

# NAZARENE EDUCATORS WORLDWIDE (NEW) BYLAWS

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## ARTICLE I. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

### SECTION 1. Executive Council and General Officers.

- A. Elections for the chairperson and the general officers for the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council will be held every four years. The terms of office will be for four years. The elections will be in the spring of the General Assembly year.
- B. The Executive Committee will appoint a subcommittee to oversee the balloting process. This subcommittee will solicit nominations and will contact the nominees to determine their eligibility and willingness to serve. The subcommittee will prepare the ballot.
- C. Nominations for the Nazarene Educators Worldwide chairperson and general officers may be solicited from the executive council, District Nazarene Education Directors, and other members.
- D. The Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council will approve the final ballot.
- E. The Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council will be elected by a simple majority vote of members voting in the appointed manner and timeframe.

### SECTION 2. Appointed Positions.

The vice-chairperson, the secretary, and the treasurer positions will be appointed by the NEW Executive Council from the elected members for from the Nazarene Education (birth-secondary) Office at the Global Ministry Center.

### SECTION 3. Liaison Members.

Liaison members will be appointed by the Commissioner of Education and the Administrative Director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and will have all the rights and privileges of the other Executive Council members.

### SECTION 4. Vacancy in the Office of the Chairperson or Vice-chairperson.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Chairperson, the vice-chairperson will oversee the organization until a new chairperson can be nominated and elected. In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice-chairperson, the Executive Council will appoint and approve a person to fill the vacancy.

### SECTION 5. Vacancy in the Office of General Officer.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of a general officer, a replacement will be appointed and approved by the Executive Council to serve until the next election.

### SECTION 6. District Nazarene Education (birth-secondary) Director.

The Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International Handbook has a job description for a Christian School District Director who would serve on the Children's Ministries International District Council. This position will be changed to District Nazarene Education (birth-secondary) Director and will remain a part of the District Children's Ministries Council. This district director can choose persons involved in each area of education to help him or her resource and encourage Nazarene educators on the district level.

## ARTICLE II. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION 1. Categories of Members.

- A. Student membership in Nazarene Educators Worldwide will be open to all persons who currently are students preparing for a career in education or full-time Christian ministry. Dues will be one-half individual membership dues and will carry all rights and privileges of individual membership.
- B. Individual membership in Nazarene Educators Worldwide will be open to all persons who are interested in supporting the purpose of Nazarene Educators Worldwide.
- C. Group membership in Nazarene Educators Worldwide will be open to all institutions associated with the Church of the Nazarene: schools (preschool through higher education), homeschool co-ops, and child-care centers. Group membership includes membership for four people.

**SECTION 2. Term of Membership.** Membership in Nazarene Educators Worldwide will be October 1 through September 30.

**SECTION 3. Resignations and/or Removal from Membership.**

Membership will cease upon:

1. the written resignation of a member.
2. nonpayment of dues for the current year.
3. termination of a position in which membership is held *ex officio*.
4. moral or professional misconduct.

**SECTION 4. Refund of Dues.**

All dues are nonrefundable.

**ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF NAZARENE EDUCATORS WORLDWIDE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**SECTION 1. Nazarene Educators Worldwide Chairperson.**

- A. The Nazarene Educators Worldwide Chairperson will preside at the general conferences and at the meetings of the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council. This includes videoconferences and teleconferences.
- B. The NEW Chairperson will resource and encourage all Nazarene educators.
- C. The NEW Chairperson will communicate regularly with the District Nazarene Educators Directors and support them in their tasks.
- D. The NEW Chairperson will support the general officers as they fulfill their responsibilities.
- E. The NEW Chairperson will contribute articles to the e-newsletter.
- F. The NEW Chairperson will communicate news about current research or materials that will resource or encourage Nazarene educators.
- G. The NEW Chairperson will help to promote membership in Nazarene Educators Worldwide.

**SECTION 2. General Officers.**

- A. General Officers will represent their group in Executive Council Meeting discussions and carry out assignments that will help those they represent.
- B. They will assist in the planning and implementing of annual and/or general conferences sponsored by the Nazarene Educators Worldwide.
- C. General Officers will contribute articles to the e-newsletter.
- D. They will network with the educators they represent and communicate current research and materials to resource the educators.
- E. General Officers will communicate regularly with those they represent with inspirational and/or encouraging thoughts.
- F. They will be available to assist and encourage the District Nazarene Educators Directors.

**SECTION 3. Coordinator of Nazarene Education (birth–secondary) Office and Director of Children’s Ministries International**

- A. The Coordinator of Nazarene Education (birth–secondary) Office and the Director of Children’s Ministries International will be *ex officio* members of the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council.
- B. They will serve as liaisons between Nazarene Educators Worldwide, the Global Ministry Center sponsoring department, and the General Board.

**SECTION 4. Liaisons.**

The Administrative Director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and the Commissioner of the International Board of Education may appoint liaisons to serve on the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council. The liaisons will represent global educators, child care centers, and schools.

- A. These liaisons will communicate with the educators they represent to encourage them and provide them with helpful information.
- B. The liaisons will keep the Executive Council aware of issues that relate to the educators they represent.
- C. The liaisons will participate in the Executive Council meetings.
- D. These liaisons will submit articles to the e-newsletter with news about educators they represent.
- E. These liaisons will help to track the number of Nazarene schools and students who are being ministered to

globally through the Church of the Nazarene.

- F. These liaisons will encourage the global educators, child care centers, and schools to become members and participate in Nazarene Educators Worldwide.

#### **ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF DISTRICT NAZARENE EDUCATION (BIRTH-SECONDARY) DIRECTORS**

The bylaws of the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International provide for a position on the District Children's Ministries Council to represent Christian Schools. Nazarene Educators Worldwide would like to expand that position to include educators in Christian schools, public schools, private schools, homeschools, college/university education departments, and global child care centers and schools.

- A. The District Nazarene Education (birth–secondary) Director will represent Nazarene educators on the District Children's Ministries International Council. The director will answer questions about or from Nazarene schools or Nazarene educators an/or refer the questions to someone who can answer the question.
- B. To assist on the district level, the District Nazarene Education Director may select a person from these areas to help encourage and resource Nazarene educators on the district: Christian schools, public schools and private schools, homeschools, college/university education departments, and global child care centers and schools. These representatives form a District Nazarene Education Advisory Committee.
- C. The director will remind Christian schools to register their schools annually with the Nazarene Education Office at the Global Ministry Center.
- D. The director will encourage educators to become members of Nazarene Educators Worldwide.
- E. The director will promote Nazarene Educators Worldwide through district communications and represent the organization at district events.

#### **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1.** The Nazarene Educators Worldwide Convention will meet in conjunction with the General Assembly year at a location determined by the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council.

**SECTION 2.** Nazarene Educators Worldwide may hold an annual conference at a place selected by the Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council.

**SECTION 3.** Executive Council Meetings will be called by the chairperson of the council as needed to conduct the business of Nazarene Educators Worldwide. These meetings may be in person or through teleconference or videoconference. A majority will constitute a quorum. All members of the council will be notified of the meeting prior to its convening.

**SECTION 4.** The District Nazarene Education Director may have district meetings at his or her discretion. The director is encouraged to promote Nazarene Educators Worldwide at district events.

#### **ARTICLE V. NAZARENE EDUCATORS WORLDWIDE FUNDS**

**SECTION 1. Sources of Funds.** Nazarene Educators Worldwide will be funded by membership dues, convention fees, and other fund-raising measures deemed consistent with the purpose of the organization.

**SECTION 2. Secretary and Treasurer.** The General Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council will appoint a treasurer from the Executive Council or the Nazarene Education Office at the Global Ministry Center.

**SECTION 3. Establishing the Amount of Membership Dues.** Membership dues will be established annually by the General Nazarene Educators Worldwide Executive Council.