

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics**

### **Article I**

#### **NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics (FCTM).

Section 2. The purpose of the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics shall be:

1. To promote the improvement of Florida's mathematics instructional programs;
2. To promote cooperation and communication among Florida's teachers of mathematics;
3. To provide direction and feedback to policy makers regarding mathematics issues and initiatives.
4. To affiliate with national organizations when such affiliation seems beneficial to teaching mathematics.

### **Article II**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. General Membership – Individuals interested in mathematics and the teaching of mathematics are eligible for general membership. General members will have all rights of membership (FCTM Bylaws Article II, Section 1).

Section 2. Student Membership – Full-time undergraduate students in good standing at an accredited institution in Florida are eligible for a student membership. Student members will have limited rights of membership (FCTM Bylaws Article II, Section 2).

Section 3. Life Membership – Retired mathematics educators, who have paid dues for the last five consecutive years prior to retirement, are eligible for a life membership. In addition, all recipients of the Mathematics Educator of the Year award will receive life memberships. Life members will have all rights of membership (FCTM Bylaws Article II, Section 3).

Section 4. Institutional Membership – Schools are eligible for an institutional membership. Such memberships will be for informational purposes. Institutional members will have limited rights of membership (FCTM Bylaws Article II, Section 4).

Section 5. Affiliate Membership – Groups within Florida are eligible for an affiliate membership. Such memberships will be for informational purposes. Affiliate members will have limited rights of membership (FCTM Bylaws Article II, Section 5).

**Article III  
DUES**

- Section 1. FCTM members are required to pay annual dues (FCTM Bylaws Article III).
- Section 2. Membership shall be for one calendar year starting with the month in which the dues were initially paid.
- Section 3. Any increase in the membership dues for the following fiscal year will be voted on by FCTM members at the FCTM Annual Business Meeting as recommended by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. Any decrease in the membership dues created for a specified time frame must be approved by the FCTM Board of Directors and will become effective at the discretion of the FCTM Board of Directors.

**Article IV  
OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The officers of the FCTM will be President, President-Elect/Immediate Past-President, Vice President of Elementary School, Vice President of Middle/Junior High School, Vice President of High School, Vice President of Higher Education, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The President, President-Elect/Immediate Past-President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer will serve as the Executive Committee.
- Section 3. Qualifications
1. All members of the Executive Committee must be members of FCTM.
  2. The President-Elect must have served at least one year on the Board of Directors within the last five years.
  3. The Treasurer must be bonded prior to taking office.
- Section 4. Term of Office
1. The President's term of office shall be four years with one year as President-Elect, two years as President, and one year as Immediate Past-President.
  2. Following their election, all other officers shall serve for two fiscal years. (FCTM Bylaws Article I). The Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer may serve consecutive terms.
- Section 5. Duties of the Officers are as specified in the FCTM Bylaws (Article IV, Sections 2-6).

**Article V**  
**REGION DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Region Directors of the FCTM will be elected from designated geographic membership regions of the State of Florida (FCTM Bylaws Article V, Section 2.11c).

Section 2. The Region Directors will serve on the Board of Directors (FCTM Bylaws Article IV, Section 1).

Section 3. Qualifications

1. All Region Directors must be members of FCTM.
2. All Region Directors must reside or work within the region they represent.

Section 4. Term of Office

1. Following their election, Region Directors shall serve for two fiscal years (FCTM Bylaws Article I). Directors in odd-numbered regions will be elected in odd-numbered years and directors for the even-numbered regions will be elected in even-numbered years.
2. Region Directors may serve consecutive terms.

Section 5. Duties of the Region Directors are as specified in the FCTM Bylaws (Article IV, Section 7).

**Article VI**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors will be composed of elected, appointed and ex-officio members.

1. Elected members include the Executive Committee and Region Directors.
2. Appointed members include the Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Historian, Chairs of Standing Committees, and Chairs of Special Committees.
3. Ex-Officio members are as specified in the FCTM Bylaws (Article IV, Section 9).

Section 2. Qualifications

1. All members of the Board of Directors must be members of FCTM.
2. All members of the Board of Directors must reside or work in Florida.

Section 3. Term of Office

1. All elected members' terms of office are as specified in FCTM Constitution (Articles IV and V).
2. Following their election, all appointed members shall serve for one fiscal year.
3. All appointed members may serve consecutive terms.

Section 4. Duties of the Board of Directors are as specified in the FCTM Bylaws (Article IV, Section 1).

**Article VII**  
**ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Section 1. Elections

1. The Nomination Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees for each office as specified in the FCTM Bylaws (Article V, Section 2.12b).
2. The Election Committee shall prepare the ballot and conduct the election as specified in the FCTM Bylaws (Article V, Section 2.4b).
3. The election of officers and Region Directors shall take place annually. (Article VI)

Section 2. Appointments

1. Presidential appointments to non-elected positions must be approved by the Executive Committee.
2. In case of a vacancy of an elected position, the President shall appoint an FCTM member to fill the unexpired term. Such appointments must be approved by the Board of Directors.

**Article VIII**  
**MEETINGS**

Section 1. The FCTM Annual Business Meeting for all members will be held during the FCTM Annual Conference.

Section 2. The Board of Directors' meetings will be held at least three times a year to plan and direct the Council's activities and business.

1. One of the three required meetings will be held during the FCTM Annual Conference.
2. The President may call additional meetings.
3. A simple majority of the Board of Directors, two of whom must be officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
4. Members of the Board of Directors may be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses for all Board meetings except those held during the FCTM Annual Conference except as outlined in the conference guidelines.

**Article IX**  
**AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at the FCTM Annual Business Meeting.

1. Proposed amendment(s) must be presented to and approved by the Board of Directors before being presented to the general membership.
2. The Board of Directors must give written notice of the proposed amendment(s) to the membership at least thirty days prior to the FCTM Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2. The Board of Directors will have the right to codify the Constitution without going through the amendment process (FCTM Constitution Article IX, Section 1).

**Article X**  
**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Section 1. All matters of procedure not specified in this Constitution will be governed by the most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order.

**Article XI**  
**DISSOLUTION**

Section 1. If at any time this Council should cease to carry out the purposes as herein stated, all assets and property held by it, whether in trust or otherwise, will, after the payment of its liabilities, be paid over to an organization, selected by the final Board of Directors of the FCTM, which has similar purposes, and such assets and property will be applied exclusively for such charitable, scientific and educational programs.

**Article XII**  
**DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS**

This Constitution will become effective immediately after being approved by the majority of the persons present and voting, October 21, 1966, Palm Beach, Florida.

Amended October 16, 1970;	Orlando, Florida
Amended March 30, 1973;	Jacksonville, Florida
Amended October 17, 1975;	Miami Beach, Florida
Amended October 15, 1976;	Orlando, Florida
Amended October 19, 1979;	Cocoa Beach, Florida
Amended October 15, 1981;	Miami Beach, Florida
Amended October 16, 1987;	Ft. Myers, Florida
Amended October 17, 1991;	Sarasota, Florida
Amended October 15, 1992;	Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Amended October 14, 1993;	Jacksonville, Florida
Amended October 13, 1994;	Fort Myers, Florida
Amended October 12, 2006;	Orlando, Florida
Amended October 21, 2016;	Orlando, Florida