

## REGIONAL BYLAWS

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### Article I - NAME

This organization shall be known as Region 33 of the Illinois Education Association and shall be referred to in the Bylaws as the Region.

### Article II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Region shall be: To advance Public Education in Illinois and to promote the welfare of educators.

### Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Illinois Education association shall be eligible for membership in Region 33. Only those holding active memberships in the IEA and employed within the territory of the Region shall have full membership services and privileges, including voting; holding office; serving on committees and commissions; serving as members of the Regional Council; participating in fringe benefits provided by the Region, and such other rights and privileges as are conferred through Regional governance. All other members of the Region shall have the right to receive Regional publications and such other rights and privileges as are conferred through Regional governance.

### Article IV - ELECTED OFFICERS

#### Section I - Officers

The elected officers of the Regional Council shall be the chairperson, the vice-chairperson, the secretary, and the treasurer. The chairperson and vice-chairperson need not be a member of the Regional Council provided he/she is a member of the chartered local education association within the region served by the Regional Council. The secretary and treasurer must be duly elected Regional Council members.

#### Section 2 - Election

The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be elected by secret ballot for a three year term. The results shall be reported at a regular June meeting of the Regional Council on or before June 1. They shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Region voting.

Nominations shall be open and the names of those nominated shall be given to the members four weeks before the election in writing.

The secretary and treasurer shall be elected at the first council meeting after July 15 by a majority of council members present.

An appointed elections committee shall determine the necessary procedures for conducting the elections according to Region 33 election procedure.

### Section 3. - Term

The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be elected for a three-year term with a limit of two consecutive terms. They shall take office July 15 following their election.

The secretary and treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term taking office immediately after the election.

### Section 4 - Duties

The officers shall perform duties usually assigned to such offices, and those prescribed by these Bylaws.

- A. The chairperson shall preside at all Regional Council and executive committee meetings. He/she shall be an ex-officio liaison person with all committees and the Regional Council. He/she shall be a member of the IEA Board of Directors representing the Region and communicating all IEA matters to the Regional Council. The chairperson, with the approval of the Council, shall appoint all committee members except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. He/she shall perform such other duties as may properly appertain to his office.
- B. The vice-chairperson shall assume the duties of the chairperson when the chairperson is absent or when specifically assigned by the chairperson. He/she shall prepare and report to the IEA internal allocation and election procedures of delegates to the IEA annual general meeting.
- C. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping official minutes of all Regional Council meetings. The secretary shall ensure that the minutes are disseminated to Council members and region presidents in a timely manner.
- D. The treasurer shall keep a true and exact amount of the budget and finances of the Regional Council. He/she shall have authority to pay for such expenditures as shall have been approved by the Council. He/she shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the assets of the Regional Council.

## Article V - REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Section 1 - Council Membership

- A. Each chartered local association within the Region shall elect one representative and one alternate to the Regional Council. Any chartered local association exceeding 150 members shall elect an additional two representatives and alternates. Any chartered local association exceeding 250 members shall elect three representatives and three alternates.
- B. A council member shall serve a two-year term.
- C. Whenever Ethnic/Minority members are employed within a region, that region will ensure that there will be Ethnic/Minority representation on the Regional Council at least in proportion to the Ethnic/Minority membership within the region but in no case less than one. If the council is not composed of Ethnic/Minority representation in proportion to Ethnic/Minority membership with the region, the membership of the region shall elect Ethnic/Minority members-at-large to guarantee such representation.

## Section 2 - Powers and Duties

The Regional Council shall:

- A. Initiate, promote, and coordinate the communication, services, projects, and programs within a region in cooperation with professional staff.
- B. Receive requests from individual members.
- C. Receive recommendations and requests of the chartered local associations.
- D. Make recommendations to the IEA Board of Directors.
- E. Make recommendations to the region's UniServ director(s).
- F. Make recommendations to the IEA professional staff and management.
- G. Supervise, direct, evaluate, and be involved in the employment, dismissal, and transfer of regional professional staff.
- H. Perform such other duties as prescribed by these Bylaws.

- I. Regional Council Representatives will communicate all matters in the Regional Council to their associations.

### Section 3 - Meetings

- A. The Regional Council shall meet no less than 6 times during the fiscal year; dates, times and places to be determined by the Council.
- B. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chairperson or designee or at least one-third of the members of the Council, provided that in such special meetings the quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the council members.
- C. All Regional Council meetings shall be open to the membership of the Region except that the Council may go into executive session by a majority vote of the Council. No action may be taken in executive session.

### Article VI - CHARTERED LOCAL ASSOCIATION

A local association holding a charter on July 1, 1971, or chartered thereafter by IEA shall be a chartered local association for purposes of these Bylaws.

### Article VII - REGIONAL COMMITTEES

#### Section 1 - Committees

Committees may be established and discontinued by the Regional Council.

#### Section 2 - Committee Reports

The chairperson of any committee shall report to the Regional Council when requested by the Regional Council chairperson.

### Article VIII - PUBLICATION OF REGIONAL RULES AND POLICIES

All rules and policies shall be compiled, printed and distributed with a copy of the Bylaws.

Rules and policy statements shall be reviewed at least once every three years.

### Article IX - INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

By petition signed by 5% or more of the active members of the Region, a proposal or action affecting the Region or any of its members, except revision of the

bylaws, shall be submitted within 30 days to the active membership of the region for vote, provided that not more than one half (1/2) of the 5% shall belong to any one local association; the proposal or action shall be adopted if approved by a majority of the members voting. The election will be conducted by chartered local associations in a manner prescribed by the Regional Council.

## Article X - VACANCIES

### Section - Definition

A vacancy in the office of an elected or appointed official shall be deemed to exist in case of death, resignation, recall, inability to serve, cessation of Association membership, change in service which qualified him/her for his/her office, and cessation of employment within the geographical boundaries of his/her representation.

### Section 2 - Filling of Vacancies

- A. In case of a vacancy in the office of chairperson or vice-chairperson of the regional council a new chairperson or vice-chairperson shall be elected for the unexpired term, providing that the council meet all of the requirements established for the original election to that office. Said election shall occur within 60 days from the date of the vacancy.
- B. In case of a vacancy on the regional council the chartered local association involved shall be notified by the council to hold a special election to fill the unexpired term. Said special election shall occur within 30 days of the local association's notification of the vacancy.
- C. Vacancies other than described above shall be filled for the unexpired term in a manner prescribed by the Regional Council.

## Article XI Recall

- A. The Regional Council shall have the power to remove from office for failure to perform his/her duty any officer of the Regional Council. Recall procedure shall be as prescribed in the I.E.A. bylaws.
- B. A (l)ocal association may remove their Regional Council Representative from office for failure to perform his/her duties. Recall procedure shall be as prescribed in the local's bylaws.

## Article XII - AMENDMENTS

### Section 1 Submission

A proposal to amend the Bylaws may be submitted to the Regional Council by any active member of the region.

### Section 2 - Ratification

The proposed amendment must be presented in writing to council members 30 days prior to the ratification vote. Ratification shall occur if two-thirds of the Regional Council members approves the proposed amendment at a regular or special council meeting.

## Article XIII PROCEDURES

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the authority governing all matters of procedure not otherwise provided for in I.E.A. Bylaws, or the Regional Bylaws.

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