

STATE SCIENCE CONVENTION OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the State Science Convention of New Jersey, a.k.a. New Jersey Science Convention, a.k.a. NJSC.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the NJSC shall be to contribute to the improvement of the learning and teaching of science at all educational levels through the planning, preparation and promotion of the annual science convention.

Progress toward this objective shall be made in specific ways, such as conducting the convention whereby friendly and professional relationships may be established and maintained among the members of the New Jersey Science Teachers Association, Inc. and the New Jersey Science Education Leadership Association, Inc., supporting the goals and objectives of these Associations, to provide teachers and students and others interested in the learning and teaching of science with opportunities to improve and update their knowledge and/or skills, to provide for the opportunity to evaluate materials, equipment, and available resources for students and teachers of science, to recognize the outstanding achievement of individuals and organizations in science education, and in such other ways as the Steering Committee may from time to time approve.

The NJSC is organized for educational, scientific and charitable purposes for the furtherance of science education in compliance with Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE III

ADMINISTRATION

**Section 1.** Eligibility - All officials shall be members in good standing of either the New Jersey Science Teachers Association, Inc. or the New Jersey Science Education Leadership Association, Inc.

**Section 2.** Officers - The officers of the NJSC shall be the two Co-chairpersons, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

**Section 3.** The Co-chairpersons shall be nominated by the Steering Committee and approved by the Executive Boards of the Associations they represent, one being selected from each organization. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated by the Steering Committee and approved by a majority vote of the Steering Committee.

**Section 4.** Steering Committee - The Steering Committee shall be the governing body of the NJSC. The membership of the Steering Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of twelve (12) individuals and shall include the President-Elect, President and the Retiring President of both Associations (listed in Article III, Section I) and other persons who shall be nominated and elected by the Officers and Steering Committee (of the NJSC) as necessary to accomplish full membership.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

**Section 1.** There shall be at least four meetings of the Steering Committee per year as necessary to conduct the business of the Convention.

- Section 2.** Copies of the Agenda, programs and reports of all meetings shall be filed with the Secretary.
- Section 3.** The Co-chairpersons shall determine the agenda for meetings.
- Section 4.** Robert's Rules of Order shall be the procedural guidelines.
- Section 5.** A quorum shall be a majority of the membership of the Steering Committee.

## ARTICLE V

### OPERATING POLICIES

The Steering Committee shall establish the Operating Policies. Such Policies shall be introduced at regularly scheduled Steering Committee meetings and shall take effect upon approval by a simple majority vote.

## ARTICLE VI

### AMENDMENTS

Adoption of amendments to this Constitution shall be made by the Steering Committee upon the approval of seventy-five (75) percent of the membership of the Steering Committee and the majority approval of the Executive Boards of both the New Jersey Science Teachers Association, Inc. and the New Jersey Science Education Leadership Association, Inc.

## ARTICLE VII

### DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the NJSC, the Steering Committee shall, after paying or making provision for payment of the liabilities of the NJSC, dispose of all the assets of the NJSC exclusively for the purposes of the NJSC to the New Jersey Science Teachers Association, Inc. and the New Jersey Science Education Leadership Association, Inc., both of which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ADOPTION

This Constitution shall be effective upon approval by the Executive Boards of both the New Jersey Science Teachers Association, Inc. and the New Jersey Science Education Leadership Association, Inc.

Adopted:	NJSC Steering Committee November 1985
Approved:	NJSTA Executive Board 3/5/86
Approved:	NJSSA Executive Board 4/10/86
Amendment Adopted:	NJSC Steering Committee 6/18/05
Amendment Approved:	NJSTA Executive Board 9/14/05
Amendment Approved:	NJSELA Executive Board 10/26/05
Amendment Adopted:	NJSC Steering Committee 5/24/06
Amendment Approved:	NJSTA Executive Board 4/4/07