

Texas SkillsUSA-VICA District XI BYLAWS

Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Texas SkillsUSA-VICA DISTRICT XI. District XI may be used by way of abbreviation.

Article II. PURPOSES AND AFFLIATION:

- A. The purposes of this organization shall be:
 - 1. To unite in a common bond all students enrolled in trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations education.
 - 2. To develop leadership abilities through participation in educational, vocational, civic, recreational, and social activities.
 - 3. To foster a deep respect for the dignity of work.
 - 4. To assist students in establishing realistic vocational goals.
 - 5. To help students attain a purposeful life.
 - 6. To create enthusiasm for learning.
 - 7. To promote high standards in trade, ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety.
 - 8. To develop the ability of students to plan together, organize and carry out worthy activities and projects through the use of the democratic process.
 - 9. To foster a wholesome understanding of the functions of labor and management organizations and a recognition of their mutual interdependence.
 - 10. To create among students, faculty members, patrons of the school and persons in business and labor a sincere interest in and esteem for trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations education.
- B. Texas SkillsUSA-VICA District XI is recognized entity of the State association and as such shall conform to all rules and regulations of Texas SkillsUSA-VICA.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Types of membership shall be the same as those outlined in the state bylaws except as follows.
- B. Honorary Texas SkillsUSA-VICA District XI Life Membership. A person who has distinguished them self through service to District XI may be awarded Honorary Texas SkillsUSA-VICA District XI Life Membership by a majority vote of the District XI Board of Directors and the Active Membership House of Delegates.
- C. Active and Professional members must be a member of the state and national organization to maintain their District XI membership.

Article IV. OFFICERS

- A. Active Membership officers.
 1. The Active Membership shall elect by majority vote in an Active Membership House of Delegates the following District XI Chapter Officers:
 - i. District XI President
 - ii. District XI Vice President
 - iii. District XI Secretary
 - iv. District XI Treasurer
 - v. District XI Parliamentarian
 - vi. District XI Reporter
 - vii. District XI Sergeant at Arms
 2. The District XI Board of Directors shall appoint alternate officers.
 3. A vacancy in the office of District XI President shall be filled by the elected District XI officers in the order listed in IV, A, 1. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by an alternate.
 4. The qualifications for District XI and the procedure for their nomination and election shall be determined by the District XI Board of Directors.
 5. No more than two (2) District XI officers shall be from the same chapter unless there are fourteen or fewer candidates for District XI office, in which case no more than four (4) District XI officers shall be from the same chapter.
 6. No single chapter shall be eligible to elect the District XI President for two consecutive years.
 7. District XI officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of District XI Board of Directors.
 8. The District XI officers, a representative of the District XI Board of Directors, the Local Chapter Advisor to the District XI President (District XI Chapter Advisor) and any State or National officers from District XI shall constitute the District XI Chapter.
- B. 1. The District XI Board of Directors shall elect from amongst its members the following officers.
 - a. Board President
 - b. Board Secretary, Treasurer and any other officers deemed necessary.
2. The Board of Directors shall be elected by majority vote of the District XI Board of Directors at their first meeting immediately following State Contest.
3. Board officers may be removed from office by two-thirds of the District XI Board of Directors.

- C. The terms of office for all District XI officers and Board Members shall be from the conclusion of State Contest to the conclusion of the State Contest of the following year.

Article V. MEETINGS

- A. There shall be two annual District Meetings.
 - 1. District XI Leadership Conference
 - 2.
 - a. The District XI Leadership Conference shall be held between the start of school and October 31.
 - b. The purpose of the District XI Leadership Conference shall be to provide leadership training for District and Local Chapter officers, active members, professional members, and advisors and for holding a District XI Active Membership House of Delegates to purpose amendments to the District, State or Nationals Bylaws.
 - 3. District XI Skills Championships.
 - a. The District XI Skills Championships shall be held between January 1 and two weeks prior to the Texas Skills Championships.
 - b. The purpose of the District XI Skills Championships shall be to:
 - (1.) Conduct such skills, leadership or general contests as sanctioned by the state and national organization.
 - (2.) Conduct such district contests as sanctioned by the District XI Board of Directors.
 - (3.) Conduct an Active Membership House of Delegates to:
 - (a.) Elect District XI Chapter Officers
 - (b.) Amend the District XI Bylaws
 - (c.) Suggest amendments to the state and national Bylaws
 - (d.) Elect persons to Honorary District XI Life Membership
 - (4.) Conduct the election of the District XI nominee to the State Board of Directors.
- B. The District XI Board of Directors shall meet at least twice per year or as called by the Board President or three members of the Board.
- C. Representation at the District XI Active Membership House of Delegates shall be by one delegate plus one delegate for each ten or major fraction there of Active Members from each Local Chapter.

Article VI. FEES AND DUES

- A. Any fees for participation in District XI activities shall be determined by the District XI Board of Directors.
- B. Annual Dues for District XI Active Membership shall be \$00.00.
- C. Annual Dues for District XI Professional Membership shall be \$00.00.

Article VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The District XI Board of Directors shall be the ultimate authority of all District XI policies and affairs.
- B. All actions shall be in conformance with all state and national rules and regulations.
- C. All Board policy shall be distributed to the local chapters on a regular basis.
- D. The District XI Board of Directors shall consist of nine to twelve members elected for alternating three-year terms, three to four members to be elected each year by a majority vote of the Professional Membership attending the District Skills Championships.
- E. No more than one member of the Board of Directors shall be elected from the same school nor more than two from the same school district unless there are not enough candidates the fill the positions available.
- F. An additional three persons, representing business and industry, may be appointed to the District XI Board of Directors by the District XI Advisory Committee.
- G. All members of the District XI Board of Directors shall be professional members.
- H. A vacancy on the District XI Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the Board President with the consent of the Board.
- I. The District XI Board of Directors shall annually, or as outlined in Board policy, elect or employ a District Director to serve as the administrator of District XI's affairs as defined by Board policy. The person so chosen may not hold any other elected or appointed state or district position other than one directly related to the position of District Director.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES:

- A. District XI Advisory Committee
 - 1. The District Advisory Committee shall consist of members of business, industry, education, and other individuals interested in the betterment of trade and industrial education in District XI for the purpose of advising the District XI Board of Directors on policy.
 - 2. The composition of the District XI Advisory Committee shall be as follows:
 - a. The current District XI Chapter President
 - b. The current and immediate past District XI Chapter Advisor.
 - c. The President of the District XI Board of Directors.
 - d. The Chairperson of the District XI Grievance Committee.
 - e. Five to seven representatives of business and industry.
 - f. A secondary school administrator.
 - g. A secondary career and technology district administrator
 - h. A representative of post-secondary education.
 - i. An alumni representative
 - j. The District XI District Director, without vote.

3. Members shall be appointed by the District XI Board of Directors for three-year alternating terms, one-third to be selected each year, unless they are ex-officio (by virtue of their office)
4. District XI Grievance Committee
 - a. The District XI Grievance Committee shall oversee the grievance process at all District XI competitions and shall suggest changes in rules and operating policy to the District XI Board of Directors.
 - b. The District XI Grievance Committee shall consist of 12 Local Chapter Advisors selected for three year alternating terms of office by the District XI Board of Directors.
 - c. Any vacancies on the Grievance Committee shall be filled by appointment by the President of the District XI Board of Directors.
5. The District XI Board of Directors may from time to time create special committees. However, no special committee shall function beyond the academic school year in which it was created.

Article IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

The rules of procedure shall be as contained in the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

Article X. AMENDMENT:

- A. Proposed amendments to these bylaws may originate from a Local Chapter, the District XI Advisory Committee, the District XI Grievance Committee, the District XI Board of Directors or the District XI Active Membership House of Delegates.
- B. Upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the District XI Board of Directors, the District XI Chapter and the District XI Active Membership House of Delegates the amendment is adopted.

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