



Resolution NE 2014.01

A resolution amending the Constitution of the Northeast Region of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students

Whereas, the Constitution of the Northeast Region no longer follows general practice of the region and;

Whereas, the Constitution is in conflict with the aims of the Association generally, therefore be it

Resolved, *that* the name of the Constitution of the Northeast Region of the NAGPS be changed to “Constitution of the Northeast Region of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students”, this document hereafter referred to as the “Constitution”, and;

Resolved, *that* any further references to “National Association of Graduate and Professional Students” be changed to “National Association of Graduate-Professional Students”, “constitution” be changed to “Constitution”, and “bylaws” changed to “Bylaws” within the Constitution and;

Resolved, *that* Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution be amended as follows (strike-throughs are deletions, underlined text are additions): “Tenure shall be defined as the right to vote, acquired by all eligible members ~~that have submitted the annual regional membership fee as specified in the Regional Bylaws.~~ Eligible member organizations and the Caucus shall each designate one Voting Delegate for voting purposes.” and;

Resolved, *that* Article IV of the Constitution be amended as follows (strike-throughs are deletions, underlined text are additions): “Section 1. The Regional organizational structure shall consist of an Executive Board charged with the coordination of all Regional business and activities in accordance with the guidelines established in this document.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers: a Chair ~~President~~, Vice-Chair ~~President~~, Director of Communication, ~~Director of Administration~~, Director of Finance, Director of Outreach, Legislative Affairs Chair, Employment Concerns Chair, Legal Concerns Chair, Social Justice Concerns Chair, International Student Concerns Chair, and a Director of Regional Conference.

Section 3. The Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of all Voting Delegates at the Regional Membership Meeting at the National Conference. The remaining Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all Voting Delegates at the Regional ~~National~~ Conference.

Section 4. The terms of office for the Chair shall be from one National Conference until the end of the following National Conference. The terms of office for the remaining members of the Executive Board shall be from one Regional Conference until the end of the following Regional Conference. ~~follow the fiscal year, 1 January to 31 December.~~

Section 5. Any member of the Executive Board may impeach, with formal allegations, another member of the Executive Board based on behavior in Office. Any member of the Executive Board may be removed from Office by a two-thirds majority vote cast by the Executive Board within a one-week calendar period from the date of impeachment. The Executive Board shall immediately make known the outcome of the vote and the allegations to the membership.

Section 6. If an Officer is unable to finish the term of office, the remaining members of the Executive Board shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term by a simple majority vote, with the exception for the Chair ~~President~~, of which the replacement shall be selected ~~among the remaining members of the Executive Board by a majority vote.~~ by the National Board of Directors.

Section 7. With the exception of the Chair, ~~a~~Any replacement must be confirmed by the membership at the next Voting Delegates' Meeting. If a replacement is not confirmed or no replacement has been selected, an election shall be held immediately.

Section 8. No person shall hold more than one Office.

Section 9. No member organization shall hold half or more than half ~~more than three-sevenths~~ of Executive Board positions." and;

Resolved, that Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution be amended as follows (strike-throughs are deletions, underlined text are additions): "All Executive Board business shall be official following approval by an affirmative absolute majority of the Executive Board. The Chair ~~President~~ may call a vote of the Executive Board without calling to order an official business meeting. In this event, the Chair ~~President~~ shall inform all Officers of the vote and allow them at least 48 hours to discuss the issue(s) after the last member is informed of the vote." and;

Resolved, that Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution be amended as follows (strike-throughs are deletions, underlined text are additions): "Any member of the Region in good-standing and any member of tThe Executive Board shall have the right to actively participate and set motions before the floor during official business meetings." and;

Resolved, *that* Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution be amended as follows (strike-throughs are deletions, underlined text are additions): “The Region shall not adopt any bylaws that are in conflict with this Constitution, the Constitution of the NAGPS, or the Bylaws of the NAGPS.”

Final Action:

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Northeast Regional Chair