

# ASSOCIATION OF LEARNING CONSULTANTS — CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I - NAME

*The name of this association shall be the Association of Learning Consultants. It shall be designated hereafter by the letters (NJ) ALC or the wording “the Association.” The Association is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the name New Jersey Association of Learning Consultants (Corporate Number 0100074270).*

## ARTICLE II - AFFILIATION

*The Association is an affiliate of the New Jersey Education Association.*

## ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

### ***The Association shall:***

1. Promote wider public understanding of the role of the members of ALC in their professions;
2. Strengthen the competencies of its members through high quality workshops and by serving as a recognized provider for professional development in the state of New Jersey (Professional Development Provider Number 256);
3. Stimulate creative thinking in the development of instructional materials and techniques;
4. Encourage research in the assessment of learning processes;
5. Disseminate information concerning studies, research and publications in the field of learning, assessment and instruction;
6. Cooperate with education groups and other professional disciplines in furthering the purposes of the ALC;
7. Maintain the research fund to support projects monitored by the James Jan-Tausch Research Committee;
8. Raise funds to support its purposes;
9. Increase membership participation in organizational leadership; and
10. Support and strengthen professional standards and practices.

## ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

### **Section 1. Selection**

Membership in the ALC shall be by application. Applicants shall furnish evidence of their eligibility with their application. Applicants previously not qualified may reapply for membership when they have acquired the necessary qualifications.

### **Section 2. Classes**

Membership shall be in four classes: full member, student member, NCED affiliate member, and retired member. Members shall be entitled to privileges as set forth in Section 5 of this Article.

NCED Affiliate members are those individuals who possess an NCED certificate and do not hold an LDT-C certificate in the state of NJ.

Students and NCED Affiliate members may attend conferences at the membership rate, have access to members only section of the website, and receive all ALC publications.

### **Section 3. Qualifications**

- (A) Those persons who, at the time of application, possess qualifications for certification as a Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant as established by the New Jersey State Department of Education shall be eligible for full membership.
- (B) Those persons who hold an emergency certificate as an LDT-C, issued by the state of New Jersey, and/or those persons who are matriculated in approved programs for LDT-C's shall be eligible for student membership.
- (C) Those individuals who hold an LDT-C certificate in the State of New Jersey and have retired shall be eligible for Retired Membership

### **Section 4. Termination of Membership**

***Membership shall be terminated for any one of the following reasons:***

- (A) Resignation; or
- (B) Non-payment of dues; or
- (C) Unethical professional conduct, verified by the NJALC's Professional Ethics Committee's investigation and not less than 2/3 votes of the Executive Board following due process.

### **Section 5. Membership Privileges**

Membership year is from July 1 to June 30

***Full and Retired Members shall be entitled to:***

- (A) Vote on all issues of the NJALC;
- (B) Attend all functions sponsored by the NJALC;
- (C) Serve on any committee;
- (D) Serve as a committee chairperson;
- (E) Be a candidate for office after serving as an Executive Board member for at least one year; and
- (F) Receive all NJALC publications without charge.
- (G) Qualify for application for third party group insurance for professional liability
- (H) Access the members only section of the website.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. Officers**

***The officers of the Association shall be President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.***

### **Section 2. Term of Office**

***The term of the president, president-elect, past president, secretary, and treasurer, shall be for two fiscal years. The President, president elect, and past president may not succeed themselves. The secretary and treasurer may succeed themselves for no more than three terms.***

***Should a vacancy occur In any of the aforementioned offices, the president shall propose a person to fill the vacancy and the executive board must approve the appointment by a 2/3 majority vote.***

### **Section 3. Presiding at Meetings**

*The following order of succession shall be followed for presiding at the NJALC meeting if the president is unable to fulfill the role of presiding officer:*

*President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President*

### **Section 4. Termination of Office**

*Officers of the Association shall serve their terms so long as they satisfactorily perform the duties of their office. Where an officer is guilty of misconduct, such officer may be removed for cause.*

- (A) Recommendation for recall can be made by the submission of a petition containing the signatures of 10% of the general membership, or 2/3 of the Executive Board.
- (B) The Executive Board shall notify in writing any officer who has been recommended for recall.
- (C) Any officer may appeal in writing to the Executive Board.
- (D) The Executive Board shall schedule hearings, whenever necessary, to review the recommendation for recall of an officer.
- (E) The report of those hearings shall be made available to the membership.

## **ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD**

*The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and appointed chairpersons (four regional chairpersons, professional information, membership, fall symposium, spring conference, research, legislation, constitution/by-laws/professional ethics, professional development, NJEA Convention, directory, finance committee chairpersons).*

## **ARTICLE VII - PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION**

### **Section 1.**

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by at least a majority of the members of the Executive Board or at least 10% of the Association.

### **Section 2.**

Proposed amendments shall be submitted, in writing, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and reviewed by the Executive Board.

### **Section 3.**

The proposed amendment shall be voted on by ballot submitted to all full and retired members.

### **Section 4.**

An amendment shall be ratified by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION**

*If the NJALC should at any time be dissolved, any and all assets of this Association shall be turned over to the New Jersey Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children.*

## **ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER**

*The parliamentary authority for all matters not covered by this Constitution and By-Laws shall be Roberts Rules of Order, revised edition.*