

University of Georgia National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Student Chapter

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

- 1.1 The name of the organization shall be University of Georgia NSTA Student and shall be an alliance of the National Science Teachers Association, Arlington, VA, USA. This organization shall be a student chapter of NSTA.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this chapter shall be
- 2.2 To promote the mission of NSTA
- 2.3 To acquaint preservice teachers of science with the support resources available from NSTA
- 2.4 To provide additional professional development in science education to preservice teachers
- 2.5 To acquaint preservice teachers of science with others like themselves at their university or college and across the United States and Canada.

ARTICLE III – Membership

- 3.1 Eligibility: Membership is open to all students. A student is defined as an individual in good standing enrolled in course work leading to an appropriate degree. NSTA encourages diverse membership. The student chapter may not require a member to join NSTA, or non-NSTA organizations, to become a chapter member or enjoy the full privileges afforded by the student chapter.
- 3.2 Dues: The student chapter governing group shall determine annual dues, if any, for members.
- 3.3 Privileges: Any member shall be entitled to vote, hold office, participate in discussions, and otherwise receive chapter benefits and materials.

ARTICLE IV – Governance

- 4.1 Faculty Advisor: The student chapter shall have a faculty advisor who is the recognized liaison between NSTA and the chapter. The faculty advisor shall be an NSTA member.
- 4.2 Executive Board: An executive board shall govern the student chapter. The board will be elected for a one-year term by the members at an annual meeting held in April. The following officers will comprise the board:
 - President: oversees and is responsible for the daily operations of the student chapter
 - Vice-President: assumes duties of president in the absence of the president and is responsible for chapter program development and coordination.
 - Secretary: maintains membership records and official written records of the student chapter
 - Treasurer: maintains financial records and is in charge of financial transactions of the chapter.
 - Publicity: coordinates publication of webpage and publicity for chapter events.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

- 5.1 There shall be at least one general membership meeting per year. Meetings may be called at such times and places as the governing group may determine. Meetings may be called by written request of any five (5) members, provided all members are notified in advance of time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI – Amendments

- 6.1 Upon recommendation by the governing group, this constitution may be amended at any meeting of the membership by vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice of the meeting has been given previous to the time of voting.

ARTICLE VII - ADOPTION

- 7.1 This Constitution shall be completed and adopted by a majority of the Executive Board. Written copies of the Constitution shall be sent to all members and shall be sent as amended to such persons as shall, from time to time, become members of the Chapter.

Student Branch President

Date

Faculty Advisor

Date