

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Southwest Louisiana Teachers of Mathematics (SWLTM).
- Section 2. This organization shall be an affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).

**ARTICLE II
Purpose**

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote professional growth, encourage sharing of ideas and concerns, and provide opportunities for fellowship and fun in mathematics.

**ARTICLE III
Members**

- Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the teaching of mathematics.
- Section 2. The membership year of this organization shall commence September 1 and terminate August 31.
- Section 3. Dues
- A. The annual dues for active membership in this organization shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per membership year, payable to SWLTM.
 - B. Dues shall be payable annually during the months of September and October. Members who are delinquent will be removed from the roll if dues have not been paid by October 31.

**ARTICLE IV
Officers**

- Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be President, President-Elect, Vice-President for Colleges/Universities, Vice President for High Schools, Vice President for Middle Schools, Vice President for Elementary Schools, Secretary/Treasurer, LATM Representative and NCTM Representative.
- Section 2. Duties of officers
- A. The President shall
 1. preside at all meetings of the organization.
 2. be chairman of the Executive Board.
 3. appoint all necessary committees in addition to those provided for in this constitution.
 4. see that all accepted policies of the organization are carried out.
 5. serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - B. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, shall become President for the next term, and serve on committees as assigned by the President.

- C. The Vice-Presidents will be in charge of helping the President plan meetings to meet the needs of all members and act as a liaison between members and the Executive Board.
- D. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the business meetings, attend to such correspondence as the President and /or Executive Board deems necessary, receive and account for all monies of the organization, disburse all sums on order of the President, render a financial report at the last meeting of the year and, at the end of the term, give all records to the newly-elected Secretary/Treasurer as a permanent record of the actions of the organization.
- E. The LATM/NCTM representatives shall promote the activities of and membership in that organization, serve as a liaison between SWLTM and that organization. The NCTM representative should ensure that NCTM educational materials and products are available to members at meetings of SWLTM.
- F. Each officer shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

Section 3. Election of officers

- A. Nominations for all offices shall be made from the floor or submitted to the present President preceding the election.
- B. The President-Elect shall serve one year as president-elect, one year as president, and one year as past president. The term for all other officers shall be two years or until a successor is elected, and shall begin immediately after the meeting at which they are elected.
- C. The President-Elect shall be elected every year. The Secretary/Treasurer, LATM and NCTM representatives shall be elected during even numbered years and the four Vice-Presidents shall be elected during odd numbered years.
- D. The election of new officers shall be at the final meeting of the school year and shall be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE V
Executive Board

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and the past president.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall conduct any business of the organization that may require attention in the interval between meetings, fix the time and place of the meetings, make recommendations to the organization, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in the Constitution.
- Section 3. The Executive Board shall be subject to the order of the organization and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the organization.
- Section 4. Any executive officer who does not execute the duties of the office may be removed from such office by the Executive Board.
- Section 5. In the event of a vacated office, the Executive Board shall fill the office with an eligible member until the next election is held.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

At least two meetings of this organization shall be held during each school year. The Executive Board shall set the time and place.

ARTICLE VII

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the organization by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given to the membership at least one week prior to the meeting. Such amendment(s) will become effective immediately following the close of said meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Dissolution

If at any time, the Southwest Louisiana Teachers of Mathematics organization shall cease to carry out the purposes as herein stated in Article II, Section 1, all assets held by it in trust or otherwise, shall, after the payment of its liabilities, be paid over to an organization selected by the final Executive Board of the Southwest Louisiana Teachers of Mathematics which has similar purposes and has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as now enacted or hereafter amended, and such assets shall be applied exclusively for such charitable, scientific, and educational programs.