

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

## **Article I -- Name and Objective**

### Section 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be the “North Carolina Academy of Science, Inc.,” hereinafter called the “Academy.”

### Section 2 -- Objective

The Academy shall encourage the advancement of science within the state of North Carolina by promotion of scientific research and by the fostering of education in the sciences.

## **Article II Membership and Dues**

### Section 1– Membership

Membership in the Academy is open to all persons or organizations who espouse the objective of the Academy.

### Section 2 – Categories of Membership

(a) Regular. Regular members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the Academy, including the right to attend the meeting of the members, to vote, to hold elective or appointive office, and to receive the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science.

(b) Joint. Joint members are a pair of individuals who shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members; however, each pair of joint members will receive a single copy of each issue of the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science.

(c) Graduate Student. Graduate student members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members but will not receive the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science. Members in this category shall have their student status certified in writing annually by one regular member or their faculty supervisor.

(d) Emeritus. Emeritus members duly elected according to the provisions in the By-Laws (Article II, Section 1-d) shall pay no dues. Emeritus members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members but will not receive the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science.

(e) Life. Life members duly elected according to the provisions in the By-Laws (Article II, Section 1-e) shall pay no dues. Life members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members but will not receive the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science.

(f) Patron. Patron members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members plus other rights and privileges, not inconsistent with the purposes of the Academy, as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

(g) Sustaining. Commercial and industrial organizations and other organizations may become sustaining members. A sustaining member shall be entitled to elect or appoint a delegate to attend the meetings of the members of the Academy. Said delegate shall have the right to vote and shall have the right to receive such printed matter as is sent to regular members, including the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science; however, a subscription of the Journal for the library of a sustaining member must be purchased at the regular rate for library subscriptions. Sustaining members shall have other rights and privileges, not inconsistent with the purposes of the Academy, as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

(h) Institutional. Schools, colleges, and universities within the State of North Carolina and other states may become institutional members. An institutional member shall be entitled to elect or appoint a delegate to attend the meetings of the members of the Academy. Said delegate shall have the right to vote and shall have the right

to receive such printed matter as is sent to regular members, including the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science; however, a subscription of the Journal for the library of an institutional member must be purchased at the regular rate for library subscriptions. Institutional members shall have other rights and privileges, not inconsistent with the purposes of the Academy, as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

(i) Associate. Any active organization having scientific objectives may become an associate member. An associate member shall be entitled to elect or appoint a delegate to attend the meetings of the members of the Academy. Said delegate shall have the right to vote and shall have the right to receive such printed matter as is sent to regular members, including the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science; however, a subscription of the Journal for the library of an associate member must be purchased at the regular rate for library subscriptions. Associate members shall have other rights and privileges, not inconsistent with the purposes of the Academy, as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

(j) Honorary. Honorary members duly elected according to the provisions in the By-Laws (Article II, Section 1-j) shall pay no dues. Honorary members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members.

#### Section 3 – Dues

The annual dues for all categories of individual members and for associate members shall be established by the membership upon recommendation by the Board of Directors. Dues for sustaining and institutional members shall be established by the Board of Directors upon recommendation by the Finance Committee.

### **Article III Officers**

#### Section 1– Officers

The officers of the Academy shall be a President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall discharge the duties assigned to their respective offices as specified in the By-Laws (Article VI, Section 3).

#### Section 2 – Elections

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members of the Academy attending the annual meeting of the Academy.

#### Section 3 – Term Limits

The term of office of each officer except the Treasurer shall begin at adjournment of the annual meeting of the Academy at which he/she is elected and shall expire at adjournment of the annual meeting of the Academy that occurs at the end of the period specified for his/her term of office. The Treasurer's term of office shall begin on the date of July 1 after his/her election.

#### Section 4 – President

The term of office of the President shall be one year. The president shall continue as a voting member of the Board of Directors for one additional year.

#### Section 5 – President-Elect

The term of office of the President-Elect shall be one year, after which he/she will automatically assume the office of President.

#### Section 6 – Vice-President

The term of office of the Vice-President shall be one year.

#### Section 7 – Secretary, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer

The terms of office of the Secretary, the Executive Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be three years.

#### Section 8 – Vacancies

A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President, who shall complete the unexpired term of the President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-Elect, the members entitled to vote shall, at the next annual meeting of the Academy after the occurrence of the vacancy, elect a person who shall assume the office of President at the adjournment of such meeting and another person who shall assume the office of President-Elect for the succeeding year. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment until the next annual meeting of the Academy after the occurrence of the vacancy, at which time the members entitled to vote shall elect a person for the unexpired term of each vacant office if such term extends beyond the adjournment of said annual meeting.

### **Article IV Board of Directors**

#### Section 1 – Members

The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than eighteen voting members, including all the officers of the Academy in accordance with Article III above, three members elected by the voting membership of the Academy, the immediate Past-President of the Academy, the President of the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science, the Executive Director(s) of the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science, the Executive Director(s) of the North Carolina Student Academy of Science; the Editor of the Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science, and the chairs of standing committees as specified in the By-Laws and shall constitute the Governing Body of the Society.

#### Section 2 – Quorum

Six members of the Board of Directors shall comprise a quorum for conducting the business of the Academy.

#### Section 3 – Powers and Duties

The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to make, prescribe, and enforce all rules and regulations necessary and proper for the conduct of the affairs of the Academy and for the control and management of its property in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws and with the Act of Incorporation of the Academy under the Statutes of the State of North Carolina. The Board of Directors shall not have any power or authority to take any action inconsistent with the charitable, scientific, and educational purposes for which the Academy was formed within the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Article V Affiliations**

The Academy shall be affiliated with and shall cooperate with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The President shall appoint a representative and an alternate representative of the Academy to the American Association for the Advancement of Science for a term of one year. The President shall also appoint, for a term of one year, a representative of this Academy to the National Association of Academies of Science, an affiliate of the AAAS.

### **Article VI Meetings**

#### Section 1 -- Designation of Time and Place

The time and place of all meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors, but there shall be at least one meeting of members annually for the presentation and discussion of papers, and at least one business meeting of the members annually.

Section 2 -- Notice and Quorum

Notice of all meetings shall be delivered to members not less than ten days in advance of said meeting, and the voting members present at such meetings shall constitute a quorum.

**Article VII  
Disposition of Property**

In the event of the dissolution or termination of the Academy, title to and possession of all the property of the Academy shall pass forthwith to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C., if then in existence and qualified for exemption under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, and otherwise to the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.

**Article VIII  
Incorporation**

The Academy shall be recognized as a non-profit scientific organization in accordance with the laws of the state of North Carolina.

**Article IX  
Publications**

All publications of the Academy shall be under control of the Board of Directors.

**Article X  
Amendments**

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular meeting, provided that such amendments be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least ten days before the meeting at which action is to be taken.

Note: This emended version of the Constitution was approved by the membership present at the business meeting held on March 21, 2003 in Dobo Hall at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.