

CONSTITUTION OF THE KANSAS CHAPTER  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF FRENCH

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Kansas Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to serve the interests and needs of teachers of French and the teaching of French at all levels of instruction, in both public and private schools, to stimulate professional growth, and to foster interest in the French language, literature, and culture.

Article III: Membership

Membership in the Kansas Chapter shall be open, upon payment of dues, to teachers of French at all levels, to former teachers of French, administrators, students of French, and friends of the French language and culture.

Regular membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Student membership is on the academic year and runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year.

The dues are such as the National Association imposes, plus any dues which may be assessed by the chapter. The dues for regular members are payable in the fall of the year preceding the membership year. Members who have not paid their dues by December 31 are delinquent.

Article IV: Officers

1. The officers of the Kansas Chapter shall be a President, Vice

President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. Only AATF members in good standing (dues paid up to date) may be nominated and serve as officers.

The duties of the President shall be to call and preside over meetings of the chapter, to approve all orders drawn against funds of the chapter, and to appoint the Chairman of the National French Contest.

The President's term shall be for a period of one year. He/she shall succeed to office automatically from the position of Vice President.

2. The Vice President shall preside over meetings and act in the place of the President in the absence of the latter. The Vice President shall also serve as the Program Chairman. The Vice President's term shall be for one year. He/she shall succeed to the office of President automatically from the position of Vice President and then serve for one year as President. If the President becomes unable for any reason to complete his/her term, the Vice President shall succeed to the presidency and complete the President's term. He/she shall then enter upon his/her own regular term as President.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive the dues of chapter members and forward the appropriate share in regular chapter reports to the National Office, keep detailed financial accounts of receipts and disbursements, make a complete financial report at the spring meeting of the chapter or in the Fall Newsletter, keep an up-to-date list of active members of the chapter, keep the minutes of the business meetings, make the necessary mailing to members, serve as the custodian of the constitution and chapter records, and send reports of meetings to the French Review as desired by the chapter.

The term of office of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be two years and the Secretary-Treasurer may be re-elected.

4. Each year the Executive Committee shall present a slate of

nominees at the spring meeting of the chapter. Nominees may also be proposed from the floor. The new officers shall enter upon their functions as of August 1, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall immediately certify the results of the elections to the National Office through the Regional Representative. Election shall be by a majority of those present at the spring meeting, or by a majority of the members by a mail ballot if there is no spring meeting.

The absence of an officer for a period of three months or more from the country shall automatically cause his/her office to be considered vacant.

If an office becomes vacant thru the death, resignation, or absence of the incumbent, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment of the Executive Committee.

#### Article V: Meetings

The Chapter shall have at least two meetings a year, one in the fall in connection with the Kansas Foreign Language Association, and the second in the spring. Other special meetings may be called by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee.

#### Article VI: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Chapter shall consist of the three elected officers and immediate past president. It is authorized to conduct all important business between meetings, and may be called into session or consulted by telephone at the initiative of the President. Its decisions must be submitted to the general membership for ratification either at the spring meeting or by mail ballot.

#### Article VII: Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the

members present at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice announcing the exact nature and wording of the proposed amendment shall have been sent in writing to each member of the chapter at least one month in advance, along with the time and place of the meeting. Whenever necessary, amendments will be approved by a mail ballot.

#### Article VIII: Applicability of National Constitution

All articles of the National Constitution and By-Laws apply to the Kansas Chapter, and nothing in this Constitution is to be considered in contradiction to the National Constitution.

#### Article IX: Dissolution

This Chapter may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting, or by mail ballot, or through the suspension of its charter by the National organization acting under the authority of National By-Law II-5 (c). In case of dissolution, all remaining funds in the chapter treasury and all chapter records shall be turned over to the National Executive Secretary of the AATF under the terms of the aforementioned By-Law.

Amendments to the chapter constitution:

Article IV/4 was amended in April, 2002, to read as follows:

Each year the Executive Committee shall present a slate of nominees in a ballot to be mailed in the spring. Chapter membership may write in the names of other candidates. The new officers shall enter upon their functions as of August 1, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall immediately certify the results of the elections to the National Office

through the Regional Representative. Election shall be by a majority of the members by a mail ballot.

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