

# **National Art Education Association Constitution**

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## **ARTICLE I NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be known as the National Art Education Association Student Chapter. This organization will utilize the acronym NAEA in all publicity materials and correspondence. National Art Education Association Student Chapter is affiliated with National Art Education Association (<http://www.naea-reston.org/>).

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Association is to promote professional development in art education, advancement of knowledge, and leadership. To that end, the Association will: sponsor informational, community outreach, and promotional activities, provide an effective transition from art education preparation to professional practice, promote an exchange of ideas in substantive art education and all areas of the visual arts, and maintain a high standard of quality art education on campus and in the community.

## **ARTICLE III COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Upon approval by the Center for Student Activities and Involvement, National Art Education Association Student Chapter shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. National Art Education Association Student Chapter shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University's regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

## **ARTICLE IV NON-DISCRIMINATION**

In compliance with the University of Florida Non-Discrimination Policy (Regulation 6C1-1.006), National Art Education Association Student Chapter will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

## **ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization is open to enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

## **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS**

SECTION I: The elected officers of National Art Education Association Student Chapter shall be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, and Secretary.

SECTION II: The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

Part I: The President shall be presiding officer of the chapter and is responsible for the success of all its activities the coordination of the work of the other officers.

Part II: The Vice-President shall assist the President and assume the above duties and responsibilities in the President's absence.

Part III: The Treasurer shall receive all money received by National Art Education Association Student Chapter; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement when requested by the President or Vice President. In addition, Treasurer must attend all meetings related to finance.

Part IV: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of National Art Education Association Student Chapter and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

SECTION III: Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last general meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one academic year and/or until their successors are elected/appointed.

SECTION IV: Any officer of National Art Education Association Student Chapter may be removed from office through the following process:

Part I: A written request by at least three voting members of the organization shall be submitted to either the President, Vice President, or Treasurer. Written notification shall be sent to the officer in question asking that officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to respond to the removal request.

Part II: A two thirds majority vote of members present is necessary to remove the officer.

Part III: In the event that an officer voluntarily steps down from his/her position or is removed from office, the remaining officers shall announce a meeting at the earliest time possible. A nominee will then be elected to fill the position by a two-thirds majority vote. If there is no nominee, another officer may temporarily take on the duties of the vacant position until a nominee can be found.

## **ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS**

SECTION I: Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members at the last general meeting in April. Any member may nominate any other voting member, including himself or herself.

SECTION II: Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. Only an individual whose interests, views, and knowledge align with our

organization's purpose is eligible to run for office. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

#### **ARTICLE VIII FACULTY ADVISOR**

The faculty advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The faculty advisor should attend executive and general meetings; however, the faculty advisor may not vote in any National Art Education Association Student Chapter matters. The faculty advisor should be one whose ideals are aligned with the organizations purpose, who supports members in achieving specified goals, and one who represents the organization to the community and the University of Florida as needed. If the faculty advisor should step down from his or her position or is removed from office, the new faculty advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

#### **ARTICLE IX FINANCE**

SECTION I: National Art Education Association Student Chapter will not require membership dues; however, it will raise funds through the sale of buttons and similar activities, for t-shirts and travel to leadership conferences. Members are expected to participate in these fundraising activities.

SECTION II: This organization shall be funded by Student Government through the Fine Arts College Council and is supplemented by its funding. A budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year shall be prepared by the Treasurer and approved by the other officers each spring semester. The fiscal year shall begin with the start of the fall semester.

#### **ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be returned back to The Fine Arts College Council (FACC) to be redistributed into the funds to be accesses by the other non-prophet art organizations on the University of Florida campus.

#### **ARTICLE (FINAL ARTICLE) AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of National Art Education Association Student Chapter by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Center for Student Activities and Involvement.