

Constitution and Bylaws

2009-2010

National Science Teachers Association Student Chapter

Elizabethtown College

Article I.

Name

Section 1. The name of this organization will be the National Science Teacher Association Student chapter of Elizabethtown College (hereafter called NSTA-EC)

Article II.

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of NSTA-EC will be to:

- a. Promote the mission of NSTA;
- b. Acquaint pre-service teachers of science with support resources available from NSTA;
- c. Provide additional professional development in science education to pre-service teachers;
- d. Design and provide learning opportunities for children in the community;
- e. Promote the teaching and learning of standards-based science in local schools.

Article III.

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership is open to all students, NSTA-EC, a registered student organization of Elizabethtown College, strongly and actively strives to increase diversity and provide equal opportunity, within the organization. NSTA-EC does not discriminate its membership eligibility against person based on age, race, gender, religion, marital status/sexual orientation, or political persuasions. As student is defined as an individual in good standing with the college and is enrolled in course work leading to an appropriate degree or certification.

Section 2. Dues

An unanimous vote by the student chapter governing group of officers will determine if dues are necessary and how much based on our club budget.

Article IV.

Voting

Section 1. Any active members, must have participated in at least one chapter event, shall be entitled to vote, hold office, participate in meetings, and otherwise receive chapter benefits and materials.

Section 2. The results of the vote will be based upon the majority vote of the present members.

Section 3. The President will act as facilitator when voting. However, the President can vote in order to break a tie or to constitute quorum.

Section 4. A motion can be brought up by any dues paid member by speaking with a governing officer. The motion will then be made at the next club meeting by a governing officer. Any member or governing officer can second that motion. Then a ballot vote will be done

Article V.

Governance

Section 1. Officers

The officers of NSTA-EC shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each elected for at least one academic semester and serving a maximum of one calendar year unless reelected.

Section 2. President

Duties of the President:

- a. Begin and end each meeting;
- b. Make general announcements to organization;
- c. Act as an overseer to ensure that members and completing their duties;
- d. Run meetings;
- e. Work with advisor to allocate college funding and keep the organization up to college standards.

Section 3. President-Elect

Duties of the Vice President

- a. Shall serve as assistant to the President

- b. Serve as an interim office vacant from a meeting.
- c. The Vice President shall organize guest speaker and plan group activities.

Section 4. Secretary

Duties of the Secretary:

- a. Take accurate minutes for the meetings
- b. Write an email to all members the week of an event, including a reminder about the meeting, the minutes from the last meeting, and any other announcements.
- c. Publicize organization events campus-wide and throughout the community

Section 5. Treasurer

Duties of the Treasurer:

- a. Shall maintain accurate records of all financial concerns of the club
- b. Shall be given the right to access funds and accounts through the Elizabethtown College Business Office, and shall allot monies as mandated by the membership of Link.

Article VI.

Meetings

Section 1. There shall be at least two general membership meetings per calendar year. Meetings may be called at such times and places as the governing group of officers may determine. Meetings may be called by written request of any five members provided all members are notified at least three days prior of the place, time, and purpose of the meeting.

Section 2. Attendance is required to at least one of the meetings to be an active member of the club. If a member does not attend any meetings, that person will be removed from the club membership.

Article VII.

Amendments

Section 1. Upon recommendation by the governing group of officers, this constitution may be amended at any meeting of the membership by vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice and purpose of the meeting is given in advance notice of at least three days.

Section 2. Upon ratification, amendments shall be sent to the Student Judicial Committee and shall be put into effect upon approval from the committee.

Article VIII.

Advisors

Section 1 Responsibilities of the Advisor

- a. Provide overall guidance and assistance to the organization;
- b. Work with the officers to promote the effective administration of the organization
- c. Encourage and advise organization in carrying on an active and significant program;
- d. Assist organization in compliance and use of college facilities, name, and logos;
- e. Meet with organization and/or officers twice each semester;
- f. The advisor invited to attend all meetings and group activities.
- g. The advisor shall meet with the board to discuss any problems that an individual college student, a parent, or the club is having.
- h. The advisor is only required to serve a term of 1 year. A new advisor will be voted upon by the club if necessary.

Section 2. Eligibility of Advisors

All advisors must be faculty or staff members of the college.