

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
ALABAMA
ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall be to stimulate improvement in the education of professional school personnel in Alabama.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the “Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education” (ALACTE).

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- A. To establish an effective voice for teacher education institutions in Alabama on matters of policy related to the education of professional school personnel.
- B. To establish an effective system of communication with AACTE and other state associations.
- C. To provide a vehicle for teacher education institutions within Alabama:
 - 1. To assist the national organization (AACTE) in developing and defining positions on issues of importance to teacher education.
 - 2. To assist the national organization (AACTE) in coalescing support for national educational policy and activity.
- D. To provide for the interaction of ALACTE member institutions among themselves and with other organizations for the purpose of improving teacher education.
- E. To stimulate and facilitate research, experimentation, and evaluation in teacher education; to serve as a clearinghouse for research reports and information; and to publicize the findings of studies which have significance for teacher education.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Regular Membership. Regionally accredited colleges and universities in Alabama which are AACTE member institutions are eligible for regular membership. Functions of membership shall be exercised by institutional representatives selected in accordance with provisions in the Bylaws.

- B. Associate Membership. Regionally accredited colleges and universities in Alabama which are not affiliated with AACTE are eligible for associate membership. Functions of membership shall be exercised by institutional representatives selected in accordance with the provisions in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS

Liaison relationships may be established with associations and agencies which have an interest in the preparation of professional school personnel.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall include a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary, to be elected in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be composed of eight voting members; the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and four other institutional representatives from regular membership elected by a majority vote of the member institutions, to serve staggered terms for four years each. The immediate Past-President shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee for a term of one year.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

The Association shall hold three scheduled meetings annually, and such other called meetings as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII: RULES OF ORDER

The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in *Robert's Rules of Order* (latest edition) shall govern the deliberations of the this Association.

ARTICLE IX: NONPROFIT STATUS

The Association is not organized for profit, and no part of its funds shall inure to the benefit of any member institution or individual.

ARTICLE X: AFFILIATION

The Association shall be affiliated with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in accordance with policies established by the AACTE Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee by institutional representatives; such proposed amendments must be presented for discussion and approval at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Association; if approved at the meeting, a copy of each amendment shall be sent by the President to each member institution one month in advance for approval at the next scheduled meeting; a two-thirds majority of regular member institutional representatives present at the meeting is required for approval.

ARTICLE XII: BYLAWS

Bylaws may be adopted and amended by the Executive Committee, subject to a majority vote of institutional representatives from the membership at a scheduled or called meeting of the Association.

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