



Constitution and Bylaws

Texas Industrial Vocational Association
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Texas Industrial Vocational Association, Inc.

Constitution

As Passed August 1992 and Amended July 1994, July 2004, July 2013, January 2014, January 2016, July 2018

Article II Purposes

Section 7 To **unify** its membership with the Association for Career and Technical Educators (ACTE).

Article III Memberships

Section 1 **Professional membership, and life members**, in this association may be obtained by all teachers, coordinators, supervisors, directors, teacher trainers, apprentice teachers, counselors and extension teachers who are actively engaged in career and technical education.

Section 2 All professional members of the Texas Industrial Vocational Association are required to be members of the Association for Career and Technical Educators (ACTE). Texas Industrial Vocational Association is a unified division affiliate, requiring membership in both Texas Industrial Vocational Association and ACTE.

Section 3 **Professional members shall have the right to vote at all general membership meetings of the association; the right to hold office in accordance with requirements set forth by the Constitution and Bylaws; any other rights and privileges approved by the state board of directors or as set forth by the Constitutions and Bylaws.**

Section 4 A teacher holding a certificate to teach career and technical education who is teaching academic courses in a Texas school; the heads of university and college career and technical education departments and professional staffs in universities and colleges qualifying to train teachers for career and technical programs; a career and technical administrator engaged in carrying out career and technical programs in schools of Texas; and persons in related fields may be professional members of this association.

Section 5 Associate membership may be held by any person not qualified for professional membership who is interested in the purposes and aims of this association. Associate members shall have all rights and privileges accorded to professional members except the rights to hold office **and vote**.

Section 6 **The director of the career and technical division of the Texas Education Agency and the professional staff of that division; the directors and the professional staff in curriculum labs specializing in career and technical instructional materials in Texas; and persons in related fields may be associate members of this association.**

- Section 7 Student memberships may be obtained by persons majoring in career and technical education at Texas post-secondary educational institutions or persons engaged in an apprenticeship training program. Student members shall have all rights and privileges of professional members except those of voting and holding office.
- Section 8 Membership dues shall be set by the state board of directors.
- Section 9 Retired membership will be bestowed on career and technical teachers who are members of TIVA upon their retirement from teaching. **Retired members shall have all rights and privileges accorded to professional members except the rights to vote and hold office.**
- Section 10 **Honorary membership may be conferred by the state board of directors. Honorary members shall have all rights and privileges of professional members except the rights to vote and hold office.**
- Section 11 Industrial membership may be obtained by a business or industry entity.
- Section 12 **All types of membership can be terminated due to noncompliance of association standards, failure to pay fees, conflict of interest with the association, breach of confidentiality with the association, and/or conduct found to be against the ideals, purposes and interests that embody the TIVA association. After due notice, the Executive committee may cancel the membership of any member; and may reinstate a member who has previously been suspended or expelled. The terminated member, within 14 days after notice, will have the opportunity to appeal the decision by making a written submission to the executive committee that will be presented at the next TIVA board meeting to be reviewed.**

Article X Unexpired Terms

- Section 2 Should the office of state president-elect be vacated for any reason, the state president shall appoint a qualified person, with the approval of the state board of directors, to **temporarily** fill the unexpired term until an election shall be held at the next annual membership meeting to fill the unexpired term.

Article XI Impeachment

- Section 3 Valid cause shall be:

- c. **Conflict of interest with the purposes and beliefs of the association.**
- d. **Breach of confidentiality with the association.**
- e. **Misuse of association funds.**

- f. Unwarranted attacks on or refusal to cooperate with **board members**.

Article XII Amendment

Section 2 The Constitution may be amended by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the general assembly when the amendment has not been previously submitted and published. Members of the general assembly **may** have copies of the amendment. Proponents of the amendment must distribute copies of the proposed amendment to **members** of the general assembly prior to its presentation.

Section 7 In the event that an annual membership meeting is not held, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be voted on as follows:

- a. Copies of the proposed changes with a ballot shall be **available** to all members.
- b. Ballots shall be returned to the state board of directors within **fifteen (15)** calendar days.