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NARST NEWSLETTER

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Enclosed you will find the NARST program for February 22-25, 1961. We hope that you will find it to be a provocative and stimulating one. You will recall that we are meeting in Chicago for two consecutive years because the AERA and the AACTE are meeting there this year. A joint session has been arranged with AERA. As usual, CESI will meet with us and has scheduled a program for Saturday morning, February 25.

The 1961 program represents a departure from former practice insofar as the scheduling of the business meeting is concerned. The volume of important matters which need to be considered has necessitated the scheduling of two sessions, one on Wednesday evening and one on Thursday evening. Scheduling the business meeting early will give the new slate of officers a greater opportunity to lay plans for the next year's activities while a large number of the members are still readily available. Scheduling two sessions may also provide a greater opportunity for more penetrating discussion prior to final action by the entire Association.

Some of the important matters which are scheduled for discussion are outlined below.

1. The Problem of Incorporation. In view of the discussions at the business meeting last year and the present problems associated with tax exempt status as an organization, your officers have tried to anticipate your wishes and have taken the preliminary steps for incorporation. Accordingly, a copy of the necessary incorporation document and bylaws (essentially the present constitution) are included with this Newsletter and program. If the Association is disposed to take action to incorporate, the necessary preliminaries for amending the constitution will have been met and final action may be taken at the Chicago meeting.

The enclosed incorporation document and bylaws may be compared with the present constitution and bylaws which appear in the April, 1961 issue of Science Education. It would be most helpful if you would bring the April, 1960 issue with you to the Chicago meeting.

2. Selection of Officers. This problem was also discussed at last year's business meeting. A desire was expressed to have a more satisfactory method of securing a slate of nominations for Association officers. It is suggested that this matter be discussed fully in an effort to satisfactorily resolve the problem.

(M) 3. Methods of Admission to Membership. The matter of criteria for membership has been a perennial problem. Some have suggested open membership with provision for fellowship status for those who have rendered distinguished service or contributed outstanding research reports or publications; others have suggested an associate membership for those interested but who do not meet the criteria for admission to full membership; still others are satisfied with the present system. It is a matter which needs full discussion.

4. A Redefinition of Research. Part of the problem in screening applicants for membership is related to disagreements as to the nature of research. In the light of recent developments, perhaps it is time for a careful reappraisal of what research in science education is. Perhaps Dr. Novak's symposium will give us some needed direction in this area.

5. The Official Publication for NARST. There are some who feel that the official journal ought to be under the full and complete control of the NARST. The Executive Committee has explored this matter in some detail and will have a report to present to you in Chicago.

It is apparent that this is a meeting to which you should give a high priority. We hope that you can all come and participate fully in the business and program sessions.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN SCIENCE TEACHING

We, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317 Minnesota Statutes, known as the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, do hereby associate ourselves together as a body corporate and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I This organization shall be known as the National Association for research in Science Teaching, hereinafter referred to as the Association or the ARST.

ARTICLE II The purpose of this corporation shall be to promote research in science education, and to disseminate the findings of this research in such ways as to improve science teaching.

The Association shall publish, or cause to be published for the benefit of its members and others, selected articles, reviews or reports of research which are in harmony with the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE III This corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to its members.

No part of the income of the Association shall be paid to any member as share or as a monetary benefit, but officers, committee members, and employees may be reimbursed for necessary expenses related to their duties and employees may be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered in connection with the association's purposes and program.

ARTICLE IV The period of duration of corporate existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V The location of the registered office of this corporation in this state is College of Education, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI The name and address of each incorporator of this corporation is: (Clarence H. Boeck, Jane Johnston, and J. Hervey Shutts).

ARTICLE VII The number of directors constituting the first board of directors of this corporation shall be eight and the tenure in office of such first board of directors shall be one (1) year, or until successors are elected and qualified. The name and address of each such first director is: (Present Executive Committee).

ARTICLE VIII The members shall have no personal liability for corporate obligations.

ARTICLE IX This corporation shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE X These Articles may be amended by affirmative votes of not fewer than two-thirds of the members present at the annual business meeting, provided printed notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to the members at least thirty days prior to such Annual Business Meeting. A proposed amendment may be submitted at the annual business meeting with modifications from the previously-published form, in the light of such comments as may have been made after the previous publication.

The Secretary shall notify the members by mail at the address shown for each member on the membership list, unless written notice of a change of address is furnished to the Secretary prior to mailing of such notice.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility

This Corporation shall have unlimited membership among those who by preparation and activities have shown their interest in the improvement of science teaching in any field, and who have contributed philosophical or statistical studies or applications of research in science education which contributions shall have been made accessible through suitable publication or report. Individuals who have contributed outstanding service to the advancement of science in education may be admitted to the Association.

. Classes of Membership

The membership of the corporation shall consist of Members and Life members.

Any regular member shall be eligible to election as a Life Member on payment at one time of twenty times the current annual dues.

. Election of Members

The names and addresses, together with an abstract of the qualifying activities and research of proposed new members shall be sent to the Secretary in writing, on forms obtained from the Secretary.

All persons proposed for the membership who meet the eligibility requirements shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by the Executive Committee together with any past President, past Vice-President, past Secretary, past Treasurer, and past Research Coordinator in attendance at the meeting. The names of those elected shall be read at the Annual Meeting.

All resignations shall be sent to the Secretary in writing.

If the dues of a member remain unpaid beyond six months after due notice, the Secretary shall remove the name from the membership list.

Any former member may have his membership reinstated, without prejudice and without re-election, on request to the Secretary and payment of the annual dues for one year beginning at the time of the last Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2: DUES

The annual dues shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and established by a majority vote of those members in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The dues shall cover one calendar year and shall become payable at the beginning of the calendar year.

The dues for a Life Member shall be twenty times the current annual dues payable at one time. These funds shall be expended only for amortizing the cost of the membership.

SECTION 3: OFFICERS

. Offices

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and Research Coordinator; these, together with the retiring President, and two Members-at-large, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

No member shall be eligible to election as President until he shall have served one term as a member of the Executive Committee.

The President, Vice-President, and Member-at-large shall be elected for one year and shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for a second term.

The Secretary-Treasurer, and the Research Coordinator shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for an indefinite period.

. Election of Officers

At or before the regular Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a committee of three to nominate officers, including members of the Executive Committee, for the ensuing year; this list, together with names proposed from the floor, shall be presented at the annual business meeting and voted upon by ballot.

All terms of officers shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which the election is announced and shall continue until the close of the Annual Meeting next following.

. Duties of Officers

The President shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall have general charge of the affairs of NARST and preside at all business meetings. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall arrange a Symposium for the Association at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Vice-President shall preside at all business meetings in the absence of the President, and shall be Chairman of the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all the minutes and have custody of all books and papers relating to the Association; notify members of annual dues; collect the dues and issue receipts; issue notices of all meetings; notify a candidate of his election to membership; and notify those candidates not elected.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures and shall pay all bills of the Association. He shall make a report to the Association at the Annual Meeting, which may direct that the report be published.

The Research Coordinator shall be chairman of the Research Committee and shall organize and supervise the research activities of the Association, subject to review by the Executive Committee. He shall make a report to the Association at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee shall conduct the usual business of the Association, and may publish reports of the officers and of standing committees at its discretion.

SECTION 4: MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall arrange the time and place of the Annual Meeting and may arrange additional meetings. The business meeting of the Association shall be held at the time and place of the Annual Meeting.

Five per cent (5%) of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the annual business meeting.

SECTION 5: COMMITTEES

The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint all standing and special committees.

Standing committees shall include the Publications Committee, the Program Committee, the Audit Committee, the Nominations Committee, and the Research Committee.

The duties of special committees shall be defined at the time of appointment.

Each special committee appointed by a President shall be considered automatically discharged at the close of the Annual Meeting next following the appointment, unless specific action to continue the committee be taken by the President who enters the office at the close of that Annual Meeting.

Each committee appointment either to a standing or to a special committee terminates with the close of the Annual Meeting next following the appointment, unless specific action to continue the appointment be taken by the President who enters the office at the close of the Annual Meeting.

Standing and special committees shall prepare reports for the annual business meeting and at such other times as requested by the President.

SECTION 6: RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings held by any group whatsoever in conducting the business of NARST except as otherwise specified in the Constitution or By-Laws.

SECTION 7: DISSOLUTION

The following provisions as to dissolution shall be observed in so far as compatible with the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporations Act, MSA 317.44-61.

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, the Executive Committee shall, after payment of debts and obligations, transfer the net assets to the American Educational Research Association for its charitable and educational purposes, especially for educational research; provided, the American Educational Research Association is then exempt from federal income taxes as a charitable and/or educational organization. If the American Educational Research Association is not then exempt the net assets, as aforesaid, shall be transferred to any nonprofit university, or to any other tax exempt agency selected by the Executive Committee because of its interest in improving and advancing educational research.

If, six months after dissolution of the corporation, the foregoing provisions have not been acted upon, the Executive Committee of the American Educational Research Association shall have authority to carry out the provisions of this section. In taking this action, if the American Educational Research Association is not then exempt from federal income taxes as a charitable and/or educational organization, the Executive Committee of the American Educational Research Association shall transfer the net assets, as aforesaid, to the United Givers Fund or a tax exempt organization in the District of Columbia which has recognized charitable and/or educational purposes.

SECTION 8: AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended by affirmative votes of not fewer than two-thirds of the members present at the annual business meeting, provided printed notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to the members at least thirty days prior to such Annual Meeting. A proposed amendment may be submitted at the annual business meeting with modifications from the previously published form, in the light of such comments as may have been made after the previous publication.

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