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## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as Region 24 of the Illinois Education Association-National Education Association and shall be referred to in the Bylaws as the Region.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSES**

The purpose of this Region shall be:

To effect excellence and equity in public education in Illinois and to be the advocacy organization for all public education employees.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Those individuals holding active membership in IEA and who are licensed employees within the territory of the Region shall be eligible for membership in the Region and shall have full membership privileges, including voting; holding office; serving on committees and commissions; serving as members of Regional Council; participating in fringe benefits provided by the Region; and such other rights and privileges as are conferred through Regional governance. All other IEA members who reside within the territory of the Region shall be eligible for membership in the Region and shall have the right to receive Regional publications and such other rights and privileges as are conferred through Regional governance.

In addition, those IEA members holding membership in an IEA chartered retired chapter and who were formally employed within the territory of the Region shall be eligible to be elected to the Regional Council and to serve on committees and commissions.

## **ARTICLE IV – ELECTED OFFICERS**

### **Section 1 – Officers**

The elected officers of the Regional Council shall be the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. With the exception of the

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Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, they must duly elect Regional Council members.

### **Section 2 – Election**

- A. The Regional Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected in accordance with IEA Bylaws.
- B. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from within the Region Council.
- C. If deemed necessary the Region Council may request a special election to fill a vacancy.
- D. An appointed elections committee shall determine the procedures for conducting elections.

### **Section 3 – Term**

- A. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected for a three-year term, with the limit of two consecutive full terms. They shall take office on July 15 following their election.
- B. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term and may succeed themselves.
- C. In the event of a special election to fill a vacancy, the officer's term shall begin immediately following the election.

### **Section 4 – Duties**

The officers shall perform duties usually assigned to such offices, and those prescribed in the IEA and these Bylaws.

- A. The Chairperson shall perform all the duties provided in the IEA Bylaws.

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- B. The Vice Chairperson shall perform all the duties provided in the IEA Bylaws, assume responsibilities delegated by the Chairperson, and serve as a member of the elections committee, except where he/she may be a candidate for office.
- C. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and keeping accurate minutes of all Council meetings and for monitoring the official set of minutes.
- D. The Treasurer with the Chairperson, shall be responsible for the safekeeping, expenditures, and reporting of all funds of the Region as authorized by the Regional Council in accordance with the IEA annual budget process.
- E. The Officers shall review the Regional program for approval by the Regional Council at the first scheduled business meeting of the year, prepare the tentative Regional calendar, respond to, create, and carry out programs to implement State or Council directives, make recommendations or submit programs for Council approval.

### **ARTICLE V – Regional Council**

#### **Section 1 – Council Membership**

- A. The Board of Directors of the Elgin Teachers Association, IEA Retired Chapter Representative and the Grassroots Political Activist shall be the Regional Council.
- B. The terms of the council members shall be determined by the Bylaws of the Elgin Teachers Association.

#### **Section 2- Powers and Duties**

- A. The Council shall have all the powers and duties as provided in the IEA Bylaws.

#### **Section 3 – Meetings**

- A. The Regional Council shall meet regularly during the school year at a time and place to be determined by the Council.

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B. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chairperson or at least one-third of the members of the Council upon two days' notice, unless two-thirds of the Council membership can be present on shorter notice.

C. All Regional Council meetings shall be open to the membership of the Region except that the Council may go into executive session by a majority vote of the Council. No action may be taken in executive session.

D. A quorum shall consist of no fewer than one-third of the members of the Council.

### **ARTICLE VI – Committees**

#### **Section 1 – Standing Committee**

Standing committee members and chairperson for the committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson and confirmed by the Council. Standing committees shall be Elections, Internal Audit and Political Action.

#### **Section 2 – Other Committees**

Joint committees, ad hoc committees, and other committees may be established and discontinued by the Regional Council.

#### **Section 3 – Committee Reports**

The Chairperson of any committee shall report to the Regional Council when requested by the Council Chairperson.

### **ARTICLE VII – Publication of Regional Rules and Policies**

All rules and policies shall be compiled, printed and distributed each year with a copy of the Bylaws to each Council member and local president.

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## **ARTICLE VIII – Vacancies**

### **Section 1 – Definition**

A vacancy in the office of an elected or appointed official shall be deemed to exist in case of death, resignation, recall, inability to serve, cessation of Association membership, change in service which qualified member for office, cessation of employment within the geographic boundaries of that person's representation and/or failure to meet any other qualifications for office.

### **Section 2- Filling of Vacancies**

A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall accede to the Chairpersonship until such a time as an election can be held. Such an election shall be held during the next scheduled election in accordance to the approved election plan.

B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice Chairperson, the Chairperson may appoint a member, with the approval of the Regional Council, to serve as the Vice Chairperson until such a time as an election can be held. Such an election shall be held during the next scheduled election in accordance to the approved election plan.

C. In the event of a vacancy in both the offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the Secretary may appoint a member to serve as Chairperson and a member to serve as Vice Chairperson, with the approval of the Regional Council until such a time as an election can be held. Such an election shall be held during the next scheduled election in accordance to the approved election plan.

D. In case of a vacancy on the Regional Council, the vacancy will be filled in accordance to with the Elgin Teacher Association Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE IX – Recall**

### **Section 1 – Of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

The Regional Council Chairperson and Vice Chairperson may be recalled as provided for by the IEA-NEA Bylaws.

### **Section 2 – Of Secretary and Treasurer**

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The Secretary and Treasurer may be recalled as provided for by the Elgin Teacher Association Bylaws.

### **Section 3 – Of Regional Council Members**

All other Regional Council Members may be recalled as provided for by the Elgin Teacher Association Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE X – Amendments**

### **Section 1 – Submission**

A proposal to amend the Bylaws may be submitted to the Regional Council by any Council member or by any chartered local association.

### **Section 2 – Ratification**

At the next regularly scheduled Council meeting a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, shall be required to adopt the amendment , provided that such amendment has been distributed in written form to Council members at least thirty days prior to the date the vote is to be taken.

### **Section 3 – IEA Bylaw Conformity**

These Bylaws shall be subject to annual review for compliance with the IEA-NEA Bylaws and NEA Constitution and Bylaws. Any provision of the Bylaws not in conformity with the IEA or NEA governing documents shall as soon as possible be amended to conform.

## **ARTICLE XI – Parliamentary Authority**

Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the authority governing all matters not otherwise provided for in IEA Bylaws and the Regional Bylaws.

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