

**FAR WEST TEXAS TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the “Far West Texas Technology Student Association (FWTTSA), previously known as Far West Texas Technology Teachers’ Association (FWTTTA),” herein after referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Far West Texas Technology Student Association shall not be operated for profit and was not established for such purpose. The Association shall be organized and operated exclusively for education, research and scientific purposes in the curriculum area of career and technology education (CTE) to further its interest and welfare as an integral part of education in the Far West Texas region. In doing so, the Association shall:

1. Improve and advance the quality of career and technology education instruction in the Far West Texas schools.
2. Define the functions and scope of career and technology education in education.
3. Encourage the development of leadership among education teachers by providing a means through which an individual’s contributions in research, service and leadership may be recognized and rewarded.
4. Cooperate with all agencies and organizations in the promotion of career and technology education.

ARTICLE III - RIGHTS, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Association shall have and possess all the rights, powers and privileges given to associations by common law and shall be responsible for the impartial exercise thereof.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Association shall consist of the following classes: Active, Associate, Student, Honorary and Retired active. Annual memberships begin the date the FWTTSA Treasurer receives payment.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Parliamentarian and a Reporter/TTEE representative.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association. The President shall be chairperson of the Executive Committee and shall preside at the Executive Committee meetings.

ARTICLE VII - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1: Any group, club, or organization within the Far West Texas region which is organized and operated for education, research and scientific purposes in the curriculum area of Career & Technology Education may become affiliated with this Association.

SECTION 2: This Association may affiliate or become allied with another organization having the same purposes, such as The Association of Texas Technology Education.

SECTION 3: To maintain official affiliation with the Texas Technology and Engineering Educators, the Association shall regularly send a delegate to the Board of Directors' meetings. Affiliations shall be revoked for failure to have representation at three successive Board of Director's meetings.

SECTION 4: To maintain official affiliation with the Far West Texas Technology Student Association a school must send a representative to 50% of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings and pay FWT TSA dues on or before November 1st of the current school year and must not have any delinquent balances. Mandatory meetings include the 2 regular meetings prior to Tech Day and the 2 regular meetings prior to TSA Regional contests.

SECTION 5: Paid affiliation with the Association is required for participation in all FWT TSA sponsored events. A member in good standing is one who has paid all registration fees and has no outstanding balance due to the Association.

SECTION 6: Returning TSA Chapter Advisors whose chapter participates in any FWT TSA organized competition is required to coordinate events at said competitions. The number of required events will be determined by the Executive Committee prior to the competition and exceptions will be made for special cases including but not limited to competition hosts, emergencies, etc.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

SECTION 1: A minimum of one meeting monthly during the school calendar shall be held and shall include a business section.

SECTION 2: The time and place of the monthly meeting shall be selected by the membership.

SECTION 3: The Executive Committee shall call any special meeting of the Association when deemed necessary.

SECTION 4: A minimum of 5 members shall be necessary for a quorum for the transacting of business.

SECTION 5: Each school will be allotted a maximum of 2 voting delegates who must be members of the Association.

SECTION 6: All contest specifications, including but not limited to: Dates, Times, Entries, Regulations, Rules, Coordinators, Procedures and Judges, shall be finalized during the meeting prior to each competition.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by:

- a. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee
- b. A petition signed by two-thirds of the members
- c. Any member may suggest amendments by a written proposal to the Executive Committee, who must approve by two-thirds vote to be proposed to the membership.

SECTION 2: Amendments to the FWTTSA Constitution may be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting, provided that notice of said amendments have been previously printed or sent to the membership one week prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

It is expressed intent and desire of Far West Texas Technology Student Association to be organized and operated exclusively for education, research and scientific purposes. Therefore, should the Association ever be dissolved, all assets shall be awarded only to another organization having the same tax exempt status (501C3) as the Far West Texas Technology Student Association.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: There shall be five classes of membership designated as follows: (a) Active; (b) Associate; (c) Student; (d) Honorary; and (e) Retired Active.

SECTION 2: Active Membership shall be open to all persons within the Far West Texas region who are engaged in the teaching or supervising of technology instruction at any level.

SECTION 3: Associate Membership shall be open to anyone not engaged in technology education instruction upon payment of the dues provided in the Bylaws of this Association. The Associate Member shall then have all rights and privileges of the active member except the right to hold office.

SECTION 4: Student Membership shall be restricted to full-time students in colleges or universities enrolled in the areas of CTE or STEM. They shall be granted the same rights and privileges as Active Members with the exception of holding office.

SECTION 5: Honorary Membership shall be bestowed upon a person whose long and distinguished contribution to technology education is recognized by action of the membership. The Honorary members shall have all rights and privileges of an Active Member except the right to vote, hold office, or to represent the Association. The membership may not award more than one Honorary Membership each year. Any member may submit names for Honorary Membership to the Vice President.

SECTION 6: Retired Active Membership shall be open to all persons who were members of the Association when they retired from the teaching profession. The retired Active Member shall be granted the same rights and privileges as an Active Member.

SECTION 7: Membership shall begin with the payment of dues on or before November 1st of the current school year. The membership year for each person shall extend from the date the dues are paid until the anniversary date the following year.

SECTION 8: Individual membership may be revoked for actions which are detrimental to the welfare and function of the Association.

ARTICLE II – DUES

SECTION 1: The dues for Active Membership shall be \$50.00 per school annually.

SECTION 2: The dues for Associate Membership shall be \$25.00 annually.

SECTION 3: The dues for Student Membership shall be 10 percent of the current FWTTSA Active Membership rounded off to the nearest \$1.00.

SECTION 4: No dues shall be required of Honorary Members.

SECTION 5: The dues for Retired Active Membership shall be 10 percent of the Current FWTTSA Active Membership rounded off to the nearest \$1.00.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: All FWTTSA members shall be eligible to vote. Only Active and Retired Active Members of the Far West Texas Technology Student Association (previously known as Far West Texas Educators' Association or FWTTEA) shall be eligible to hold office or to chair a standing committee, an operation committee or ad hoc committee.

SECTION 2: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Reporter/TTEE representative shall have been members of FWTTSA for a minimum of one-year immediately prior to nomination.

SECTION 3: Nominations shall be made by members only.

B. TERMS OF OFFICE

SECTION 1: The President shall take office for two years after serving as Vice President for a minimum of one year. If the President should resign, move out of the state or leave the technology education profession, the Vice President shall complete the term of office. Should the Vice President become ineligible for the office of President, the Membership shall fill the office by appointment for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 2: The Vice President shall serve the Association for a minimum period of three years, the first as Vice President, the second and the third as President.

SECTION 3: The Secretary shall be elected to serve a term of two years in succession. If the Secretary should resign, move out of the Region or leave the technology education profession, a qualified person shall be elected by a majority vote of the Membership to finish the vacated term.

SECTION 4: The Treasurer shall be elected to serve a term of two years in succession. If the Treasurer should resign, move out of the Region or leave the technology education profession, a qualified person shall be elected by a majority vote of the Membership to finish the vacated term.

SECTION 5: The Reporter/TTEE Representative shall be elected to serve a term of two years in succession. If the Reporter/TTEE Representative should resign, move out of the Region or leave the technology education profession, a qualified person shall be elected by a majority vote of the Membership to finish the vacated term.

SECTION 6: The Parliamentarian shall be elected to serve a term of two years in succession. If the Parliamentarian should resign, move out of the Region or leave the technology education profession, a qualified person shall be elected by a majority vote of the Membership to finish the vacated term.

SECTION 7: Any officer whose actions are deemed detrimental to the welfare and function of the Association, the students it represents and/or contrary to the Association Constitution, Bylaws or Policy Manual will be removed from office.

C. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee. The President shall call special meetings of the Executive Committee and/or the Association when necessary. The President shall perform all other duties pertaining to the office and shall represent the Association as the office requires.

SECTION 2: The Vice President shall in the absence of the President, preside and perform the duties of the office of the President. The Vice President should at all times render assistance to the President and shall become President for the President's term of office in the event the President leaves office.

SECTION 3: The Secretary shall keep a record of all business proceedings and maintain an updated roster of all members of the Association. The Secretary shall notify all members of the time and place of all Association meetings. The Secretary shall preside at the meetings on the absence of the President and Vice President. At the close of this term of office, the Secretary shall give all records of the Association to the successor and take care of necessary correspondence to carry on the duties of this office.

SECTION 4: The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall pay all bills and keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures and shall make an annual report to the Association.

SECTION 5: The Reporter shall report and promote all activities and news of FWTTSA at the annual TTEE board meeting, and to the various school districts and the media. The Reporter shall ensure that the minutes and agenda of each meeting are emailed to the Association membership in a timely manner.

SECTION 6: The Parliamentarian shall assist the Association in the drafting and interpretation of the constitution, bylaws and policies, Robert's rules of order, the planning and conduct of meetings.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by:

- a. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee
- b. A petition signed by two-thirds of the members
- c. Any member may suggest amendments by a written proposal to the Executive Committee, who must approve by two-thirds vote to be proposed to the membership.

SECTION 2: Amendments to the Association Bylaws may be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting provided notice of said amendments has been previously printed or sent to the membership one week prior to the meeting.