

**BYLAWS
of the
SUPPORT STAFF DIVISION
of the
OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the association shall be the Support Staff Division (SS) of the Oklahoma Association of Career and Technology Education (OkACTE).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the OkACTE/SS is:

- Section 1 To assume and maintain an active leadership in the promotion of career and technology education.
- Section 2 To bring together career and technology education support staff through membership in a state and national association devoted exclusively to their interests.
- Section 3 To provide professional development for support staff and the opportunity to discuss new or innovative ideas or any challenges affecting support staff on a state or national level.
- Section 4 To promote a positive working relationship with fellow support staff, teachers, and administrators.
- Section 5 To collaborate with the OkACTE and Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) to accomplish the mission of career and technology education.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

Section 1 **MEMBERSHIP**

A. Eligibility

Individuals employed in a support staff position associated with career and technology education who are members of OkACTE and who have paid Support Staff Division dues are eligible for membership.

B. Dues

- 1) Annual dues of \$125.00 shall constitute membership in ACTE (\$80.00), OkACTE (\$30.00), and SS (\$15.00). Changes in SS membership dues may be proposed by members during the business meeting at Spring Leadership Conference and/or Oklahoma Summit and become operative upon approval by membership.

C. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the OkACTE/SS shall be May 1 through April 30.

Section 2 STRUCTURE

Support Staff Division (SS) is a section of New and Related Services (NRS) at the ACTE level, which is composed of sections approved by the ACTE Board of Directors. SS shall be entitled to representation by a Sectional Vice President on the NRS Executive Committee.

The Support Staff Division functions as a division of the Oklahoma Association of Career & Technology Education. (OkACTE).

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of Past President, President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter/Historian, four Board Members and the Advisor as the ex officio member.
- B. The Executive Committee shall constitute the administrative/voting body of the SS and carry out all of the activities necessary for successful operation. They shall meet prior to Oklahoma Summit and Spring Leadership Conference or at the call of the President or upon written request of a majority of the Executive Committee.
 - A.) The Advisor is a nonvoting member of the Executive Committee.
- C. The Executive Committee shall manage ~~and control~~ the affairs and funds of the organization, and among its duties shall:
 - 1) Have direction and charge of conferences and conventions.
 - 2) Develop objectives and strategies.
 - 3) Evaluate the accomplishments of the SS.
 - 4) Approve the annual budget.
 - 5) Require an internal audit at the close of each fiscal year and review results at Oklahoma Summit.
 - 6) Receive and act upon committee reports.
 - 7) Review Bylaws annually ~~*bylaws committee shall be appointed by the President and Advisor.~~

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND ADVISOR

Section 1 OFFICERS

The Officers of the SS of OkACTE shall be President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter/Historian, Immediate Past President, and four Board Members.

b. President

- 1) Hold current membership in ACTE, OkACTE, and SS.
- 2) Served at least one year as an Officer on the Executive Committee.
- 3) Preside over all meetings of the membership and Executive Committee.
- 4) Serve a one-year term.

c. President-Elect

- 1) Hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.
- 2) Served at least one year as an Officer on the Executive Committee.
- 3) In the absence of the President, preside over all meetings of the membership and Executive Committee.
- 4) Perform the duties as assigned by the President and/or Executive Committee.
- 5) Serve a one-year term.
- 6) Automatically become President upon completion of current term of office.

d. Vice President

- 1) Hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.
- 2) Served at least one year as Officer on the Executive Committee.
- 3) Be responsible to ensure all meetings of the Executive Committee and all business meetings of the membership are conducted according to the guidelines set forth in Article X, Parliamentary Authority.
- 4) Serve a one-year term.
- 5) Automatically become President-Elect upon completion of current term of office.

e. Secretary

- 1) Hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.
- 2) Served at least one year as an Officer on the Executive Committee and/or Committee Representative.
- 3) Record minutes and keep agendas, treasurer's reports, membership lists, bylaws and printed materials distributed to the membership.
- 4) Upload copies of all the above-mentioned materials to the Executive Committee shared Google Drive and forward copies to the Advisor for permanent preservation.
- 5) Perform duties as designated by the President/Executive Committee.
- 6) Serve a two-year term.

f. Treasurer

- 1) Hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.
- 2) Served at least one year as an Officer on the Executive Committee and/or Committee Representative.
- 3) Receive, record, and distribute funds as designated by the Executive Committee.
- 4) Keep an exact account of receipts and expenditures.
- 5) Ensure no payment is made unless properly documented.
 - Approved by the President.
- 6) Submit records for annual audit and provide President with copy of annual audit report.
- 7) Compile and ensure that taxes are filed in a timely manner.
- 8) Review monthly bank statements.
- 9) Serve a two-year term.

g. Reporter/Historian

- 1) Hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.
- 2) Served at least one year as an Officer on the Executive Committee and/or Committee Representative.
- 3) Submit photographs and articles to appropriate publications as requested.
- 4) Responsible for social media content that includes any materials, documents, photographs, graphics and other information that is created, posted for SS information.
- 5) Be responsible for the SS electronic files of pictures, newsletters, news releases, award winners and other historical items related to the SS. Upon approval, of the President and Advisor, upload to online document retention system.
- 6) Collaborate with OkACTE to maintain SS website.
- 7) Serve a one-year term.

h. Past President

- 1) Hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.
- 2) Provide guidance and assistance to the President as requested.
- 3) Perform duties as directed by the Executive Committee.
- 4) Serve for one year after completing term as President.
- 5) Serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

i. Four Board Members

- 1) Must have been a Support Staff member for at least one year.
- 2) Hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.
- 3) Attend all Executive Committee meetings as a non-voting member.
- 4) Serve as liaisons for the SS Membership
- 5) Serve a one-year term, but no more than two consecutive terms with the intention of moving to an officer or committee chair.

j. Advisor

- 1) Hold current employment with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE).
- 2) Be appointed by the State Director of CareerTech.
- 3) Attend all Executive Committee meetings serving in a nonvoting advisory capacity.
- 4) Monitor state, regional and national activities related to the SS and keep the Executive Committee informed.
- 5) Provide guidance and leadership in identifying and meeting the professional needs of the SS membership.
- 6) Promote the SS and the concerns of its membership within the OkACTE and the career and technology education system.
- 7) Work in a liaison capacity prior to meetings to enhance statewide membership involvement.
- 8) Review monthly bank statements.
- 9) Maintain Surplus supplies for distribution at all SS Events.

Section 2 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Executive Committee members shall attend OkACTE sponsored Leadership Training as designated by OkACTE.

Section 3 VACANCIES

Should a vacancy occur in any office, except that of President or President-Elect, a successor may be appointed by the Executive Committee. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the President-Elect shall become President for the remainder of that term, in addition to serving the full term for which they were elected. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President-Elect, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President-Elect for the remaining term.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 NOMINATIONS

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The committee shall accept qualified nominations and applications for the office of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter/Historian and four Board members.

- A. Nominees for the office of President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter/Historian must have served at least one year as an officer on the Executive Committee and/or Committee Representative and hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.
- B. The four Board Members must have been a SS Member for at least one year and shall hold current membership in OkACTE and SS.

Section 2 ELECTIONS

- A. An election of officers, shall be held prior to Oklahoma Summit by online - only if there is more than one application to the position. Installation of officers will be held during Oklahoma Summit.
- B. To replace any other elected officer, the Executive Committee will determine if the vacancy should be filled before the next regularly scheduled election. If the Executive Committee feels the office should be filled, nominations will be solicited from the membership. Elections will be held via email, or at the next regular meeting, whichever method is the most expedient to fill the vacancy. The newly elected officer will fill the remainder of the former officer's term.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1 BUSINESS MEETINGS

The business meetings will be held during Oklahoma Summit and Spring Leadership Conference and may include the following:

- A. Approval of previous business meeting minutes.
- B. Acceptance of Treasurer's report including current Statement of Condition.
- C. Installation of new officers and recognition of outgoing officers.
- D. Consideration of actions as requested by OkACTE.
- E. Review of reports from Committee Representatives and Officers.
- F. Consideration of dues changes.

- G. Consideration of other items of business.
- H. At least two-thirds of the SS members at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Executive Meetings may be called by the President.

- A. Approve previous executive meeting minutes.
- B. Accept Treasurers report.
- C. Consideration of actions as requested by OkACTE.
- D. Consideration of other items of business.
- E. At least two-thirds of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3 SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the President.

- A. The purpose for the meeting shall be stated in the call and, except in cases of emergency, at least seven days written notice shall be given before the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. OkACTE Support Staff Division Standing Committees:
 - Awards Committee
 - Comprehensive Professional Council
 - Kaleidoscope Committee
 - PAC/Legislative Committee
 - Mutual Benevolence Plan (MBP)
 - Membership Service Committee
- B. Support Staff Division Standing Committees:
 - Bylaws Committee
 - Nominating Committee
 - What's Up Wednesday Committee
 - Mentor Committee

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

The bylaws may be amended by changes submitted to the Executive Committee. Any SS member may submit proposed bylaw changes to the Executive Committee for review and consideration. The President or designee shall submit proposed amendments to all active SS members 30 days prior to vote. Proposed amendments become operative upon approval by two-thirds vote of all members present by online or in person vote. The President or designee will distribute approved bylaws.

ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern any provisions not covered by the bylaws of the SS.