

AUSTIN AREA COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS  
Constitution

Article I Name

This organization shall be known as the Austin Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics (A<sup>2</sup>CTM) and shall be affiliated with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Article II Purpose

Section I. To aid in the improvement of teaching of mathematics and to offer its members an opportunity to act as a professional group in matters pertaining to mathematics.

Section II. To offer a medium of exchange for mathematical ideas.

Section III. To coordinate the study of mathematics among all levels, elementary, junior/or middle school and senior high, and college.

Section IV. To stimulate interest in mathematics, and to promote mathematical activities.

Article III Membership

The membership of this Council shall be open to any teacher of mathematics or any individual interested in the purposes of the organization.

Article IV Officers

The officers shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. The Executive Committee shall consist of these five officers.

Article V Meetings

A minimum of two meetings per year shall be held, one in the fall, and one in the spring. The spring meeting shall be designated as the annual meeting. The dates of all meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee and shall be published 10 days prior to such meetings.

Article VI Procedure of Amendment

At least 10 days prior to any general meeting proposed amendments to the Constitution will be published. A two-thirds majority of those members present at the meeting must approve for passage. Proposed amendments may be submitted by any member of the Executive Committee.

## Article VII Financial Standing

The organization shall be exclusively a charitable, scientific, and educational organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as currently in effect or as hereafter amended from time to time, provided, however, that the organization shall not operate a post-secondary educational institution or vocational school, nor shall it be authorized to receive any child for care or placement apart from his/her own parent or guardian.

The organization is not organized for profit or pecuniary benefit. It is a membership organization without stock or stockholders. No part of the revenue or income of the organization shall inure, either directly or indirectly, to the benefit of any member, officer, employee or any private individual or to the benefit of any corporation or organization, any part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private individual, provided, however, that this shall not prevent payment of reasonable compensation for services actually rendered to or for the organization in effecting its purposes.

The organization shall not, directly or indirectly:

- a. Devote any substantial part of its activities to the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participate or intervene, by the publication or distribution of statements or otherwise, in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office;
- b. Make any accumulation of income unreasonable in amount or duration or invest income in any manner to jeopardize the fulfillment of the objects of the organization;
- c. Engage in any activity affecting the organization's right to full tax exemption as a charitable, scientific, or educational organization under Federal laws or the laws of Texas or local governmental bodies;
- d. Make any loan to any of its officers or directors; nor shall it, directly or indirectly devolve any pecuniary or economic benefit upon any member, sponsor, donor, creator, director, officer, or employee by reason or virtue of, or through:

1. The loan of any part of its income or property to any such person or organization without the receipt of adequate security and a reasonable rate of interest; or
2. The purchase of any property from any such person or organization for more than adequate consideration in money or money's worth or the sale to any such person or organization for less than adequate consideration in money or money's worth or any other transaction with any such person or organization which might result in the diversion of the income or property of the organization.

## Article VIII Disbandment

If, at any time, the organization shall cease to carry out the purposes as herein stated, all assets and property held by it, whether 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 organization, which has similar purposes and has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as now enacted or as it may hereafter be amended, and such assets and property shall be applied exclusively for such charitable, scientific, and educational programs.

## BYLAWS

### Article I Officers

#### Section I. Election

A nominating committee of five which is to include at least one person from each of the four areas – elementary, junior/or middle school and senior high school, and college, shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Executive Committee. The nominating committee shall present at the spring meeting nominations for those offices to be vacated each term. Candidates for each office shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast. The Parliamentarian shall be the immediate past President.

#### Section II. Term of Office

The term of office for all elective officers of this organization shall be two years, 1 September through 30 August and shall be limited to two consecutive terms. The officers shall serve staggered terms with the President and Secretary elected in odd-numbered years and the President-Elect and Treasurer elected in even-numbered years.

### Section III. Duties

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall have the usual duties pertaining to this office. S/He shall be chairman of the Executive Committee and shall have authority to call meetings of the same. The President shall appoint all committees with the approval of the Executive Committee.

The President Elect shall assume the duties of the President in his absence; shall automatically become President if a vacancy occurs in that office; and shall be program chairman.

The Secretary shall have the usual duties particular to the office of Secretary, including the custody of the records, the keeping of minutes, and giving due notices of meetings and other announcements. The Secretary shall keep an up-to-date listing of all members and their addresses to be provided the members of the Executive Committee and other committee chairmen. The Secretary shall also take care of whatever correspondence the President or the Executive Committee deem necessary.

The Treasurer shall have the duties of all collections and expenditures; shall supply a copy of the list of members to the secretary; and shall keep financial records which shall be audited by the Financial Committee before the annual meeting.

The Parliamentarian shall insure that the proceedings of the Council are carried out in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws.

## Article II Dues

Annual dues of the Council shall be \$5.00. The fiscal year for dues shall be from September 1 of one year through August 31 of the next. Dues are to be paid at the fall meeting.

## Article III Committees

Section I. The Executive Committee shall attend to the affairs of the Council in the interims between meetings; shall call special elections when necessary to fill vacancies in any office and shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the election; shall select a delegate, usually the President, and an alternate to the annual meeting of the NCTM; and shall have the power to rearrange the duties of its members to suit special circumstances and the availability of special talents.

Section II. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the NCTM Representative and the following standing committees: Membership, Newsletter Editor, Nominating, and Finance. The functions and duties of each committee shall be designated by the Executive Committee. Other committees may be appointed by the President as they are needed.

Article IV Parliamentary Authority

This organization shall conduct its meeting according to Robert's Rules of Order, Revised in all points not expressly provided for in the Constitution and By-laws.

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