



COLORADO AUTO TEACHERS SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

Revised 10/02

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1: The official name of this organization shall be “Colorado Automotive Teacher’s Society” and may be referred to as CATS.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

- Section 1: To develop leadership through active participation of its membership for all automotive programs in the State of Colorado. Automotive is to include automobile, auto collision, diesel, parts, small engine, etc.
- Section 2: To unite all automotive programs in the State of Colorado in a common bond for establishing and achieving realistic vocational goals.
- Section 3: To foster an understanding of all programs in the State of Colorado through the exchange of ideas, methods and techniques.
- Section 4: To create among its membership a sincere interest for the improvement of all automotive programs in the State of Colorado.
- Section 5: To help new teachers attain materials and methods needed in achieving their program goals.
- Section 6: To promote high standards in trade ethics, workmanship and safety for the entire automotive industry.
- Section 7: To breed a true sense of professionalism for the CATS membership.
- Section 8: To appoint a political action committee when deemed necessary by the members to represent CATS and to act as a liaison to government and industry.
- Section 9: To form a committee when necessary to assist automotive programs in dealing with program certification. (i.e. NATEF, Program Review, etc.)

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Colorado Automotive Teacher’s Society shall be affiliated with TRADE AND INDUSTRY education in the State of Colorado.

Section 2: The administration of the association shall be vested in its officers. Officers shall be elected for a one-year term. Officers shall be members as outlined in Article IV.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Voting membership in this association shall be limited to teachers in the trade area of automotive repair in the State of Colorado. (Credentialed/Licensed by the State of Colorado or retired from a state approved program)

Section 2: There will be a non-voting membership available to anyone interested in supporting the CATS association.

Section 3: Membership dues shall be effective by calendar year. The cost of the dues shall be fixed by the current CATS Officers.

Section 4: Lifetime Membership in CATS is awarded to all active members effective at the date of retirement.

ARTICLE V - VOTING

Section 1: CATS members shall have the right to cast one vote concerning all association business and election of officers. (Membership shall be according to Article V)

Section 2: A quorum shall consist of 1/3 of the voting membership. Members must be present to vote. Written proxies will be accepted.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1: There will be two regular meetings a year. The Spring meeting will be in the first week of March to coincide with the ASA Trade Show. The Fall meeting will be in the first week of October

Section 2: Date, location and time of the regular meetings will be determined at the previous meeting.

Section 3: Robert's Rules of Order shall be accepted as final in matters not otherwise defined in the constitution

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

- .Section 1: Officers of the association shall consist of President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Each shall exercise the usual duties of the office to which elected. The term of office shall be one year. Outgoing officers (unless they are removed from their position for dereliction of duty) shall be obligated to assist all officers during the year following their term to insure those duties are well articulated.
- Section 2: The officers of the association shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the Spring Conference each year. A majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to elect.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: To amend this constitution the proposed amendment must be presented in writing by a voting member to the president at least 1 week before the next scheduled meeting. The president will present the amendment to the membership where it must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present.

ARTICLE IV – Section 3 was amended at the Fall Meeting held 10-11-2002.