

CONSTITUTION OF THE SASKATCHEWAN SCIENCE TEACHERS' SOCIETY
REVISED AND ADOPTED, MAY 8, 2015

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of the society shall be the Saskatchewan Science Teachers' Society.

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES

- Sec 1 - i) To improve the quality of instruction and the level of teacher competence.
ii) To improve practice in the teaching of the natural sciences by increasing members' knowledge and understanding of science.
iii) To act as a clearinghouse for ideas and a source of information of trends and new ideas.
iv) To be involved in the continuous development of curricula, implementation and evaluation.
v) To furnish recommendations and advice to the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Executive and its committees on matters affecting the teaching of sciences.

ARTICLE 3 • MEMBERSHIP

Sec 1 - Any person with a professional interest in science shall be eligible for membership.

Sec 2 - Only members in good standing shall be eligible for office or for the right to vote at any of the general meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE 4 - FINANCE

Sec 1 - Membership fees shall be established by resolution at the general meeting of the Society.

Sec 2 - The fiscal year of the Society shall extend from July 1 to June 30 of the consecutive year.

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICES

Sec 1 - The executive offices of the Society shall be: Past-President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. In addition there shall be as many as six (6) Members-At-Large.

Sec 2 - The term of the executive office shall be one year, coinciding with the fiscal year, for all executive offices.

Sec 3 • The office of the Past-President is assumed. The Past-President shall take office for a minimum of one year following the completion of the term as President, and may remain in office until a change in Presidency.

Sec 4 - The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and Members-At-Large are elected officers.

Sec 5 - A Convention Chairperson shall be appointed by the elected officers.

Sec 6 - One half plus one members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Executive.

ARTICLE 6 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec 1 - The President shall preside at all Society and Executive meetings.

- The President shall be responsible for any correspondence between other organizations: provincial, national, or international, and the Society. This responsibility may be delegated to other Executive members as the President sees fit.
- The President shall be responsible for keeping the general membership informed of pertinent Society business via the Accelerator/Newsletter.
- The President shall be responsible for the agenda at Society and Executive meetings.

Sec 2 - The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer.

- The Vice-President shall act as chairperson for the Public Relations and Membership Committees.

Sec 3 - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting and shall be responsible for all current records and documents of the Society.

- The Secretary shall ensure that each Executive member receives a copy of the minutes from each Executive meeting (plus an agenda) as soon after the meeting as possible.

Sec 4 - The Treasurer shall receive all money due the Society and shall be responsible for the accounting of the Society's funds.

- The Treasurer shall present a financial report to the Society at each general meeting.
- The Treasurer shall make an annual audited statement of the apportionment of the Society's funds.
- The Treasurer shall make a financial report at each Executive meeting.
- The Treasurer shall prepare the first draft of the annual budget.

Sec 5 - The Members-At-Large shall sit on one of the standing committees.

Sec 6 - The Past-President shall chair the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE 7 - STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE

Sec 1 - The Standing Committees of the Executive shall be:

- (a) Public Relations and Membership Committee
- (b) Project Committee
- (c) Nominating Committee (to be chaired by Past-President)

ARTICLE 8 - ELECTIONS

Sec 1 - A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Executive in January.

- The signature of one Society member shall be sufficient to endorse a nomination for an elected office. Any member who has been a member for the preceding year may submit his or her name in nomination for an elected office. The Committee shall send a slate of nominations to all Society members so that voting may be completed no later than April 30. Election of officers shall be by mailed ballots by the membership.
- The Nominating Committee shall strive to ensure representation by area.

Sec 2 - Election results shall be reported by the Editor in a Society publication.

Sec 3 - The Past-President shall be designated the Returning Officer and the Secretary shall be designated Deputy Returning Officer.

ARTICLE 9 - GENERAL MEETING

Sec 1 - The general meeting shall be held at such time as may be approved by the Executive of the Society.

- A general meeting shall be held in conjunction with Sciematics and may be at any other time which the Executive deems necessary.

ARTICLE 10 - LIAISON

Sec 1 - Any representation which the Saskatchewan Science Teachers' Society wishes to make to any organization, persons, government, department or other agency outside the Federation shall be conducted through the regular channels of the Federation as provided for under section 36 *The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006*.

ARTICLE 11-ANNUAL REPORT

Sec 1 - The Society shall make an annual report to the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.

ARTICLE 12-AMENDMENTS

Sec 1 - After a one month notice of motion to amend the constitution has been given to each member, the constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at a general meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE 13-AFFILIAITON

Sec 1 - The Saskatchewan Science Teachers' Society is officially affiliated with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation as a special subject council / professional growth network.

ARTICLE 14-DISSOLUTION

Sec 1 - Dissolution of The Saskatchewan Science Teachers' Society shall be affected by a two-thirds vote of members present at an annual general meeting (AGM).

Remaining funds will be disbursed in the following way:

- A) If ASSIST and SCIEMATICS are still operational then any remaining SSTS funds will be equally dispersed to these two teacher professional development programs.
- B) Should all operations of the SSTS, INCLUDING Sciematics and ASSIST, cease, then all remaining funds shall be equally dispersed via a one-time lump sum payment to each of the following:
 - a. EYES (Educating Youth in Engineering & Science) is a science and engineering education program for the youth of Regina and southern Saskatchewan (run through the University of Regina).
 - b. SC-FI CAMP – a youth science summer program run through the University of Saskatchewan.
 - c. SASFI – The Saskatchewan Association of Science Fairs Inc.