Article I  Name

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be Arkansas Association of Gifted Education Administrators. Within the body of this Constitution, the Association shall be referred to as AAGEA.

Article II  Duration

Section 1. The period of its duration is perpetual.

Article III  Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of this Association shall be to:
1. maintain and elevate the professional and ethical standards of the gifted and talented education profession in Arkansas;
2. improve the gifted and talented education standards in the schools in the state of Arkansas;
3. promote the welfare and the professional growth of the members of the Association;
4. establish and maintain liaison between other professional organizations with like purposes;
5. develop a favorable relationship with the public and elected officials of the
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state of Arkansas;
6. provide a means for the AAGEA to have collective influence on the establishment and execution of gifted and talented education policies within Arkansas in accord with AGATE (Arkansas for Gifted and talented Education) and;
7. keep the membership informed of state and national events and activities that would promote or adversely affect gifted and talented education in Arkansas.

Article IV Dissolutionment / Disposition of Assets

Section 1. Whenever, for any reason, this Association is dissolved or is unable to any longer accomplish and carry out the specific purposes for which the Association was formed, the Board of Directors shall terminate the affairs of the Association, pay its debts, and after this has been done, any and all of the remaining assets shall be assigned and conveyed, without consideration, to the Arkansans for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE) and, as such will be a furtherance of the educational purpose to which the Association is dedicated.

Article V Members

Membership in AAGEA shall consist of individual, honorary, emeritus, associate, and institutional membership.

Section 1. Individual Membership. Individual membership shall be open to persons engaged in any phase of gifted and talented education administration or supervision, including those serving public or private educational institutions and public or private institutions of higher learning. Persons holding individual membership in AAGEA are eligible to vote, hold office, and participate in all activities of AAGEA.

Section 2. Honorary Membership. Honorary membership is a special free membership that may be conferred upon an individual by the Association at its annual meeting. Persons holding an honorary membership shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 3. Emeritus Membership. Emeritus membership will be made available to individuals having completed their careers in gifted and talented
education administration or supervision or in a related field. Persons holding an emeritus membership shall not have the right to vote or hold office. In the event the status of a Board member changes to emeritus during their term of office, that Board member will be allowed to serve out their term and retain the right to vote until their term expires.

Section 4. Associate Membership. Associate membership shall be open to any person not employed as a school administrator who is actively pursuing a graduate program in educational administration. Persons holding an associate membership shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5. Institutional Membership. Institutional memberships shall be available for colleges and universities and other agencies. Institutional memberships for colleges and universities allow the college or university to designate membership for up to three individuals. Institutional memberships for agencies allow membership for one designated individual. Persons designated as members through institutional memberships are eligible to vote, hold office, and participate in all activities of AAGEA.
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Article VI  Officers / Executive Committee of AAGEA

Section 1. Numeration. The Officers/Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the president, vice-president / president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past-president.

Section 2. Term of Office. The officers shall be elected to serve a biennium or two-year term with the election to be held in odd-numbered years.

Section 3. Vacancy. In the case of a vacancy, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member in good standing to fill the unexpired term. In the event that the appointment is for more than six months, it shall be deemed as one full year of a term of office.

Article VII  Board of Directors

The membership of the Board of Directors shall consist of the officers and one director from each of the following regions: Northwest Arkansas, Northeast Arkansas, East Central Arkansas, West Central Arkansas, Southeast Arkansas, and Southwest Arkansas.

Section 1. Election. Initially, the six District Directors shall be elected as follows: three for four (4) years and three for two (2) years. Every other year thereafter, three Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall govern the affairs of AAGEA.
Article VIII  Meetings

Section 1. There shall be one state annual meeting of AAGEA.

Section 2. The time and place for the state annual meeting shall be decided by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Special meetings of AAGEA may be called by the president upon the request of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually.

Section 5. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be upon call of the president or at the request of a majority of its members.

Section 6. The membership will have the power to request that the Board of Directors call a special meeting through a petition containing not less than twenty-five percent of active members’ signatures.
**Article IX  Committees**

Section 1. There shall be seven committees of the Association whose chairs will consist of individuals nominated by the President of AAGEA and approved by the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Nominating Committee. These committees shall be:

1. Policies and Resolutions Committee
2. Legislative (State and Federal) Committee
3. Public Relations Committee
4. Membership Committee
5. Awards and Education Committee
6. Professional Development Conference Committee

Section 2. The duties and responsibilities of each committee shall be listed in the Bylaws.

**Article X  Funds**

Section 1. The Board of Directors of AAGEA shall have the authority to adopt and revise an annual operating budget and to expend any or all funds accrued to AAGEA.

**Article XI  Staff**

Section 1. The Board of Directors of AAGEA shall have the authority to employ staff, to set salaries, and to discharge staff.
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Article XII  Authority / Duties / Responsibilities

Section 1. Except for the authority, duties, and responsibilities listed in this Constitution, all other authority, duties, and responsibilities of the organization and the officers thereof shall be set forth in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to act on all matters that are not prohibited by this Constitution.

Article XIII  Corporation

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to incorporate this Association as a non-profit organization under the statutes of the State of Arkansas.

Article XIV  Ratification

Section 1. The Constitution shall become effective when it has been ratified by a majority vote of the active membership of AAGEA at the first annual state meeting.
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Article XV Rules of Order

Section 1. Robert’s Rules of Order Revised shall guide in all business meetings of this Association.

Section 2. A "Quorum" shall be defined as: "Six of the elected members currently sitting on the Board of Directors."

Article XVI Amendments / Revisions

Section 1. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors by the Policies and Resolution Committee of AAGEA at least sixty (60) days prior to the voting window in which the vote is to be taken.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall submit the proposed amendment(s) to the membership 30 days prior to the online voting window in which the vote is to be taken. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting membership.