

## CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

### **Constitution of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German**

#### I. Name

The name of the chapter shall be the Connecticut Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German.

#### II. Purpose

The purpose of the chapter conforms to that of the [national organization](#). The chapter aims to promote and improve the teaching of German in CT and to foster a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among its members.

#### III. Membership

1. Any teacher of German or anyone interested in the teaching of German may join the chapter after joining the national association. Membership will be maintained through annual payment of the chapter and national dues.
2. [Membership types, dues for each membership period, and the benefits included in that membership dues are determined by the national organization](#). Chapter membership dues will be collected annually.
3. Graduate and undergraduate students who are certified by their department head may become student members upon payment of the annual dues for student membership.
4. A teacher who at the time of retirement has been a member of AATG may elect emeritus membership. The dues for this type of membership are defined in the by-laws of the national organization.
5. Honorary membership in the AATG may be granted only in accordance with the stipulations in the national constitution.

#### IV. Officers, Nominating Committee and Elections

1. The executive board of the AATG-CT chapter are the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the testing chair, and the treasurer. They shall be elected for terms of three years and can be re-elected. If an officer is unable to complete his or her term, the remaining officers will select and appoint a replacement.
2. Officers are elected by members of the chapter.

#### V. Administration

The administration of the chapter shall be in the hands of the executive board, which consists of the officers provided for in Section IV. In addition, the ex-president of the chapter may be a member of the executive board for one year following retirement from office.

#### VI. Meetings

The chapter shall meet at least twice a year. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the president after consultation with the executive board. The members present at any session shall constitute a quorum.

#### VII. Changes in the Constitution

The constitution of the chapter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting. Such amendments may be proposed by the executive board or by notice to the executive board by at least four members of the chapter not later than one month in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken. The secretary shall submit such proposed amendment or amendments to the membership at least three weeks prior to the time of final action.

#### VIII. By-Laws

By-laws may be adopted or changed at any annual meeting of the chapter by majority of the members present, provided that notice of the proposed changes is sent to all the members at least thirty days prior to such meeting.

#### IX. Dissolution of the Chapter

The Chapter may be dissolved only (1) at a special meeting called for that purpose, (2) through a vote by a majority of the remaining members of the Chapter, or (3) through clear evidence that the Chapter is no longer active. No member of the chapter shall be entitled to any distribution or diversion of its remaining property or proceeds. The balance of the money, other property, or assets received by the Chapter from any source shall be distributed for exempt purposes to qualifying charitable beneficiaries, preferably the national organization, the American Association of Teachers of German, which is registered as a 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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