

**CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN****ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

- Section 1
(Purpose) The principle purpose of the North Carolina Council shall be to advance the education of students with disabilities and gifted children and youth in North Carolina. Every attempt shall be made to cooperate with other organizations serving the needs of students with disabilities and gifted children and youth and to encourage and assist both individual members and organized groups in the promotion and extension of activities pertaining to the education and welfare of students with disabilities and gifted children and youth.
- Section 2
(Subdivisions) This organization shall serve as a State Council and unifying body of all North Carolina local chapters of the International Council for Exceptional Children (ICEC); the number of such regions shall be eight.
- Section 3
(Compliance with
ICEC) The North Carolina Council shall cooperate fully with the International Council for Exceptional Children.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1
(Membership
Characteristics) Membership in the North Carolina Council shall consist of professional personnel and other persons in North Carolina interested in the education of students with disabilities and gifted children and youth. All members of the Council for Exceptional Children in North Carolina are members of the North Carolina Council.
- Section 2
(Membership) Total Council membership shall be at least one hundred persons.
- Section 3
(Regular members) With the exception of students and life-members, a regular member is a person, who is concerned with the education of students with disabilities and gifted children and youth or in a field closely associated therewith, and who have paid dues.
- Section 4
(Student members) A student member may be any student who is enrolled in a college or a university at either the undergraduate or graduate levels and has paid dues. Any salaried person engaged in full-time work is not eligible for student membership.
- Section 5
Member
participation) All members shall be entitled to participate in all activities of the organization.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

- Section 1
(Finances) All regional divisions are financed by membership dues paid directly to the Council for Exceptional Children.
- Section 2
(Representative
assembly) The North Carolina Council is represented on the International Council for Exceptional Children Representative Assembly of the International Council for Exceptional Children by two representatives properly validated and by additional representatives in accordance with the Council for Exceptional Children Constitution.

ARTICLE V – DUES

- Section 1
(Annual dues) The International Council shall determine the annual dues for Exceptional Children Representative Assembly of the International Council for Exceptional Children. Dues in addition to the minimum annual dues may be assessed at the option of the North Carolina Council.

Section 2 Additional dues of the Council, levied by the North Carolina Council for
 (Additional dues) Exceptional Children Executive Board shall be \$3.00 in addition to the dues required by the International Council for Exceptional Children.

Section 3 Student and retired members are exempt from any annual assessment by
 (Student & retired the North Carolina Council.
 members)

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP YEAR, FISCAL YEAR AND TERM OF OFFICE YEAR

Section 1 The membership year shall be the calendar year originating from the most recent date that dues are validated.
 (Membership year)

Section 2 The fiscal year of this organization shall be from January 1st December 31st.
 (Fiscal year)

Section 3 The administrative term-of-office shall be from OFFICER induction at NC CEC Conference to next OFFICER
 (Term of office) induction ceremony or as per NC CEC President. Terms vary according to position/availability.

Section 4 Annual reports of the Council shall be transmitted to the International
 (Annual reports) Council for Exceptional Children.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Section 1 Elected officers of the North Carolina Council shall consist of a President,
 (Elected officers) President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, CAN Coordinator, and a slate of officers shall be nominated by a committee appointed by the President. These positions require current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings “count” for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member can not meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. The election of officers shall occur by electronic mail ballot. Elected officials shall begin their terms at the end of the annual conference and serve the duration of their term. These positions begin their terms at the end of the annual conference.

Section 2 Appointed officers of the North Carolina Council shall consist of Membership Chair, Student Coordinator,
 (Appointed officers) Member-At-Large, Appointed Conference Co-Chair, Communications Chair and Regional Representative(s). These positions require current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings “count” for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. These positions are TWO YEAR appointments. They will begin their terms at the end of the annual conference.

Section 3
(President)

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council and the Board of Directors, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee, assume the responsibilities of one of the Councils representatives to the International Council for Exceptional Children Representative Assembly. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings (either virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year. Actively participate in all standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will “stay” with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary.

Section 4
(Past President)

The Immediate Past President shall chair the standing committee on Nomination and the Committee on Awards. The Past President shall serve as an advisor to the Executive Committee. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings “count” for this requirement. Actively participate in assigned standing committees. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will “stay” with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year.

Section 5
(President elect)

The President Elect shall, in the case of the absence or disability of the President, act in his/her place and with his/her authority. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year. He/she shall serve as Conference Program Chairperson and prepare himself/herself for the Office of President. The President Elect shall serve as the Chairperson on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and assume the responsibility as one of the Councils representatives to the International Council for Exceptional Children Representative Assembly. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will “stay” with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year.

Section 6
(Vice president)

The Vice President shall in the case of absence or disability of the President Elect, act in his/her place and with his/her authority. The vice president will be responsible for working cooperatively with the board to find a venue for their conference year. The vice president will work cooperatively with the winners of the awards for the current conference year to facilitate the awards ceremony at the conference. The vice president will work cooperatively with the president elect to develop the conference powerpoint presentation for the current year. This position requires current CEC membership in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings "count" for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. He/she shall serve and work cooperatively with and get to know and understand the responsibilities of the President Elect as deemed appropriate by the President Elect. Candidates interested in serving in this position should complete the board nomination and/or application form. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will "stay" with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year.

Section 7
(Secretary)

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the annual business meeting, for correspondence of the Council, keeping miscellaneous records, and maintaining the Secretary's copy of the Minutes Book. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings "count" for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. This is a three year (training year; mentor year, mentor year) elected term. The secretary is responsible for soliciting information for the newsletter and compiling the newsletters in the Fall and Spring of each year. Candidates interested in serving in this position should complete the board nomination and/or application form. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will "stay" with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year.

Section 8
(Treasurer)

The Treasurer shall be responsible for transacting all financial business of the Council, and for preparing an annual financial report. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings "count" for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. The Treasurer is responsible for transacting all financial business of the Council, and for preparing an annual financial report. Desired skills: financial literacy, attention to detail, timeliness in completing tasks, clear and accurate record keeping (reconciling bank statements, and managing cash flow), preparing the annual budget, as well as regularly monitoring and comparing the actual revenues and expenses incurred against such budget. This is a three year, elected term. In year one, the treasurer will work cooperatively with the existing treasurer to learn the responsibilities of the role. In year two, the treasurer will work cooperatively with other members of the board to conduct financial transactions and prepare the annual financial report. In year three, the treasurer will work cooperatively with the treasurer-elect to prepare the new treasurer elect. Candidates interested in serving in this position should complete the board nomination and/or application form. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will "stay" with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year.

Section 9
(CAN coordinator)

The Children and Youth Action Network (CAN) Coordinator will familiarize himself/herself with pending legislation relative to students with disabilities and gifted children and youth and make this available to the members as requested. The CAN Coordinator will publish at least TWO CAN Newsletters during the year at least TWO CAN ALERTS per month. Candidates interested in serving in this position should complete the board nomination and/or application form. This is a two year, elected term. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings "count" for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will "stay" with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year. The CAN Coordinator will serve for THREE YEARS They will begin their terms at the end of the annual conference.

Section 10
(Membership chair)

The Membership Chair shall maintain communication with all Members-at-Large of the Council and maintain a roster of the Council Members-at-Large. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings "count" for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. Membership chair shall participate in at least two membership recruitment events per year, share/generate quarterly updates with the board and contribute to the NC CEC Newsletter. This position is a TWO-YEAR appointment. They will begin their terms at the end of the annual conference. Candidates interested in serving as the membership chair should complete the board nomination and/or application form. Information submitted by all interested parties will be shared with and considered by the new president elect/vice president and the selected membership chair will be announced at the annual conference. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will "stay" with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year.

Section 11
(Member-at-large)

The Member-At-Large shall support the board by addressing the board's strategic needs as determined by the president and/or executive board. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings "count" for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. Nominees for these positions should have demonstrated knowledge and/or experience with the Council and its various activities. This is a one year, appointed term. Member-at-large will work closely with the executive board to complete at least one special event/task per year to support the organization. Candidates interested in serving in this position should complete the board nomination and/or application form. Information submitted by all interested parties will be shared with and considered by the new president elect/vice president and the selected membership chair will be announced at the annual conference. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will "stay" with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year.

Section 12 (Student
coordinator)

The Student Coordinator shall support and serve the student CEC members around the state. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings “count” for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. The student coordinator shall work with state faculty advisors to student groups, attend annual NC CEC conference; facilitate annual student meeting at conference with student president presiding; Run elections of state student president; organize student volunteers at conference; provide Pre-conference support with conference feedback forms; Organize student poster presentation submissions and poster session at conference; organize and decide on award for student scholarship; work with treasurer to maintain budget; work with membership chair to promote student membership. Candidates interested in serving in this position should complete the board nomination and/or application form. Information submitted by all interested parties will be shared with and considered by the new president elect/vice president and the selected membership chair will be announced at the annual conference. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will “stay” with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year. This position is a TWO-YEAR appointment. They will begin their terms at the end of the annual conference.

Section 13
(Appointed
Conference Co-
Chair)

The board appointed conference co-chair shall work cooperatively with the current president elect, member-at-large, relevant state agencies, community businesses and the conference committee to support and serve the board and members of the organization when planning, organizing, and implementing NC CEC annual and mini-conferences and other staff development experiences. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in at least three board meetings per year only one of which is a conference meeting. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will “stay” with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year. This position is a TWO-YEAR appointment. They will begin their terms at the end of the annual conference.

Section 14
(Regional reps &
other appointed
positions)

The Regional Representative(s) shall support and serve the board and members of their region throughout the year according to the needs of their region. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings “count” for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. NC CEC Regional representatives work actively to support NC CEC members and other stakeholders in special education within their region as evidenced by reports to committee chairs prior to each board meeting. This includes maintaining accurate records of K-12 institution contacts in their region and sharing information about NC CEC events such as our annual conference, distributing information about NC CEC awards, nomination and/or applications for board elections and/or working with the NC CEC board of directors to sponsor a mini-conference in your region. Respond to CEC requests for assistance from members of the executive board. Representatives should submit a yearly review of activities to the chair(s) of the Regional Representatives Committee at each NC CEC board meeting. Regional representative co-chairs should facilitate at least two meetings of the regional representatives per year and maintain regular communication with the regional representatives at least once quarterly. The regional representatives co-chairs shall contribute to the newsletter and work cooperatively with the publications committee chair to ensure member resources are available on the website and/or shared with the membership via constant contact. Candidates interested in serving as the Regional Representatives should complete the board nomination and/or application form. Information submitted by all interested parties will be shared with and considered by the new president elect/vice president and the selected membership chair will be announced at the annual conference. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will “stay” with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year. This position is a TWO-YEAR appointment. They will begin their terms at the end of the annual conference.

Section 14
(Student president)

The State President of the Student Council for Exceptional Children shall work cooperatively with the NC CEC Student Coordinator to support and serve the student CEC members around the state. The candidate must be a member of the national CEC organization in good standing. Duties: Participate in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings “count” for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. The candidate will be required to attend the NC CEC conference and help facilitate student activities and volunteers. Preside over student state meetings during NC CEC conference. Work with Student Coordinator to facilitate and assist state colleges and universities in setting up and continuing local student NC CEC groups. Provide updates to the NC CEC newsletter regarding statewide student chapters and organizations. This is an appointed position by the NC CEC Student Coordinator. All appointed positions will be for one year beginning at the last day of the annual conference through the final day of the next conference. Candidates appointed in the middle of a term may reapply for the next year if approved by the NC CEC Student Coordinator. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will “stay” with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year. This position is a ONE YEAR appointment. They will begin their terms at the end of the annual conference.

Section 15
(Accessibility Chair) The Accessibility chair shall support and serve the board and members throughout the year. The Accessibility chair is responsible for working cooperatively with CEC board members to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Accessibility chair will work cooperatively with the Conference chair, treasurer, and others to obtain resources and make budgeting decisions related to implementing reasonable accommodation or public access to NC CEC events and resources. This position requires current CEC membership and active participation in numerous board meetings throughout the year. At a minimum, board members should participate/attend at least three full board meetings (virtual or face-to-face) throughout the year - only one of the annual conference board meetings “count” for this requirement. Actively participate in at least two standing committees and participate in at least two committee meetings per year. If the board member cannot meet attendance expectations, they should communicate with the current president or president elect to confirm their desire to remain on the board as an active board member. Candidates interested in serving as the Accessibility chair should complete the board nomination and/or application form. Information submitted by all interested parties will be shared with and considered by the new president elect/vice president and the selected membership chair will be announced at the annual conference. On or before the annual conference, this officer will generate/update a position protocol to outline key responsibilities and deadlines associated with the position so the next officer will be better prepared to assume the role. The officer will establish and/or use a NC CEC email which will “stay” with the position. The passwords of this account will be shared with the NC CEC secretary. On or before the start of the annual conference each year, the current officer will create/update the CEC Board Service Protocol documenting at least 12 hours per year. This position is a TWO-YEAR appointment. They will begin their terms at the end of the annual conference.

Section 16
(Officer resignation) An officer who resigns his/her office shall submit a letter of resignation to the Council President at least two weeks in advance.

Section 17
(Filling vacant spots) The Executive Committee, with a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, provided there is a quorum, shall elect the new officer.

ARTICLE VIII – REMOVAL OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Section 1
(Petition to remove) A petition for the removal of a Council officer shall be signed by at least five members of the Council and submitted in writing to the President. If the President is the subject of the petition, it shall be submitted to the President Elect.

Section 2
(Notification) The President or President Elect shall, within seven days, notify each Executive Committee members in writing of the receipt of such a petition, solicit relevant evidence from all parties concerned, and call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the matter within thirty days following the receipt of the petition.

Section 3
(Evidence) At the Executive Committee meeting, an opportunity shall be made available to all interested parties to present any relevant evidence. A two- thirds majority vote of the members present, provided there is a quorum, is necessary for the removal of the officer. Removal from office is effective immediately.

Section 4
(Notification) The officer being considered for removal shall be provided with the results of the Executive action in writing within seven days.

Section 5
(Appeal) Upon receipt of written notification of removal, the officer concerned shall have fifteen days to submit to the President or President Elect written notice of appeal.

- Section 6
(Appeal board) Within seven days following receipt of a valid written notice of appeal, the President or President Elect shall call, in writing, for the appointment and meeting of an Appeal Board. The Appeal Board shall consist of two representatives from each local chapter, selected by the respective chapters' membership, and shall meet within thirty days following receipt of the notice of appeal. The President or President Elect shall serve as the non-voting Chairman of the Appeal Board.
- Section 7
(Vote) At the meeting of the Appeal Board, an opportunity shall be made available to all interested parties to present any relevant evidence. A two- thirds majority vote of the members present is necessary to overturn the Executive Committee's decision and reinstate the removed officer. Reinstatement is effective immediately.
- Section 8
(Final results) The officer whose appeal has been considered shall be provided with the results of the Appeal Board actions in writing within seven days.
- Section 9
(Abandoned office) The officer who fails to attend TWO consecutive board meetings without contacting the president or president elect shall be considered to have abandoned the office. The vacant office can be filled by another officer via presidential appointment pending approval of the board. The new officer shall remain in the position for the duration of the original term of office. The new officer may choose to run again or apply for reappointment at the end of the partial term.

ARTICLE IX – REPRESENTATIVES TO ICEC REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

- Section 1
(Representative Assembly) The representatives of the International Council for Exceptional Children Representative Assembly shall be the Immediate Past President and the current President of the Council.
- Section 2
(Advisory members) The immediate Past President and current President shall also serve as a Council representative to the International Council for Exceptional Children's Representative Assembly. He/she shall serve as advisors to the Foundation for Exceptional Children.

ARTICLE X – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1
(Executive committee) The President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-at-Large, CAN Coordinator, the Standing Committee Membership Chair, and the State President of the Student Council for Exceptional Children shall constitute the Executive Committee.
- Section 2
(Duties) The Executive Committee shall carry out the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3
(Meetings) The President as necessary to assure the efficient operation of the Council shall call Meetings of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4
(Teacher member) At least one member of the Executive committee shall be a teacher of Exceptional children.
- Section 5
(Meeting requirements) There shall be at least four meetings annually of the Executive Committee.
- Section 6
(Standing committees) Standing Committee Chairs should attend Executive Committee meetings upon written request of the President or two Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE XI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1
(Board of directors) The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Executive Committee, one Director elected by the membership of each local chapter in North Carolina, one director (President or designee) elected by the membership of each organization Council of Exceptional Children Division in the state, one Member-at-Large, not a member of a local chapter. There will be no limit to the number of terms a member may serve.
- Section 2
(Governing body) The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Council.
- Section 3
(Terms) The term of office of each Director from a local chapter shall be for one year unless re-elected, and there will be no limit to the number of terms a member may serve.
- Section 4
(Quorum) A simple majority of the Board of Directors present shall constitute a quorum to transact business. (Minimum four members of the board)
- Section 5
(Meeting requirements) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on call of the President, or at the request of three members of the Board of Directors, provided there is at least one meeting per year.

ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

- Section 1
(Standing committees) Standing Committees shall be Nomination and/or applications, Advocacy, Awards & Nominations, Communication, Constitution/Bylaws, Finance, Membership, Professional Development and Regional Representatives. - Committees will hold at least 2 meetings annually, and report activities to the board prior to each meeting.
- Section 2
(Other committees) Other committees shall be established, and their functions assigned at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Such establishments must clearly indicate the purpose and length of service of the committee.

ARTICLE XIII – MEETINGS

- Section 1
(General meeting) The North Carolina Council shall hold at least one annual meeting of the general membership which includes both professional and business sessions.
- Section 2
(Special meetings) The President with the consent of the Executive Committee may call special meetings.

ARTICLE XIV – MEDIA

- Section 1
(Newsletters) The North Carolina Council shall publish a FALL and SPRING newsletter, which shall be devoted to the purposes of the Council.
- Section 2
(Website) The North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children shall create and maintain a website.
- Social 3
(Social media) The North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children shall create and maintain a social media presence (Twitter, Facebook,) .

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1
(Amendments) Any proposed amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review.
- Section 2
(Amendment procedures) The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall refer all proposed amendments with recommendations to the Executive Committee.
- Section 3
(NC CEC Constitution) Any proposed amendment shall become part of this Constitution by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at any legally constituted meeting of the NC CEC Board of Directors. Any proposed amendment shall become part of the Constitution of the NC Council for Exceptional Children.

ARTICLE XVI – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Association, the Executive Board shall, after payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all assets of the Association by:

1. Forwarding them to the Headquarters of the International Council for Exceptional Children, a non-profit corporation, with a request that they are retained in a non-interest-bearing account and made available to the Association should it ever be reorganized, or
2. Contributing them to the Foundation for Exceptional Children, a non-profit, tax exempt public foundation which operates to advance the education of exceptional children, or
3. Contributing them to a North Carolina non-profit organization or activity, the purpose of which is to serve the needs of exceptional children.

Under no circumstances shall any of the property or assets of the Association during the existence or upon the dissolution thereof be distributed to any officer, member, employee, or subsidiary of this Association.

This constitution of the North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children has been ratified (or amended) by the board of directors on **6/5/21**.