



## **PROPOSED BYLAWS**

### **BYLAW I - NAME AND LOCATION**

- Section 1: The name of the association shall be Educators Rising-Ohio; hereinafter known as the Association.
- Section 2: Headquarters for the Association shall be maintained with the Ohio Department of Education in Columbus, Ohio.

### **BYLAW II - PURPOSES**

- Section 1: This Association shall organize/strengthen local chapters.
- Section 2: This Association shall strive to interest competent young men and women in education as a career.
- Section 3: This Association shall promote scholarship and academic excellence in Ohio schools.
- Section 4: This Association shall provide its members with experiences to develop the qualities and aptitudes basic to effective teaching and leadership.
- Section 5: This Association shall foster an understanding of the development and purposes of our Ohio schools.
- Section 6: This Association shall provide information on professional career opportunities in education and the special competencies required.
- Section 7: This Association shall assist in gaining an appreciation of the contributions that schools have made to citizenship in our democratic society.
- Section 8: This Association shall promote teaching experiences which are both exploratory and developmental in nature.
- Section 9: This Association shall work with its chapters to secure broad community support for education.
- Section 10: This Association shall encourage its members to exercise their rights and privileges as citizens and to willingly accept leadership in civic affairs.
- Section 11: This Association shall adapt to ideals which will enhance progress in education.

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**BYLAW III - ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1: Membership shall include all chapters chartered by the Association's Executive Committee.
- Section 2: Chartered chapters may be co-curricular career pathways chapters or extracurricular club chapters.
- Section 3: Chartered chapters with membership fees paid for the current year are members of the state association. The Executive Committee shall set the annual membership fees.
- Section 4: Educational professions or others with a relevant interest in the purposes of the Association may become members in the state Association with payment of the required membership fee. This fee will be set by the state Executive Committee.
- Section 5: Individual student memberships are open to those students who do not have a local chapter they can join. Individual student membership in the state Association shall be confirmed by payment of the required fee. This fee will be set annually by the state Executive Committee.

**BYLAW IV –CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR**

- Section 1 The operational calendar and fiscal year shall be Sept.1 to August 31.
- Section 2 The Executive Committee will establish annually the operational calendar meeting dates and locations for the Association.

**BYLAW V –EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- Section 1: The Executive Committee shall include up to three Ohio Department of Education liaisons, the six elected students officers and their Teacher Leaders, and one treasurer. In addition, a teacher educator from an Ohio college or university shall be invited to serve for a one year term. The liaison from the college or university hosting the state conference may serve in that teacher educator role each year the conference is held at that institution. The Executive Committee may appoint additional volunteer members as necessary to fulfill its mission. Additional members may be either or both teacher leaders or students. Appointed student members shall be given the title of Ambassadors.
- Section 2: All members of the Executive Committee as described in Section 1 above shall be voting members.

**BYLAW VI – OFFICERS**

- Section 1: The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a Vice President of Programs and Regional Representative, a Vice President of Membership and Recruitment, a Vice President of Competitions and Community Service, a Recording Secretary, and a Public Relations Secretary.
- Section 2: All officers shall be elected at the annual state conference and will take office at the next Executive Committee meeting following their induction and serve until the next induction. Induction will occur at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- Section 3: To be eligible to hold an office, the candidate must be an active member in grades 9 – 12 of an Educators Rising-Ohio affiliated chapter and must maintain membership in a sponsoring chapter throughout the term of office. Other specific criteria for a state officer candidate, such as minimum grade point averages or a record of chapter involvement may be established by the Executive Committee. Candidates must submit a completed application with supporting documents and all required signatures to be considered as an officer candidate. The candidate must be present at the state conference, either with his/her Teacher Leader or with a Teacher Leader who has indicated willingness to accept the responsibility of state sponsorship.
- Section 4: The term of office for the officers shall be one year from the date of officer induction or until their successors are duly elected or appointed. Incumbents are eligible to seek reelection for an additional year if eligible.
- Section 5: Every officer shall keep a permanent file for his/her office. These shall be handed over to the incoming officers upon election at the state conference.
- Section 6: The President:
- a. Shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Association;
  - b. Shall represent the Association as spokesperson on matter of policy or assign responsibility for such representation;
  - c. Shall aid in preparing the agenda and preside at all meetings of the Association;
  - d. May serve as Member Ex Officio on all ad hoc committees;
  - e. Shall appoint the chairperson and members of such committees as are deemed necessary;
  - f. Shall approve all official communications sent out in the name of the Association;
  - g. Shall request a member of the Executive committee to serve as a liaison to each committee;
  - h. Shall serve create the agenda for meetings of House of Delegates; and
  - i. Shall have working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

Section 7: The Vice-President of Programs and Regional Representatives:

- a. Shall preside in the temporary absence of the President;
- b. Shall be an assistant to the President;
- c. Shall have the lead role in the development and completion of programs adopted by the Executive Committee that foster the mission of the Association;
- d. Shall have the lead role in the development of state officer proposals for presentations at regional, state, and/or national events;
- e. Shall perform other duties as delegated by the President and/or the Executive Committee;
- f. Shall assume the office of President upon death or resignation of the President; and
- g. Shall have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

Section 8: The Vice-President of Membership and Recruitment

- a. Shall preside in the temporary absence of the President and Vice President of Programs;
- b. Shall be an assistant to the President;
- c. Shall have the lead role in efforts to maintain and increase chapter and individual memberships;
- d. Shall work with the Public Relations Secretary to increase awareness of and interest in Educators Rising-Ohio;
- e. Shall assist in monitoring and updating any social media websites on which Educators Rising-Ohio maintains an account;
- f. Shall perform other duties as delegated by the President and/or the Executive Committee; and
- g. Shall have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

Section 9: The Vice-President of Competitions and Community Service

- a. Shall preside in the temporary absence of the President, the Vice President of Programs and the Vice President of Membership
- b. Shall be an assistant to the President
- c. Shall have the lead role in communicating with Teacher Leaders and members to develop and coordinate participation in regional, state and national events and community service events;
- d. Shall assist in monitoring and updating any social media websites on which Educators Rising-Ohio maintains an account;
- e. Shall perform other duties as delegated by the President and/or the Executive Committee; and
- e. Shall have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

Section 10: The Recording secretary:

- a. Shall keep on file a list of all chartered chapters;
- b. Shall keep a record of all meetings;
- c. Shall keep an up-to-date file on all communications including the report and minutes of the Executive Committee
- d. Shall furnish copies of the minutes to the members of the Executive Committee;
- e. Shall prepare and keep in file the names and addresses of:
  1. All chapters,
  2. All the members of the Executive Committee, and
  3. The officers of all regions.
- f. Shall serve as a delegate to the House of Delegates; and
- g. Shall have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

Section 11: The Public Relations/Media Secretary:

- a. Shall receive and keep an up-to-date chronological history of state growth and activity electronically;
- b. Shall serve as the student editor of the newsletter and the website of Educators Rising Ohio;
- c. Shall be responsible for uploading pictures to the website;
- d. Shall lead the monitoring and updating any social media websites on which Educators Rising-Ohio maintains an account;
- e. Shall keep a file electronically and a hard copy of all letters received and provide the official correspondence as necessary; and
- f. Shall have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12 Ambassadors

- a. Shall complete the application for Association Ambassador as adopted by the Executive Committee;
- b. Shall meet same qualification standards and code of conduct and serve the same term of office as officers;
- c. Shall be seated by vote of the Executive Committee;
- d. The number of Ambassadors shall be determined annually by the Executive Committee.

Section 13: Vacancies

In the event of the resignation, removal for serious violation of the code of conduct for officers or other just cause, death, or the unexcused absence of an officer of the Executive Committee for three consecutive meetings of the Committee, his/her office shall be declared vacant. Such vacancy shall be filled by the Order of Succession (BYLAW VII). The Executive Committee shall then fill any remaining vacancy as the case may be.

**BYLAW VII – SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1 If the office of president becomes open, the office shall be offered to the vice-presidents. If more than one vice president seeks the president position, the student officers will vote to determine the new president.
- Section 2 If any office other than president becomes open, the position will be offered to the all the student officers except the president. If more than one seeks the move, the student officers will vote to determine the holder of the vacant position.
- Section 3 To fill any remaining vacant student officer positions, the Executive Committee will refer to the last ballot of unelected candidates and offer the open seat to the unelected candidates in order of votes received.
- Section 4 If there are no available candidates from the last ballot or none of the unelected candidates accepts the position, the Executive Committee will vote for one of the current non-officer student Ambassadors on the Executive Committee if any have been so appointed.
- Section 5 If the above Succession of Officer procedures still leaves a student officer position open, the Executive Committee may vote to leave the position open until the next election or may vote on a candidate nominated by members of the Executive Committee.

**BYLAW VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES**

- Section 1: The state Executive Committee shall meet at least 10 times a year, including the annual state conference and officer leadership training summer retreat. It may be called into additional session by the State Department Consultant(s) or at the written request of one-third of the members of the Executive Committee with the approval of the State Department Consultant.
- Section 2: The duties of the Executive Committee shall include:
- a. To fulfill the purposes of the Association established in BYLAW II of these bylaws.
  - b. To plan and present the annual state conferences;
  - c. To approve the budget and financial reports submitted to it by the Budget Committee and/or Treasurer;
  - d. To propose new business items for vote by the House of Delegates and attend to the business of the Association in the interval between annual meetings of the House of Delegates;
  - e. To carry out the policies and programs and that foster the mission of the Association;
  - f. To maintain the Association's relationships with, and abide by agreements with, the Ohio Department of Education and national Educators Rising;
  - g. To develop and present leadership training for the state officers and for the affiliated chapters;

- h. To distribute state funds for such expenses as deemed proper;
- i. To receive, modify, approve, or disapprove all reports from standing and special committees of the Association;
- j. To appoint members as necessary to fill vacancies and to complete its mission.
- k. To establish the Standing Rules, including agendas, for the House of Delegate Assemblies, for chapter representation to the delegate assemblies, and for officer campaigning and elections.

Section 3: The state Executive Committee shall be responsible for all other matters related to the state Association that are not specifically governed by the Bylaws.

#### **BYLAW IX - STATE CONFERENCES**

Section 1: A state conference shall be held annually at a time and place chosen by the Executive Committee. In order to facilitate the naming of desirable dates and locations of the convention, the Executive committee shall schedule the state conference at least one year in advance when possible. This conference shall span a maximum of two consecutive days.

Section 2: Conference fees, charged on a per person basis, will be set each year by the Executive Committee.

#### **BYLAW X - HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

Section 1: The makeup of the House of Delegates shall be established by the Executive Committee and guarantee the opportunity for equitable representation from the member chapters.

Section 2: The House of Delegates may propose business items for the Association at its regular annual meeting.

Section 3: The House of Delegates shall elect the state officers.

Section 4: A state officer may be a voting member of the House of Delegates only if elected as a delegate in his/her certified membership chapter.

#### **BYLAW XI - QUORUM**

Section 1: A quorum for the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the members in attendance and voting.

Section 2: A quorum for the House of Delegates shall consists of a majority of the eligible delegates in attendance and voting.

**BYLAW XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1: *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the authority on all questions of procedure not specified in these Bylaws.

**BYLAW XIII - SUSPENSION PROVISION**

Section 1: Any provision of these Bylaws may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting at any meeting of the House of Delegates.

**BYLAW IX - AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: Amendments to these Bylaws may be introduced at any regular meeting of the Executive Committee and voted on for submission to the next delegate assembly.

Section 2: Amendments to these Bylaws may be submitted in written form by one or more properly affiliated local chapters thirty (30) days prior to the state conference.

Section 3: The president will submit in writing to the local chapters of the state any amendment at least fifteen (15) days prior to the annual state conference when possible,

Section 4: At the annual state conference, the House of Delegates shall vote on each proposal. To be approved, an amendment must receive a majority vote of the official delegates present and voting.

Section 5: Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective at the close of the state conference where they were adopted.