

NRMERA Constitution

Article I: Name

The organization shall hereafter be known as the "Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association."

A. Duration

The period of duration for the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association is perpetual.

Article II: Purpose

The Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association shall be an educational organization whose purpose is to encourage quality educational research and to promote the application of the results of such educational research in schools.

Article III: Objectives

The objectives of this Association shall be:

A. To establish a responsive forum for conducting educational research in the northern Rocky Mountain region of the United States as well as other regions with similar rural and/or remote challenges to conducting educational research.

B. To promote a trusting atmosphere where graduate students have the opportunity to conduct and disseminate educational research.

C. To promote a trusting atmosphere where public school personnel have the opportunity to conduct and disseminate educational research.

D. To provide for the equal and collegial interaction of educational researchers among themselves and other interested professionals without regard to formal recognition of attained rank, title, or any accomplishment.

E. To establish an effective communication system for the dissemination of educational research activity and opportunity in the northern Rocky Mountain region.

F. To facilitate effective communication among the northern Rocky Mountain region.

Article IV: Membership

Any person who supports the purpose of the Association shall be eligible for membership and shall be an active member in this organization upon payment of annual dues.

There shall be two types of membership:

A. Constituent Membership. All members who are representative of the Association's constituent states are entitled to membership functions that shall be exercised by constituent state representatives elected in accordance with provisions in the Bylaws.

B. At-Large Membership. All members who are not representative of the Association's constituent states are entitled to membership functions that shall be exercised by an at-large representative elected in accordance with provisions in the Bylaws.

C. Membership Termination. When any member shall be in default in the payment of dues at the Annual Meeting, one's membership thereupon is terminated by the Executive Board until such membership dues are paid. Membership may be reinstated at the succeeding Annual Meeting if said dues are paid for that year.

Article V: Constituent States

The constituent states of the Association include Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Article VI: Liaison Relationships

Liaison relationships may be established with associations, agencies, colleges, universities, and public schools with an interest in educational research.

Article VII: Officers

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past-President, constituent state representatives, and at-large representative.

Article VIII: Executive Board

The Executive Board Officers shall be elected by the entire membership attending the annual conference in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Bylaws.

The Officers shall also appoint and approve ad hoc positions to the Executive Board consisting of Program Chair, Meeting Site Director, Researcher Editor, Conference Evaluator, and Membership Chair as set forth in the Bylaws.

Article IX: Meetings

A. Annual Meeting. The Association shall hold an annual meeting no later than the third weekend of each October. The annual meeting shall be held in a resort/recreation type setting with attention to lodging rates, accessibility, leisure opportunity, and comfort. As the last scheduled order of business for the Association at its annual meeting shall be an annual business meeting that is open to the entire membership. The subsequent annual meeting dates and location shall be determined by the Executive Board and announced to the Association's membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

B. Meeting Location. The annual meeting location shall be held every odd-numbered year in Jackson, Wyoming. The annual meeting location shall be held every even-numbered year by a constituent state rotation cycle consisting of Montana, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota, Idaho, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Nevada. Should the constituent state choose not to host the annual meeting at its chosen scheduled time, it can opt to switch with the next constituent state in the rotation providing that state is in agreement. In the event that a constituent state, for whatever reason, elects not to host the Annual Meeting at its turn in the rotation cycle, the next constituent state in the rotation cycle has the option to host the Annual Meeting. Should that constituent state elect to not to host the Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting shall be held in Jackson, Wyoming with the following Annual Meeting location again returning to the existing constituent state rotation cycle without prejudice to the constituent state that elected to not advance its position in the rotation cycle.

C. Open Meetings. The Executive Board shall have the authority to call any other such meeting(s) as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Association in concordance with the Constitution and Bylaws. All Association meetings, however, shall be considered as open to any member desiring to attend and participate without voting privileges.

D. Closed Meetings. The Executive Board has the only authority to close a meeting to the membership and such action requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members present. A meeting may only be closed for executive session in which a personnel matter is being discussed and subsequently acted upon.

E. Meetings of the Executive Board. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held immediately preceding and following the Annual Meeting. Notice of the meetings shall be communicated to the membership through the newsletter and/or other appropriate mechanisms. The President may, if deemed necessary, or the Secretary-

Treasurer shall, at the request in writing of three (3) members of the Executive Board, issue a call for a special Executive Board meeting allowing for reasonable (at least one month prior to the meeting) notification of the Executive Board members.

Article X: Rules of Order

The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in Roberts' Rules of Order (latest version) shall govern the deliberations of this Association.

Article XI: Order of Business

The order of business shall be as follows at all meetings of the Association, Executive Board Meetings, and committee meetings:

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Reports of Officers, Executive Board, and Standing Committees
4. Reports of Special Committees
5. Announcements
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

Any question as to priority of business shall be decided by the President without any debate. This order of business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

Article XII: Quorum

Approval of a majority of the members present and eligible to vote shall constitute the declaration of a quorum for the purpose of transacting Association business at the Annual Business Meeting, Executive Board Meetings, or other called Association meetings.

Article XIII: Nonprofit Status

The Association is not organized for profit and no part of its funds shall inure to the benefit of any officer, member, or individual except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. The Association is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

A. Legislative or Political Activities. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the attempt to influence legislation nor shall the Association participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) with any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

B. Operational Limitations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (1) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law); and (2) contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

C. Dissolution Clause. Upon dissolution of the Association, the Executive Board shall after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Association dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the purpose and objectives of the Association. This shall be done in such a manner or to such an organization organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as determined by the Executive Board. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the President of the Association is located.

Article XIV: Affiliation

The Association shall be affiliated with the American Educational Research Association as a member organization of the Special Interest Group entitled State and Regional Educational Research Associations.

Article XV: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from October 1 to September 30.

Article XVI: Constitutional Amendments

Proposed amendments or alterations to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board at any time by recommendation of any active member provided that:

1. the member secures signatures of four other active members to the proposed amendment;
2. submits this petition to the Executive Board for action no less than fourteen days prior to the annual meeting;
3. the amendment is approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board; and
4. the amendment is approved by a two-thirds majority and balloted division of the assembly vote of the active members attending and voting at the Annual Business Meeting.

Article XVII: Bylaws Amendments

Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by the Executive Board or active members subject to a two-thirds (2/3) majority and balloted division of the assembly vote of the active members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting.

Last amended October 5, 2000 with the inclusion of two new constituent states: Minnesota and Nevada.