
The DFTS Association Constitution.

1. Name:

The Association Drama, Film and Theatre Studies Teachers' Association.

2. Aims:

2.1 To foster the role of Drama, Film and Theatre within the Irish Education System.

2.2 To facilitate the sharing of practical advice and experience between teachers of Drama, Film and Theatre.

2.3 To keep teachers of Drama, Film and Theatre informed about new developments within both industries.

2.4 To establish contact with other subject associations.

2.5 To support and encourage the teaching of Drama, Film and Theatre through Irish.

2.6. To act as a voice for the subject of Drama, Film and Theatre and its teachers.

3. Structure:

3.1 The DFTSTA is a voluntary national organisation with a branch network.

3.2 The Association has three officers: The Chairperson, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer elected by the Annual General Meeting of members.

3.3 The Association has a Central Executive Committee composed of these officers, but not restricted to these officers. Other Executive Committee members will be given roles as they arise.

4. Membership:

4.1 Membership shall be open to all those involved in the teaching of DFTS.

4.2 Full membership shall be open to individuals who complete the registration. They shall be entitled to participate fully in the Association.

5. General Meetings:

5.1 The governing body of the Association shall be the General Meeting of its members. At least one General Meeting shall be held each year, to be called the Annual General Meeting.

5.2 The Chairperson or, in the absence of the Chairperson, one of the other members of the Central Executive Committee shall, in consultation with other members of the Central Executive Committee, convene the General Meeting.

5.3 The Annual General Meeting shall elect the Chairperson, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer, who shall be the officers of the Association. Those standing for election must have submitted their names to the National Secretary before the AGM.

5.4 The officers may be re-elected but the Chairperson cannot hold office for more than three consecutive years. The National Secretary and the National Treasurer shall not hold office for more than seven consecutive years.

5.5 The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall include: The Chairperson's address, the National Secretary's report, the National Treasurer's report, the election of the Chairperson, National Secretary, National Treasurer and any other business.

5.6 A written copy of the Treasurer's report, including the statement of account, shall be circulated at the meeting.

6. The Central Executive Committee

6.1 The Association shall have a Central Executive Committee consisting of the Chairperson, National Secretary, and National Treasurer, elected at the Annual General Meeting, and other members as the DFTSTA deems necessary for the coming year.

6.2 The Chairperson, or in the absence of the Chairperson, one of the other elected officers of the Central Executive Committee shall, in consultation with its members, convene the Central Executive Committee.

7. Functions of the Central Executive Committee CEC shall include:

7.1 Administer the business of the Association.

7.2 Promote the aims and policies of the Association and communicate and consult on its behalf with relevant organisations.

7.3 Organise one or more in-service courses on the teaching of history each year. The Central Executive Committee may delegate the running of such a course to a particular branch.

7.4 Appoint people to represent the Association on DFTS syllabus committees.

7.5 Appoint people as editors of its publications, webmaster, PRO and to other roles that CEC may from time to time determine.

7.6 Vacancies occurring during the term of office of the officers of the Association may be filled by CEC for the unexpired period of the relevant term of office.

8. Meetings of the Central Executive Committee

8.1 The Central Executive Committee shall hold meetings at least twice a year at which one third of the members shall form a quorum.

8.2 CEC shall, at its first meeting after the AGM, appoint people to the roles mentioned at 7.5 and 7.6 above. These people shall attend CEC as full members.

8.3 Between meetings of the Central Executive Committee the national officers, in consultation with each other, may administer the business of the Association. All such

decisions must be submitted to Central Executive Committee for ratification at the next Central Executive Committee meeting.

9. Finances of the Central Executive Committee

9.1 An allowance from central funds in respect of agreed expenses incurred in attending Central Executive Committee meetings may be paid to the President, Vice-President, National Treasurer and National Secretary and other members in attendance.

9.2 Central Executive Committee may also pay agreed expenses to those members appointed to carry out specific duties on its behalf.

9.3 In transactions involving the funds of the Central Executive Committee, cheques shall be signed by the National Treasurer and either the President or National Secretary.

10. The National Secretary

10.1 The National Secretary shall keep a list of officers of branch committees, record the Minutes of the meetings of the Central Executive Committee, notify Central Executive Committee members of its meetings and deal with all Executive correspondence.

10.2 The National Secretary shall report annually to the General Meeting.

11. The National Treasurer

11.1 It shall be the duty of the National Treasurer to receive and disburse the funds of the Central Executive Committee and to present an annual financial report to the General Meeting.

12. Records

12.1 On retiring, officers shall pass all documentation to their successors.

13. The Constitution

13.1 Proposals for amendments to the Constitution of the Association shall be sent to the Central Executive Committee of the Association not later than 8 weeks before a General Meeting of the Association. Central Executive committee shall also have the power to set up a subcommittee to review the Constitution from time to time.

13.2 Arising out of such proposals to review or amend the Constitution, the General Meeting of the Association alone shall have the power to change the Constitution of the Association. Such decisions shall be made by a majority of two thirds of those present and voting.