

CHAPTER BYLAWS PA CHAPTER OF EdTA

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Educational Theatre Association (PA-EdTA) is to advance the purposes of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) by promoting educational theatre in Pennsylvania and by teaching, educating, and instructing individuals in the performing arts related subjects.

As an affiliate of EdTA, the PA-EdTA Board will conduct activities that will further the purposes of EdTA. EdTA will support the PA-EdTA Board's efforts by providing leadership, training, administrative and other support to the State Board from time to time.

MEMBERSHIP

PA-EdTA is a member of EdTA, an Ohio nonprofit corporation. Pennsylvania Chapter of Educational Theatre Association is a registered non-profit organization (Ohio, Domestic Articles/Non Profit Document 200323800762). The PA-EdTA Federal Employer ID is 56-2393017.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The State Board shall be the governing body of PA-EdTA. The structure of the State Board shall be as follows:

- A Student Board consisting of students selected at each State Conference
- An Adult Board consisting of The State Director, the sponsors from troupes across the state whose student is selected to the Student Board, Coordinators of these areas: STO, Respondents, Boutique, Tech Scholarship, Performance Scholarship, Workshops, Individual Events and Web Master.

The State Board meets twice a year, or more often as needed, to handle business issues and to plan the annual State Conference. Meetings will usually be held in Spring (April) and Fall (October). All Sponsors from active PA troupes are invited to attend the PA State Board meetings.

CHAPTER DIRECTOR SELECTION

The Pennsylvania Chapter Director shall be elected by the sponsors of active International Thespian Society troupes in Pennsylvania. Chapter Directors have responsibility for EdTA activities in their respective state, province, or Chapter and shall act according to the EdTA Chapter Charter and the current Chapter Director's Duties and Responsibilities Agreement, as assigned by EdTA.

A Chapter Director shall hold office for a term of four years commencing on the August 1 and ending on the July 31 of the fourth year thereafter, or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. A Chapter Director may serve multiple terms.

EdTA will run the election process.

REMOVAL

A Chapter Director may be removed by a majority vote of the Chapter Board or by the majority vote of the EdTA Board of Directors at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose.

VACANCY

When a Chapter Director vacancy occurs, whether from a resignation, lack of a nominee for office, or any other reason, the Chapter Board shall have thirty days to nominate a replacement to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. Notice of this nomination will be made to the chapter membership. Chapter members will then have 31 days to submit a petition to be included on the ballot. If no petition is received, the Chapter Board nominee will become the new Chapter Director. If a petition to be included on a ballot is received, an election will be held. If the Chapter Board fails to nominate a replacement within thirty days or if no Chapter Board exists, the President and the

Executive Director of EdTA shall appoint an individual to serve as Chapter Director for the remainder of the unexpired term.