

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
TWO-YEAR ENGINEERING SCIENCE
ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TWO-YEAR ENGINEERING SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (SUNY TYESA). (Hereinafter to called “The Association”.)

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purposes of this organization are:

- A. To provide a forum for the free expression of ideas and opinions of the Association members on Engineering education.
- B. To maintain communication between two- and four-year colleges.
- C. To provide for a continuing review of the quality, content, and goals of the two-year Engineering Science curriculum.
- D. To facilitate transfer from two-year to four-year colleges.
- E. To provide a means of joint action on all matters of mutual interest and benefit to the welfare of the Engineering Science programs constituting the membership.
- F. To foster communication with the State Education Department and other regulatory agencies.
- G. To provide events such as an annual design competition to allow students from TYESA Schools to interact with their peers from other schools.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- A. Regular membership shall be open to all institutions of higher education in the State of New York which meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Grant the Associate in Science Degree in Engineering Science.
 - 2. Adhere to the Curriculum Guidelines established by the Association in

cooperation with faculty, staff, and administrators at four-year engineering schools in New York State as defined by Article IX below.

Regular members in good standing shall consist of institutions as defined above and:

1. whose dues and assessments are not in arrears.
 2. who submit a certification that they comply with the Curriculum Guidelines as defined in Article IX below.
 3. participate in a TYESA meeting or event no less than once every three years.
- B. Liaison member shall be open to those institutions and agencies expressing interest and willingness to participate in open meetings of the Association for purposes of information and communication. Liaison membership shall be conferred by the presiding officer of the Association.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- A. There shall be a President, Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer selected from the regular membership who shall be elected for two-year terms at the annual meeting. Their terms shall start on the date of their election after the annual meeting is adjourned.
- B. The President shall represent the Association in all communications with the State Education Department and with other educational and regulatory agencies.
- C. Voting matters shall be decided by a simple majority of the regular membership present. Each institution possessing regular membership is entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- A. There shall be one annual meeting held at a member school in New York State. Other meetings shall be held at the call of the President or at the request of 25 percent of the regular member schools.
- B. A quorum shall consist of 50 percent of attending regular member schools.

ARTICLE VI - DUES

- A. An annual membership fee, in an amount determined by the regular membership to be sufficient to enable the Association to conduct its necessary business, shall be assessed to all regular and liaison member institutions and payable before the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII – GOVERNANCE

- A. Robert’s Abridged Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of meetings unless otherwise specified in this Constitution or its Amendments.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments may be proposed by any regular member and must be circulated to the membership not less than 30 days prior to the date of the Association meeting at which they are to be considered for action.
- B. Amendments proposed as in Article VIII-A will be enacted by a majority vote of the regular membership present at the meeting.

ARTICLE IX – CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

- A. An approved TYESA Engineering Science curriculum shall be one that allows students who complete the program to transfer to an ABET Accredited Bachelor of Science engineering program in New York State and be able to complete the BS degree requirements within four semesters of transfer.
- B. Regular members are required to provide the Association with articulation agreements, 2+2 agreements, or other written proof that their curriculum is in compliance with section IX-A when they join the Association and whenever they complete a program evaluation or revision.