CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be “The Philosophy of Education Society.”

Article II

Purposes

The purposes of this organization are (1) to promote the fundamental philosophic treatment of the problems of education, (2) to promote the clarification of agreements and differences among the several philosophies of education through the opportunities for discussion afforded by annual meetings, (3) to advance and improve teaching in the philosophy of education both in schools for the education of teachers and in other educational institutions, (4) to cultivate fruitful relationships between workers in general philosophy and workers in philosophy of education, (5) to cultivate fruitful relationships between scholars in philosophy of education and those in other areas of education inside and outside the academy, and (6) to encourage promising students in the field of philosophy of education.

Article III

Membership

Section I. There shall be two classes of members: Member and Emeritus.

Section II. A Member is one who has an interest and competence in philosophy of education and has joined the Society by
submitting a properly executed application form and paying the first year’s dues.

Section III. A Member in good standing is a Member whose annual dues payments are up to date. A Member not in good standing can achieve the status of good standing by paying the current year’s dues.

Section IV. The title, Emeritus, may be given by the Executive Board to an individual who, as a minimum qualification, has been a Member of the Society for at least fifteen years and who has retired from a full-time academic position. Nominations for membership as Emeritus shall be sponsored by two Members in good standing and shall be submitted to the Executive Board with evidence that the nominee has made sufficient contributions to the Society to qualify for membership as Emeritus. The Executive Board shall take into account the following more specific criteria in determining whether or not a nomination for status as Emeritus shall be approved: (1) publication in the field of philosophy of education, (2) teaching of collegiate courses in the field, and (3) the completion of a doctoral degree and dissertation in the field. The Board may consider other criteria as they see fit (e.g., having held research grants that promote philosophy of education).

Section V. Both classes of membership shall enjoy the right of the floor at all meetings of the Society and the right to vote on all matters that are decided by vote of membership.

Section VII. A candidate nominated for membership as Emeritus shall be accepted into Emeritus membership by a favorable vote of at least four members of the Executive Board. The Executive Board may authorize the Executive Director to accept into Emeritus membership nominees for Member upon receipt of a properly executed nomination form and accompanying inaugural
Article IV

Officers and Executive Board

Section I. The officers of the Society shall include a President, a President-Elect, an Executive Director, and a Communications Director. Only Members and Emeritus Members of the Society may serve as officers. There shall be an Executive Board, the members of which shall be the officers of the Society, the immediate Past President of the Society, and two members elected from the membership at large.

Section II. The President-Elect of the Society shall be elected for a one-year term, immediately after which s/he shall automatically become the President of the Society for a one-year term. Any Member or Emeritus Member who holds these offices may not be reelected until at least two years after retirement as President. The duties of the President-Elect shall be to serve as a regular member of the Executive board. The President-Elect shall also assume the duties of the President when so authorized by the Executive Board.

Section III. The duties of the President shall include (1) presiding at the annual general meeting, (2) appointing, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board, a Program Committee for the year of office and serving as ex officio member of that committee, (3) making appointments with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board to fill vacancies which may occur in the unexpired term of any office except the Presidency, (4) supervising arrangements for the annual general meeting of the Society, and (5) proposing the names of eleven members from which seven will be chosen as members of the Election Committee in accordance with the Bylaws.
Section IV. The Executive Director of the Society shall be appointed yearly provided that an incumbent may not hold office more than three years in succession. The duties of the Executive Director shall include (1) maintaining records of the minutes of the annual meeting, of the deliberations of the Executive Board, and of the official correspondence of the Society, (2) collecting dues from the membership and executing the expenditure of funds for the Society, (3) conducting the elections of the Election Committee members, the elected members of the Executive Board, and members of the Commission on Professional Affairs in the manner provided by the Bylaws, (4) circulating official notices to the members regarding the annual meeting and official business of the Society, and (5) presiding at the annual meeting in the absence of the President and President-Elect.

Section V. The Communications Director of the Society shall be appointed yearly with no limit on terms. The duties of the Communications Director shall include (1) collaboration with the Executive Director and Program Chair to ensure information relevant to the membership is made accessible through digital channels, (2) maintaining and upgrading, as appropriate, the Society’s website, (3) ensuring the Society has an accessible and informative presence in additional online spaces, and (4) other communicative activities as the development of digital technologies allows and requires.

Section VI. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Society, the immediate Past President, and two members elected to staggered terms of two years. The duties of the Executive Board shall include (1) passing upon nominations for Emeritus Members, (2) authorizing and approving expenditures of the Society’s funds, (3) acting upon any resignation submitted by officers of the Society and in the event of the resignation submitted by officers of the current President, or whenever a majority of the Executive Board votes that the President is unable to perform the
duties of the office, the Board shall authorize either the President-Elect or the immediate Past President to assume the presidential duties, (4) deciding upon the time and place of the meeting of the Society, and (5) creating *ad hoc* committees as it may think appropriate to carry on the work of the Society. *Ad hoc* committees created by the Board may continue to stand beyond the end of the fiscal year succeeding the one in which they are formed only on a favorable vote of the membership at the first annual business meeting following their creation.

**Section VII. The terms of the officers and at-large members of the Executive Board begin and end at the passing of the gavel at the annual meeting of the Society.**

**Article V**

Commission on Professional Affairs

Section I. There shall be a Commission on Professional Affairs, the function of which is to examine for the Society all issues related to the conduct of its professional affairs, and in consultation with the President and Executive Board, to take relevant action, subject to review by the Society.

Section II. Members of the Commission shall be the President of the Society, ex officio, and five members elected to staggered terms of five years from the membership of the Society. No elected member of the Commission may hold another elective office in the Society while a member of the Commission. Members shall be elected in the same manner as provided in the Bylaws for the election of officers of the Society.

**Article VI**

Amendments
This Constitution may be amended in whole or in part by the following process: (1) proposed changes in the Constitution must have the endorsement of at least two members and must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director; (2) at least one month before the annual general meeting the Executive Director shall email all members of the Society an account of the proposed changes; (3) discussion of these changes shall be an order of business at the regular business session of the Society during the annual general meeting; (4) after the annual general meeting the Executive Director shall email ballots concerning the aforesaid proposed changes in the Constitution to all members in good standing; (5) the proposed amendments which receive a favorable vote from the majority of ballots returned shall be incorporated in the Constitution. The Executive Board shall fix the limit within which ballots on the proposed amendments must be returned to the Executive Director in order to count in the official voting.