

# **Southeast Regional TESOL Constitution**

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## **Article 1: Name and Purpose**

The name of this association shall be Southeast Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (SETESOL), an affiliate of TESOL, Inc., an international professional organization.

SETESOL is a non-profit organization whose purposes are as follows:

- A. To collect and disseminate information about developments in the teaching of English to speakers of other languages among the member affiliates;
- B. To stimulate professional development by arranging for a regional conference annually.

## **Article 2: Regional Council**

The Regional Council of SETESOL shall include one voting representative from each member affiliate. Each representative will serve for a three year period to assure continuity in decisions being made, as specified in the Bylaws.

Each member affiliate will decide on the method for selecting its representative for the Council. It will be at the discretion of the affiliate whether this representative will be a part of the state affiliate's Executive Board, but the representative's name will be posted on each affiliate's web site, along with contact information.

The Chair of a Regional Council meeting will be the representative of the host of the regional meeting following the next one on the schedule.

Meetings of the Council will be held at international TESOL conventions and Southeast Regional TESOL conferences. Minutes are to be shared with each member affiliate of the SE Region.

## **Article 3: Membership**

Every person who attends a SETESOL conference automatically becomes a member of SETESOL.

A TESOL affiliate will be considered a member affiliate of SETESOL and therefore entitled to send a representative to Regional Council meetings if it

- (a) is in the Southeastern United States, and
- (b) approves the SETESOL Constitution

A member affiliate of SETESOL has an obligation to have a representative at each Regional Council meeting. If an affiliate fails to have a representative at four consecutive Council meetings, it shall lose its standing as a member of SETESOL until it sends a representative to a Regional Council meeting with the authority to commit the affiliate to hosting a SE Regional TESOL conference in a specified future year.

#### Article 4: Responsibilities

The Regional Council is responsible for functioning within the TESOL guidelines for an affiliate.

It shall be a major purpose of the Council to ensure that host affiliates have been determined at least three years in advance.

The Council will select a committee to establish and maintain a website. This website will include the following information: an annual newsletter, names and contact information for Regional Council members, SETESOL listserv information, a schedule of upcoming events, and any other material as determined by the Bylaws.

#### Article 5: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed either by affiliates or by members of the Regional Council at any Council meeting. Proposed amendments will then be submitted to individual affiliates for discussion. At the next regular meeting of the Regional Council, the Representatives of each affiliate will vote the decision made by that affiliate. A majority of the Regional Council may ratify an amendment.

#### Article 6: Bylaws

The ongoing operation of this organization shall be governed by the SETESOL Bylaws. The Bylaws shall be established and amended by a simple majority of official affiliate representatives to the Council.

#### Article 7: Ratification

This Constitution takes effect when ratified by any four affiliates in the southeastern U.S.