

NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTER
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL GROUP
FOR THE
PSYCHOLOGY OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
C O N S T I T U T I O N

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Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the North American Chapter of the International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education, abbreviated PME-NA. This organization is affiliated with the International Group of PME.

Article II - Aims

The major goals of the organization are to:

- a) promote international contacts and exchange of scientific information in the psychology of mathematics education;
- b) promote and stimulate interdisciplinary research in the aforesaid area with the cooperation of others, in particular, psychologists, mathematicians, and mathematics teachers;
- c) further a deeper understanding of the psychological aspects of teaching and learning mathematics and the implications thereof.

Article III -Membership

Membership is open to any person who is involved in active research in furtherance of the organization's aims or who is professionally interested in the results of such research.

Membership dues shall be assessed from annual conference to annual conference with the amount to be determined at the annual business meeting.

All members in good standing have the right to attend and vote at the annual business meeting.

Article IV - Structure

The governing body of the organization shall be the Steering Committee, which shall be composed of ten (10) members, including at least one (1) member from each of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, who shall serve staggered three-year terms of office, to be elected by the membership at each annual business meeting. The graduate students attending the annual meeting will elect a graduate student member for a term of one year. The Steering Committee is responsible for managing the organization.

The officers of the organization and their duties are:

- a) Chairperson: The Chairperson is responsible for calling meetings of the Steering Committee, for presiding at the annual business meeting the year following his/her election, and for organizing the annual conference. When the Chairperson chairs a conference during his or her final year in office, he or she will serve on the Steering Committee for one additional year as Past Chairperson.
- b) Chairperson-elect: The Chairperson-elect shall be elected by the membership at the annual Business Meeting. The Chairperson-elect is responsible for organizing the next annual conference. Normally, the Chairperson-elect will assume the office of Chairperson at the end of the Business Meeting. If the Chairperson-elect declines to assume the office of Chairperson for the year in which he/she chairs the annual conference, a Chairperson shall be elected by the membership at the annual business meeting from among the members of the Steering Committee. The chairperson-elect is elected for one year and may be re-elected for one additional year.
- c) Secretary: The Secretary shall be elected by the Steering Committee from among its own membership; the Secretary is responsible for preparing and distributing to the membership one month in advance the agenda for the next annual business meeting, as determined through consultation with the Steering Committee, and for preparing and distributing to the membership minutes of that meeting.
- d) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be elected by the Steering Committee from the Membership of PME-NA. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting membership dues, disbursing funds, and keeping financial records. The treasurer serves as a non-voting member of the Steering Committee. The term of the treasurer is determined by the Steering Committee.
- e) Membership Chairperson: The membership Chairperson is elected by the Steering Committee from among its own membership. The Membership Chairperson is responsible for maintaining membership records.
- f) The Past Chairperson is the Chairperson of the previous year's conference. The past Chairperson will be the returning officer for the election of the members of the Steering Committee.

The organization shall hold an annual business meeting at a time and place to be determined by the membership, normally during the annual conference of the organization.

Article VI - Operating Rules

The membership shall have the power to pass by majority vote at the annual business meeting such procedural rules as are deemed necessary for the routine operation of the organization, as long as such rules do not contradict this Constitution.

Article VII - Amendments

This Constitution can be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual business meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been included in the agenda of the meeting circulated thirty days in advance and provided the proposed amendment does not conflict with the Constitution of the International Group of PME.