

Tri-County Christian Home Educators Association Constitution

(revised and amended 11/2013)

ARTICLE I – Name, Purpose

1. The name of this organization shall be Tri-County Christian Home Educators Association (TCCHEA).
2. The purpose of this organization is to provide support to parents who educate their child(ren) at home. Support will include, but is not limited to:
 - 2.1. Information on beginning the process of homeschooling
 - 2.2. Curriculum selection
 - 2.3. Group meetings for mutual encouragement and information sharing
 - 2.4. Informational website
 - 2.5. Field trip opportunities
 - 2.6. Periodic information regarding political and legal concerns that pertain to homeschooling

ARTICLE II – Membership

1. Membership Requirements:
 - 1.1. Submit application for membership via website or mail.
 - 1.2. Payment of \$25 annual dues for new members. Renewing members pay \$20 annual dues. Membership renewals after August 31st will have an additional late fee of \$5. Dues are assessed per family.
 - 1.3. Concur with the Statement of Faith of the organization.
 - 1.4. Agree to abide by the TCCHEA Constitution.
2. Membership (with the exception of the website) is complimentary for alumni members of TCCHEA under these conditions:
 - 2.1. Children have graduated
 - 2.2. No longer have any children in school
3. Families who cease to agree with the Statement of Faith, refuse to abide by the Constitution, or in some way bring disrepute on the organization, shall be biblically confronted by the Executive Board. This confrontation shall be for the purpose of correction and restoration. In the event that a family is unrepentant, they will be excluded from membership until restoration has been achieved. (Matthew 18:15-20; I Corinthians 5:1-5; II John 9-11)

ARTICLE III – Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall provide oversight for TCCHEA. This board shall consist of four married husband/wife couples. Executive Board members must meet the following qualifications:
 - 1.1. must be presently homeschooling

- 1.2. must have homeschooled their child(ren) for a minimum of three years
 - 1.3. must have been homeschooling for the year prior to nomination and election
 - 1.4. must have been members of TCCHEA for the year prior to nomination and election
2. Executive Board member shall serve a two-year term as part of a rotational system. Each year the couples who have completed their second year of service will rotate off the board membership, if desired. Additional Executive Board couples will be nominated and elected. These newly elected couples will join the existing couples who are currently still serving on the board (fulfilling their second year of service).
 - 1.1. All members may be eligible for re-election one time.
 - 1.2. After serving all or part of two two-year terms (not to exceed four years), Executive Board members will enjoy a one-year break before being eligible for nomination to serve another term.
3. The couple acting as President will also serve as Chairman of the Executive Board. The Chairman will be primarily responsible for the organizational leadership of TCCHEA.
 4. All Executive Board members will be elected annually by a majority vote of current TCCHEA members. Elections will be held during the first meeting of the school year, or as deemed expedient by the Executive Board. Current membership will be notified in an email and/or TCCHEA website. Those members without access to the internet will be notified in writing.
 5. Executive Board members shall be subject to censure or dismissal from office by unanimous decision of the other board members.
 6. If a Board position is vacated before January of it's term, an election will be held by previously stated rules to fill the vacancy. However, if the position is vacated after the first of January of the position's term, the position will be left vacant until the next regular election. Nominations will be requested and the position will be filled during the next regular election. There must be a minimum of three Board positions filled at all times.

ARTICLE IV – Execution and Amendment

1. This constitution shall become effective upon three-fourths vote of the Executive Board.
2. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the current members (who are present and voting) at a general meeting of the organization, provided written notice of the proposed amendment is delivered to all members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.