

**BYLAWS of the  
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (IACTE)**

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**Purpose of the Organization**

The purpose of the Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE) is to work collaboratively on common issues facing teacher education while respecting the rich diversity of its members.

The Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal code.

**Mission of IACTE**

IACTE seeks to continuously improve teacher preparation, the teaching profession, and student learning by supporting and applying scholarship and the collective wisdom of practice. To achieve these goals, IACTE provides opportunities for communication, collaboration, and advocacy among Iowa teacher preparation programs and other state and national educational organizations.

**Organization Slogan**

Promoting student learning by preparing excellent teachers

**ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

**A. Comprehensive Members**

**Section 1: Eligibility**

All regionally accredited colleges and universities in Iowa which are engaged in state approved preparation programs for professional school personnel and are members of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) are eligible for comprehensive membership. Each member

institution is responsible for the selection of one voting representative (one vote per institution).

#### Section 2: Membership Year

The membership year shall be from July 1 to June 30.

#### Section 3: Dues

The Association shall revisit annually and establish the annual dues for comprehensive membership. Membership dues are to be submitted annually to the Treasurer by October 1.

### B. State Members

#### Section 1: Eligibility

All regionally accredited colleges and universities in Iowa which are engaged in state approved preparation programs for professional school personnel and are not members of the AACTE (American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education) are eligible for state membership. Each member institution is responsible for the selection of one voting representative (one vote per institution).

#### Section 2: Membership Year

The membership year shall be from July 1 to June 30.

#### Section 3: Dues

The Association shall revisit annually and establish the annual dues for state membership. Membership dues are to be submitted annually to the Treasurer by October 1.

### C. Affiliate Members

#### Section 1: Eligibility

Any educational institution or organization in Iowa interested in supporting quality preparation for professional school personnel will be eligible for affiliate membership. Affiliate membership includes participation in the organization with the exception of the right to vote on business matters of the organization and the opportunity to hold an elected office.

#### Section 2: Membership Year

The membership year shall be from July 1 to June 30.

### Section 3: Dues

The Association shall revisit annually and establish the annual dues for affiliate membership. Membership dues are to be submitted annually to the Treasurer by October 1.

## **ARTICLE II: RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

### A. Comprehensive Members

Institutions with comprehensive membership shall have full voting privileges on all matters and be eligible to hold any office. Each institution shall have one vote.

### B. State Members

Institutions with state membership shall have voting privileges on all matters except national association issues and be eligible to hold any office. Each institution shall have one vote.

### C. Affiliate Members

Institutions and organizations with affiliate membership shall not have voting privileges in state or national association business matters and shall not be eligible to hold elected office. However, the Executive Committee is to include one affiliate member representative appointed by the president. This representative would have one vote on the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS**

### A. Elected Officers

All elected officers will assume their roles on the first day of the fiscal year (July 1) and continue in that role until the end of their term of office (June 30).

#### Section 1: President

After serving two years as President-Elect, the President will serve a two-year term.

#### Section 2: President-Elect

The President-Elect will be elected to a two-year term at the spring business meeting, following the two year cycle.

#### Section 3: Past-President

After serving two years as President-Elect and two years as President, the Past-President will serve a two-year term.

## B. Elected Officer Duties

### Section 1: President

The President shall preside at Executive Committee, semi-annual membership meetings, and special meetings. The President, with the Executive Committee, shall be responsible for the development of Association policy. The President shall monitor issues of importance to the Association and provide leadership in taking appropriate action. The President shall serve as liaison to other associations, organizations, and agencies with similar interests. The President shall coordinate communication among Association members.

### Section 2: President-Elect

The President-Elect shall serve on the Executive Committee and assist the President in conducting the business of the Association. The President-Elect shall succeed to the Presidency if for any reason the President cannot fulfill the duties of that office.

### Section 3: Past-President

The Past-President shall serve in an advisory capacity to the President and President-Elect in addition to serving on the Executive Committee.

## C. Appointed Officers

There shall be five appointed officers: Secretary, Treasurer, Representative to the AACTE Advisory Council of State Representatives, Communication Officer, and Information Officer. The officers will be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee.

## D. Appointed Officer Duties

### Section 1: Secretary

The Secretary shall take minutes at both Executive Committee meetings and the Association's semi-annual membership meetings and see to their distribution to the membership. The Secretary shall also prepare Association correspondence.

### Section 2: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall supervise all monies paid into and out of the general fund, prepare an annual budget for approval by the Executive Committee and Association, and prepare financial reports for the Association at the semi-annual meetings.

#### Section 3: Representative to the AACTE Advisory Council of State

Representatives to the AACTE Advisory Council of State Representatives shall represent IACTE at the meetings of state representatives and report back to the Executive Committee.

#### Section 4: Communication Officer

The Communication Officer may be appointed by the Executive Committee on a yearly basis and attend all Executive Committee meetings. The Communication Officer will coordinate with the Executive Committee and disseminate beliefs, opinions, and information of IACTE via the Association's website and social media platforms.

#### Section 5: Information Officer

The Information Officer will be appointed by the Executive Committee on a yearly basis and attend all Executive Committee meetings and various state level meetings as needed, such as the Iowa Board of Education, the Board of Educational Examiners, etc. The Information Officer shall collect information from the media, state, local, national government, and other relevant sources for distribution to IACTE members.

### **ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### A: Composition

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers (President, President-Elect, and Past- President), appointed officers, and ten other institutional representatives, including one voting affiliate member representative, appointed by the president.

#### B. Terms of Office

The terms of office for the officers and appointed members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the President-Elect, President, Past-President, and AACTE Representative, shall be staggered terms of three years each, beginning and ending on July 1. Executive Committee members may be reappointed.

- A replacement for an appointed Executive Committee member whose term is expiring shall be designated by the President, President-Elect and Past-President.

- Replacement for any officer or member of the Executive Committee (except the President and President-Elect) whose position is vacated by resignation, change of position, or other factor shall be designated by the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

- An IACTE officer or member of the Executive Board may be removed from the respective position by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee. The removal would be effective immediately upon completion of the vote.

#### C. Powers and Duties

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the verification of membership eligibility and shall maintain a list of all institutional members and their voting representative. The Executive Committee may appoint an Executive Director and such other staff as may be necessary to carry out the business of the Association, subject to approval of the Association. Other committees may be appointed as needed.

#### D. Meetings of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings each year in conjunction with the fall and spring semi-annual membership meetings. Special meetings may be held as necessary on dates established by the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE V: FINANCES**

#### A. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 through June 30.

#### B. General Fund

The General Fund of the Association shall consist of the income from the receipt of dues from members and any other income which may accrue to the Association.

### C. Budget

A proposed budget shall be presented by the Treasurer at the spring semi-annual membership meeting for approval of the Executive Committee and the Association. The approved budget will take effect July 1 for the new fiscal year.

### D. Disbursement of Funds

The Treasurer shall supervise all monies of the Association. Monies shall be disbursed according to the approved annual budget. The President must approve all non-budgeted expenditures, subject to review by the Executive Committee.

### E. Financial Reports

The Treasurer shall prepare financial reports (including income and expenditures for the fiscal year) for presentation at the semi-annual membership meetings. An annual finance report shall be submitted to AACTE as part of the Association's Activity Report.

### F. Audit

A neutral third-party will be hired for the purpose of an audit. Audits are to be conducted on a regular/annual basis and results reported to the Association. The cost for the audit must be approved by the Association.

## ARTICLE VI: AACTE STATEMENT

The Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE) is a state organization of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). AACTE and IACTE collaborate to strengthen their advocacy efforts, share experience and expertise, and expand their members' professional development opportunities. To this end, our Chapter's relationship with AACTE is a voluntary affiliation that allows us to advance our members' interests.

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