

**CONSTITUTION  
OKLAHOMA SPEECH THEATRE COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION**

Article I - Name

The name of the Association shall be the Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association (OSTCA).

Article II - Purposes

Section 1 - The purposes of the organization shall be: to provide the organizational structure to meet the varying needs of various constituencies of the Association; to make the Oklahoma speech, theatre, and communication programs a vital education force; to integrate the efforts, interests, and abilities of teachers, school administrators, and professionals in applied communication toward the betterment of speech, theatre and communication education programs; and to act as a clearinghouse for state, regional, and national speech, theatre, and communication education programs.

Section 2 - The purpose of this organization shall be exclusively educational within the intention of section 501 C3 of the United States Internal Revenue Code operating as a non-profit-making organization under the laws of the state of Oklahoma.

Section 3 - To meet these purposes, OSTCA is structured in divisions of communication, forensics, theatre, mass communication, and elementary/secondary education:

- A. Each division shall be generally governed by its own operating procedures.
- B. The Executive Council of OSTCA shall have authority to adjust divisional procedures which are inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the OSTCA.

Article III - Membership

Section 1: Membership in this Association shall be open to any institution or teacher of speech communication, theatre or allied field, or anyone interested in the promotion of communication and theatre education, and students interested in the fields of communication and theatre.

Section 2: Individual membership in OSTCA shall be required for membership in any division or participation and voting in any of the meetings of the Association.

Section 3: Honorary permanent membership may be designated by the Executive Council.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1: All officers shall be elected for one year, except as noted in Section 2. Terms of office shall commence immediately after the adjournment of the annual business meeting. At the conclusion of the annual convention, the Vice-President shall become President, the Vice President Elect shall become Vice President. The Vice President Elect shall be selected at the annual convention.

Section 2: A list of nominees for all offices listed in Article IV, Section 3 (except the President, Vice President, and division officers) shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee and presented at the annual business meeting.

Section 3: The elected officers of the organization shall be:

- A. Elected by total membership:

1. President
  2. Vice President (to serve for one year and then become President at the conclusion on the annual meeting).
  3. Vice President-Elect (to serve one year and then become Vice President at the conclusion on the annual meeting).
  4. Executive Director- a three year term
  5. Executive Director-Elect (when appropriate -- to serve a one-year term and then become Executive Director for three years)
- B. Elected by each division:
1. Chairperson
  2. Other officers as needed

Section 4: The appointed Officers:

- A. The elected officers may fill the following positions themselves or appoint other members to fill them:
1. Historian (Indefinite term)
  2. Web Master (Three-year term)
  3. Recording Secretary (One-year term)
  4. Director of Public Relations (One-year term)
  5. Parliamentarian (Indefinite term)
  6. NCA/CSCA Representative(s) (Three-year terms)
  7. SWTA Representative(s) (Three-year terms)

Article V - The Executive Council

Section 1 - The membership of the Executive Council shall be composed of the elected and appointed officers and the most recent past president who is currently an active member and shall serve without pay.

Section 2 - Duties of the Executive Council shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 3 - Each member of the Council shall have one vote in the deliberations of the Council.

Article VI - Divisional Organization

Section 1 - The Association shall be divided into five Divisions:

- A. Communication
- B. Forensics

- C. Theatre
- D. Mass Communication
- E. Elementary/Secondary Education (K-12)

Section 2: A chairperson shall be elected for a two-year term by each division. Chairs are responsible for planning special meetings, workshops, and conference panels appropriate for the annual meeting.

Section 3: A person affiliated with the educational profession shall automatically become a member of the appropriate division with current membership status. Members whose professional interests and responsibilities overlap may choose more than one division.

Section 4: Persons or groups interested in forming a new division shall obtain the signatures of 10 members and present them to the Executive Council for action.

Section 5: The divisions shall encourage worthwhile activities and shall recommend to the Executive Council considerations or proposals as needed.

Section 6: Each Division may adopt its own constitution and by-laws in harmony with the OSTCA Constitution.

Article VII - Publications

Section 1 - The Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association shall have one web site and one newsletter.

- A. The [www.ostca.org](http://www.ostca.org) website
- B. The OSTCA Newsletter

Section 2 - Publication shall be as set forth in the By-Laws

Article VIII - Committees

Section 1 - The Association shall have two standing committees:

- A. A Nominating Committee
- B. An Awards Committee

Section 2 - Other committees may be created by the Executive Council as needed.

Article IX - Amendments

Section 1 - Amendments may be initiated by

- A. The Executive Council
- B. Upon petition signed by ten members of the Executive Council which shall submit such amendments to the membership for a vote.

Section 2 - A two-thirds approval by those voting is required for adoption.

Section 3 - An amendment shall be submitted to a vote of a duly called Association meeting, or by a mail ballot. If

voting is by a mail ballot, only those ballots received within 21 days of mailing shall be counted. The vote of any proposed amendment shall be published in the OSTCA Newsletter.

Section 4 - An amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.