

Approved by AACTE, February 2000

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
A state unit of the
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education is to provide, through professional organization and cooperation, for a continuous search for and promotion of ideas and practices which are most effective in the education of school personnel, particularly in the state of Minnesota.

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Constitution:

- A. MACTE shall mean the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education;
- B. AACTE shall mean the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education;
- C. Bylaws shall mean Bylaws of the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education;
- D. Constitution shall mean this Constitution of the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (adopted 1999)
- E. Members shall mean Regular members, Affiliate members, and Honorary members, as defined in Article III of this Constitution;
- F. AACTE Members shall mean Members which maintain membership in AACTE;
- G. Representatives shall mean the individuals who are designated, pursuant to Article II of the Bylaws, to represent the Members.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of MACTE shall be:

- A. To establish an effective voice for teacher education institutions in Minnesota on matters of policy related to teacher education and licensure.
- B. To establish an effective communication system between AACTE and MACTE.
- C. To provide a vehicle for teacher education institutions within Minnesota:
 - 1. To identify and act on critical issues of importance to teacher education, and
 - 2. To coalesce support for state and national policy and activity.
 - 3. To design and implement professional development for teacher educators
- D. To provide for the interaction and active collaboration of teacher preparation institutions among themselves and with other organizations for the purpose of improving teacher education and prek-12 education.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Members may be institutions of higher education, agencies, organizations or individuals as defined in the four categories below:

~~A.~~ Regular Members All Minnesota colleges and universities which meet the following criteria:

- 1. Must have programs for the preparation and/or development of school personnel which are approved by the Minnesota Board of Teaching, and;
- 2. Must be accredited by the North Central Regional Accrediting Agency.
- 3 . MACTE members who are AACTE members will be afforded voting privileges pursuant to the Bylaws.

The functions of Regular Members shall be performed by Representatives.

B. Affiliate Members Minnesota institutions, or organizations not eligible for Regular Member status, but which officially and publicly announce that the education of professional school personnel is one of their important priorities.

Organizations may submit a proposal to become Affiliate Members to the Executive Committee. The functions of Affiliate Members shall be exercised by Representatives.

C. Honorary Members At a meeting, MACTE may elect Honorary Members which may be individuals or other entities. Persons recommended should meet the following criteria:

1. Long and outstanding service to MACTE, and/or;
2. Outstanding service to education.

Representatives may submit recommendations and supporting documentation for honorary members to the Executive Committee who will present a recommendation to MACTE at a regular meeting.

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 MACTE shall be a President, a President-Elect or Past President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, as designated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be elected pursuant to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

MACTE shall hold three meetings a year, and other meetings as may be called by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII: RULES OF ORDER

The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order (latest revision) shall govern the deliberations of MACTE.

ARTICLE IX: NON PROFIT STATUS

MACTE does not afford any pecuniary gain, directly, incidentally or otherwise to its members. No part of the net earnings of MACTE shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons.

However, MACTE shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III. No substantial part of the activities of MACTE shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise

attempting to influence legislation. MACTE shall not directly or indirectly participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf on any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Constitution, MACTE shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

1. By a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or;
2. By a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of MACTE, the Board shall, after paying of making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of MACTE, dispose of all of the assets of MACTE exclusively for the purposes of MACTE in such manner, or to such organization for organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principal office of MACTE is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE X: AFFILIATION

MACTE shall be a state unit of AACTE in accordance with policies established by AACTE's Board of Directors. The policies shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. For purposes of obtaining state unit member status, Regular Members in MACTE consist of at least two-thirds of the AACTE Regular Members in Minnesota.

- B. Continuance of state unit member status shall be contingent upon:
1. Maintaining at least two-thirds of the AACTE Regular Members in Minnesota as Regular Members in MACTE.
 2. Assurance that the voting rights of Regular Members comprise at least 51 percent of the total voting rights for MACTE.
 3. Submission to the AACTE Board of Directors an Annual State Activity Report to include a review of program and fiscal activities and certification of members within MACTE.
 4. Biennial review by the AACTE Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Proposed Amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the MACTE Executive Committee by Representatives. The Executive Committee will review the proposed Amendments and make a recommendation to the Members for acceptance of the Amendments. All proposed Amendments shall be mailed to all Members at least two weeks before the meeting at which they are to be discussed. If a motion is made and passes at the meeting to submit the proposed Amendments for approval, they shall then be sent to all Representatives by mail ballot. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Representatives is needed to approve the Amendments. Final approval of Amendments by the AACTE Board of Directors is necessary for them to become effective.