



New Mexico Regional Education Cooperatives Association
(NMRECA)

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

*Every Student * Every Region * Every Day*

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NEW MEXICO REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES

Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the association shall be: Regional Education Cooperative Association (RECA)

ARTICLE 2: VISION, MISSION, AND CORE VALUES

Vision: *Every Student • Every Region • Every Day*

Mission: To collaboratively link and implement local, regional, state, and federal initiatives to improve outcomes for all students.

Core Values:

- We adhere to the highest ethical standards in all we do.
- We develop, support, and respect collaborative relationships.
- Our purpose and vision are to “*make a difference*” for every student, in every region, every day.

NMRECA serves as the shared link among RECs, fostering statewide educational leadership, providing service to its members, and implementing initiatives that support high-quality learning opportunities for all preK-12 students. The collaborative work of the RECs is maximized through active partnerships with and support of all the Association Executive Directors.

GOALS:

Goal One: Engage in statewide discussions to influence educational change and strengthen relationships with other state agencies and legislative bodies, while maintaining a non-partisan stance. Promote the value and utilization of Regional Education Cooperatives (RECs) as neutral, collaborative partners in the design and implementation of statewide educational initiatives.

Goal Two: Strengthen and develop the individual RECs through collaboration fostered by RECA.

Goal Three: Collaborate with state agencies and legislative bodies to develop a standard reporting system for RECs under the umbrella of RECA.

Goal Four: Establish partnerships with other states' Education Service Agencies (ESAs) to leverage NM RECA's ability to collaborate and participate in Regional and National initiatives.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall consist of current Regional Education Cooperative Executive Directors, the RECA State Association Director, and the REC staff designated as administrators. On all matters requiring a vote of the RECA, each REC shall have 1 one vote, which the REC Executive Director must cast. The State Association Director does not vote.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-Elect, and Past-President.

The President-Elect shall be elected biannually and succeed to the presidency. If the President becomes unable to meet the requirements of the office, the membership shall offer the President-Elect the position of President. If the President-Elect declines, the membership may hold a meeting with a quorum present and elect a replacement to complete the President's term of office. If the President-Elect becomes unable to meet the requirements of their office, the membership will hold a meeting with a quorum present and elect a replacement.

To be elected President or President-Elect, members must be engaged as an Executive Director and be active in the RECA membership.

ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board shall consist of the President, President-Elect/Secretary, and Past President, who shall act in lieu of the RECA membership, as appropriate.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

The RECA shall hold meetings as established at the Annual meeting in July. In addition, the RECA membership shall conduct semi-annual retreats and meet at other times upon the call of the President or the membership.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS

The NMRECA, biennially in July, will elect officers as outlined in Article 4 for the ensuing two years. Newly elected officers shall enter their duties after the election meeting.

The preceding President-Elect shall also succeed the outgoing President as soon as the election has been completed. The President shall at once assume the duties of Past-President at the biennial meeting for elections.

ARTICLE 8: QUORUM

At all meetings of the Association, a simple majority of the members would constitute a quorum. A quorum requires a minimum of six members to be present.

ARTICLE 9: CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Changes or additions to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed at any meeting of the Association. Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws require 75% of the membership or eight members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 10: VOTING

On all matters requiring a vote of the RECA, each REC shall have 1 one vote, which the REC Executive Director must cast. If an Executive Director cannot attend a meeting, they may provide a proxy vote, via email-documentation, to the RECA President to be cast on their behalf. In the event the President is unable to attend, a written proxy vote may be submitted to the President-Elect/Secretary to be cast on their behalf.

BYLAWS

SECTION I: STATE ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR

- A. The membership may contract for or recommend the hiring of a State Association Director to support the activities of the RECA and promote the goals of the NMRECA. The selection of a State Association Director requires approval by the vote of the majority of the NM RECA Executive Directors.
- B. The State Association Director position is not considered an officer of the NMRECA.
- C. The State Association Director shall:
 - a. Be present at all meetings of the Association
 - b. Prepare and report on the Association activities that have occurred monthly
 - c. Participate in all committees
 - d. Represent the RECA in a positive role during interactions with others
 - e. Not have a vote in RECA matters

SECTION II: PRESIDENT

The President shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the Association and of the executive board, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association; and
- B. Prepare the program for the general sessions of the annual meeting of the Association, and shall have the power to modify or change the program if, in their judgment, the best interests of the Association are served thereby, provided such changes do not conflict with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws; and
- C. Appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees; and
- D. Engage as the spokesperson on behalf of the RECA.

SECTION III: PRESIDENT-ELECT/SECRETARY

The President Elect/Secretary shall:

- A. Exercise all the functions of the president in their absence.
- B. Support the State Association Director to keep a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board; and
- C. Keep a file or files of the official correspondence of the Association; serve all necessary notices after the President has approved the same; and
- D. Perform any other duties not herein specified which may be outlined by the President or requested by a quorum of the Executive Directors.
- E. At the end of their term of office, they transfer to their successor in office all books, papers, records, and other property in their possession belonging to the Association; and
- F. Attend every session of the Association's annual meetings unless otherwise excused by the President.

SECTION IV: PAST-PRESIDENT

The Past-President, if continuing as a member of the RECA, shall

- A. Act in concert with the President as the RECA liaison on behalf of the interests of the Association
- B. Serve in an advisory capacity to the RECA.

SECTION V: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall:

- A. Be vested with the power to act in the name of the Association between regular meetings on all matters about the welfare of the organization, if they are not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws; and
- B. Meet at the call of the President; and
- C. Have the power to fill vacancies in the body of officers not otherwise supported.

SECTION VI: COMMITTEES

Shall meet the call of the President.

SECTION VII: MEMBERSHIP YEARS AND FISCAL YEARS

The membership year and fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 to June 30.

SECTION VIII: ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

The membership may contract for or recommend hiring additional positions to support the activities of the RECA and promote the goals of NM RECA.

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Signature: *Valerie Trujillo*

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Northwest Regional Education Cooperative #2

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