

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS FOR THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF  
TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATORS (VATIE)**

**VATIE CONSTITUTION**

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**ARTICLE I- NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Virginia Association of Trade and Industrial Educators.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Virginia Association of Trade and Industrial Educators (VATIE) shall be to promote the highest standard of professionalism among it’s members bridging the gap between trade and industrial education with business and industry. The Association shall also promote the highest level of competence for Trade and Industrial Students making them life long learners with employable technical skills. VATIE also supports and promotes Skills USA Virginia.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Any person engaged in the teaching or administration of Trade and Industrial Education, or any person interested in the promotion of Trade and Industrial Education in Virginia shall be eligible for membership upon payment of dues.

Section 2. Any member of the Association shall be entitled to freedom of discussion and has the right to vote in regular and called business meetings.

**ARTICLE IV –OFFICERS**

Section 1. The elective officers of the Association shall be a President, a President -elect a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The elective officers shall serve as the Executive Council for the purposes of planning meetings and conferences. Any member of the Association will be eligible to hold office. The term of office for each officer shall be two years.

Section 2. The VATIE Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Council, the Financial Officer, and the Conference Manager.

Section 3. Officer elections shall be conducted at the annual meeting. The terms shall be staggered in that the President-Elect and the Secretary will be elected in even number years and the Treasurer will be elected in odd number of years.

Section 4. The Skills USA Virginia Corporate Officers and the Skills USA Virginia State Specialist shall serve as ex officio members.

#### **ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEETINGS**

Section 1. A general meeting will be held annually in conjunction with the Trade and Industrial Education Teachers Conference. All members in good standing are eligible to attend and participate in the annual general meeting. The purpose of the annual general meeting will be to act on all business.

#### **ARTICLE VI - FINANCES**

Section 1. For the purpose of continuity, the President shall, with the approval of the Executive Council, appoint a Financial Officer to manage the VATIE accounts. The Financial Officer shall remain in the office as long as is mutually agreeable between said officer and the VATIE Executive Council.

Section 2. The annual membership dues shall be paid to the Financial Officer. The amount of the membership dues shall be established by the Executive Council, with ratification by a majority of the general membership present at the annual meeting.

Section 3. The Audit Committee shall consist of the President – Elect, the Treasurer, and one representative appointed by the President. The committee shall audit all accounts and report their findings at the annual meeting.

Section 4. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

#### **ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENT**

To amend this Constitution, it shall be necessary to present the proposed amendment in writing to the Board of Directors by their annual Spring meeting. At the annual general meeting the Association will adopt or reject any such proposed amendment by a majority vote of the members present.