

NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTER
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL GROUP
FOR THE
PSYCHOLOGY OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
CONSTITUTION

Adopted October 24, 1982

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 by the calendar year, 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 seven (7) members, including at least one (1) member from each of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, [*amended* October 24, 1995] who shall serve staggered three-year terms of office, with two to be elected by the membership at each annual business meeting. The Steering Committee is responsible for managing the organization.

The officers of the organization and their duties are:

- a) Chairperson: The Chairperson shall be elected by the membership at the annual business meeting from among the members of the Steering Committee; 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 president 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 an ex officio member. [*amended* September 21, 1989].
- b) 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.
- c) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be elected by the Steering Committee from among its own membership; the Treasurer is responsible for collecting membership dues, maintaining membership rolls, disbursing funds, and keeping financial records.

Officers are elected for a term of one year and may be reelected.

Article V - Meetings

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.