

AATG Constitution – Central New York Chapter



(Revised 2019)

- I. NAME:
The name of the Chapter shall be the **Central New York Chapter** of the American Association of Teachers of German.

- II. PURPOSE:
The purpose of the Chapter conforms to that of the national organization. It proposes to promote the teaching of German in the area covered by this Chapter, and to encourage a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among its members.

- III. MEMBERSHIP:
 1. Any individual interested in the teaching of German may become a member of the Chapter upon payment of the annual dues to the national organization. Continued membership requires payment of the annual dues.
 2. Membership types, fees for each membership period, and the benefits included in that membership fee are determined by the national organization.
 3. All Chapter members must belong to the national organization.
 4. Honorary membership in the AATG may be conferred only in accordance with the stipulations in the National Constitution.

- IV. OFFICERS:
 1. The officers of the Chapter are a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Membership Chair. (The office of Membership Chair may be held by another officer if necessary.)
 2. These officers shall be elected for a two-year term at the regular Spring meeting.

3. Elections shall be on the basis of nominations made by a nominating committee and/or from the floor. The nominating committee, if any, is comprised of two or more members representative of the membership of the chapter shall prepare a slate of nominations for each office. The nominees shall be made known to all chapter members at least three weeks prior to the election. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot of all chapter members.
4. The President and the Vice-President shall be elected in such a manner that representation from secondary and postsecondary levels alternate regularly. If suitable candidates from alternating levels cannot be found, then the positions may be held by members irrespective of the level which they teach.
5. Chapter officers shall serve no longer than 2 years in a position. Officers may, by choice, remain in the position more than 2 years if finding replacements proves to be an obstacle.
6. Any officer may be removed for cause by the affirmative simple majority vote of the Chapter.

V. ADMINISTRATION:

The administration of the Chapter shall be in the hands of the Executive Council, which consists of the officers provided for in Section IV. In addition, the ex-President of the Council may be a member of the Executive Council for two years following his/her retirement from office.

VI. MEETINGS:

The Chapter shall meet at least two times each year. The time and place of meeting shall be determined by the President after due consultation with the Executive Council.

VII. CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution of the Chapter may be amended by a majority of votes received in a ballot submitted to all members of the Chapter.

1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Council.
2. At least one month prior to the time at which action is to be taken, the President shall publish the text of any proposed amendment.
3. Ballots for voting on any proposed amendment shall be sent to all members of the Chapter. The Executive Council shall designate a date by which ballots must be received, and the ballots shall advise the members of said date. The President shall receive and tabulate the ballots and report the results to the Executive Council. The results shall also be published at the earliest possible time to the membership.

VIII. BY-LAWS:

By-Laws may be adopted or changed at any annual meeting of the Chapter by majority of the members present and provided that written notice of the proposed changes is sent to all members at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER:

The chapter may be dissolved only 1) at a special meeting called for that purpose, 2) through a vote by a majority of the remaining members of the Chapter, or 3) through clear evidence that the Chapter no longer is active. No member of the chapter shall be entitled to any distribution or diversion of its remaining property or proceeds. The balance of the money, other property or assets received by the Chapter from any source shall be distributed for exempt purposes to qualifying charitable beneficiaries, preferably the national organisation, the American Association of Teachers of German which is registered as a 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.