

Constitution of The Pennsylvania Council of Leaders of Mathematics

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Pennsylvania Council of Leaders of Mathematics, hereafter referred to as PCLM.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purposes of PCLM are:

- a. To provide for the interchange of evolving ideas and current research for mathematics education;
- b. To cooperate with other organizations in the improvement of curriculum, instruction and assessment design and implementation in mathematics;
- c. To maintain a continuing program which will provide for analysis of problems pertaining to all aspects of mathematics education and to develop proposals of possible solutions to such problems;
- d. To offer leadership to all who are concerned with mathematics education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE III AFFILIATION

PCLM shall be affiliated with The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), The National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics (NCSM), and The Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics (PCTM). PCLM may also affiliate with other professional organizations.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: MEMBERS

Membership shall be granted to anyone interested in leadership in mathematics education, who has paid current annual dues.

SECTION 2: DUES

The annual dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee with the approval of two-thirds of the PCLM Board members present at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE V BOARD of DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP – ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected Officers of PCLM shall be President, President Elect (or Past-President), Secretary, and Treasurer/Membership. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP – APPOINTED OFFICERS

The appointed Officers of the organization shall include the NCTM representative, NCSM representative, PCTM representative, Historian, the Newsletter Editor, Government Relations Representative, and Chairpersons of Committees.

SECTION 3: PURPOSE

The Board shall provide general direction and supervision of the affairs of PCLM; authorize the expenditure or investment of funds; make recommendations to the membership; have the power to transact business in the name of the council; assist the Officers in carrying out the activities of the council; establish standing committees as specified in the By-Laws and ad hoc committees as needed; report all its official acts to the membership; be responsible for all publications; prepare an agenda for the annual meeting; and take care of all related business which has not been provided for by any other means.

SECTION 4: VOTING MEMBERS

All members in Article V, Sections 1 and 2 will be voting members of the Board.

SECTION 5: ELIGIBILITY

Members of PCLM shall be eligible to hold a Board position. No member of PCLM may hold more than one elected office concurrently.

SECTION 6: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The Nomination and Election Committee shall present a choice ballot of nominations of officers to be elected each fall. This ballot shall be presented to the entire membership prior to the Annual Meeting. The results of the election shall be announced at the Annual Meeting, and they shall also be published.

SECTION 7: VACANCIES

If a vacancy occurs in any office, the President shall appoint a PCLM member to fill the office. A member so chosen shall serve for the remainder of the term and be eligible for succession.

ARTICLE VI GENERAL MEETING

SECTION 1: TIME AND PLACE

There will be one general meeting of PCLM each year at the time and place of the Annual Conference. This meeting may be held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics (PCTM) and at the same location.

SECTION 2: ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

Additional meetings of PCLM may be held at the call of the President or the Executive Board. All members must be notified electronically or in writing postmarked 30 days prior to the special meeting.

SECTION 3: PURPOSE

The business of the Council shall be transacted at the annual meeting.

SECTION 4: QUORUM

10% of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern PCLM in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the PCLM Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: TO CONSTITUTION

A resolution for an amendment to the Constitution may be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors by a petition of twenty members of PCLM at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting. A resolution for an amendment may also arise by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The resolution shall be publicized, and distributed to the membership at least thirty(30) calendar days prior to the voting, which must take place at a general meeting. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members present is required to adopt the resolution.

SECTION 2: TO BY-LAWS

By-Laws, consistent with the Constitution, shall be maintained by the Board of Directors. A resolution for an amendment to the By-Laws may be introduced by petition of twenty (20) members of PCLM or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of the Board members present is required to adopt the resolution.

Bylaws are not public documents, but making them readily available increases your accountability and transparency and encourages your board to pay closer attention to them. The PCLM board should review them regularly and amend them accordingly as your organization evolves.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

Unless otherwise stated in the resolution, all amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

If at any time PCLM shall cease to carry out the purposes herein stated, all assets and property held by it, whether in trust or otherwise, shall, after payment of its liabilities, be paid over to an organization, selected by the final Board of Directors of PCLM, which has similar purposes and has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as now enacted or as it may hereafter be amended, and such assets and property shall be applied exclusively for such charitable, scientific, and educational programs.

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