

# **Constitution of the Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE)**

Revised 2005 and 2010

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE).

## **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

A. IACTE promotes the preparation of the highest quality teachers for our nation’s educational systems. In so doing, it seeks to continuously improve teacher preparation, the teaching profession, and student learning by supporting and applying scholarship and the collective wisdom of practice. To achieve these goals, IACTE provides opportunities for communication, collaboration, and cooperative action among Iowa teacher preparation institutions and other state and national educational organizations. Consonant with this purpose, the major objectives of this Association are consistent with the objectives of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) as they apply in and for the State of Iowa.

1. To provide members with the means for continuous exchange of information, experiences, and judgments concerning all aspects of teacher education.
2. To stimulate and facilitate research, experimentation, and evaluation in teacher education and in related problems of learning and teaching; to serve as a clearinghouse of information and report on these matters; and to publicize the findings of studies that have significance for the improvement of teacher education.
3. To establish an effective communication system between the national AACTE and state (regional) units and collaborate with the national organization in developing and defining positions on issues of importance to teacher education.
4. To encourage and assist the administrators of teacher education institutions in developing improved programs for the education of teachers.
5. To cooperate with other professional education organizations and agencies in activities designed to establish desirable directions, goals, and standards for teacher education.
6. To represent the education of teachers before all segments of the public.
7. To encourage diversity in teacher education and to enhance faculty development.
8. To do any and all other activities in furtherance of the foregoing purposes, consistent with the corporation’s tax-exempt status.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

A. Comprehensive membership: All regionally accredited colleges and universities in Iowa which are engaged in state approved preparation programs for professional school personnel and are members of the AACTE (American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education) are eligible for comprehensive membership. Each member institution is responsible for the selection of one voting representative (one vote per institution).

B. State membership: All regionally accredited colleges and universities in Iowa which are engaged in state approved preparation programs for professional school personnel and are not members of the

AACTE (American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education) are eligible for state membership. Each member institution is responsible for the selection of one voting representative (one vote per institution).

C. Affiliate Membership: Any educational institution or organization in Iowa interested in supporting quality preparation for professional school personnel will be eligible for affiliate membership. Affiliate membership includes participation in the organization with the exception of the right to vote on business matters of the organization and the opportunity to hold an elected office. Application for affiliate membership should be made to the Executive Committee prior to a semi-annual meeting (September and April). A majority vote of representatives present at a semi-annual meeting is required for acceptance.

#### **ARTICLE IV – LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS**

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

#### **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

The Officers of the IACTE include the President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative to the AACTE Advisory Council of State Representatives (typically the President) and, Comptroller

See the IACTE bylaws for a description of the terms of office including election or appointment.

#### **ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers (President, President-Elect, and Past-President), appointed officers (not including the Comptroller), and eight other institutional representatives, including one non-voting affiliate member representative, appointed by the president.

#### **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

The association shall hold semi-annual meetings in the fall and spring of each academic year, and such other meetings on such days and at such places as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – RULES OF ORDER**

The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in Roberts Rules of Order (revised) shall govern the deliberations of this Association, subject to such special rules as agreed upon by the membership.

#### **ARTICLE IX – NON PROFIT STATUS**

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

#### **ARTICLE X – AFFILIATION**

A. The Association shall be affiliated with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in accordance with the following policies approved by the national Board of Directors: For purposes of

obtaining affiliation, the state Association memberships shall consist of at least 60 percent of AACTE member institutions in Iowa. Continuance of affiliation shall be contingent upon

1. Maintenance of a membership of at least 60 percent of AACTE member institutions in Iowa.
2. Assurance that the voting rights of comprehensive members (AACTE members) comprised at least 51 percent of the total voting right in the Association. (1 vote per institution)
3. Submission to the national Board of Directors of an annual Activity Report to include a review of program and fiscal activities and a certification of membership within the Association.
4. Biennial review by the AACTE Board of Directors.
5. Adoption and maintenance of a Constitution and Bylaws consistent with the nationally approved models of same.

## **ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed for discussion and approval at a regular meeting of the Association. A copy of each proposed amendment shall be sent by the Secretary to each member institution for approval by mail ballot. An amendment shall be considered ratified when approved by more than one half of the membership.

## **ARTICLE XII – BYLAWS**

Bylaws may be adopted or amended by the Executive Committee subject to a majority vote of institutional representatives from the membership at a regular or special meeting and approval of the national Board of Directors.

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The foregoing Constitution and accompanying Bylaws were adopted, 1998, as a replacement for the Statement of the Nature, Purpose, and Objectives of the Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the original organic act establishing the Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. The Constitution was revised in 2005 and 2010. The Bylaws were amended and revised in 2004 and 2010.