

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION
of the
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICS TEACHERS**

CONSTITUTION

Revised 2017

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Southern California Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers (SCAAPT).

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives of SCAAPT shall be advancing physics teaching and promoting an appreciation of the role of physics in our culture.
2. No part of the net earnings of SCAAPT shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, members, or other private persons, except that SCAAPT shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes. Except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Code, no substantial part of the activities of SCAAPT shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation. SCAAPT shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, SCAAPT shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(a) of the Code as being to an organization referred to in Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of three classes: regular members, emeritus members (retired), and sustaining members (corporations and institutions). The privilege of voting and holding office shall be limited to regular members and emeritus members.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

1. There shall be two meetings each year – one in the Spring and one in the Fall.
2. The program of each Spring Meeting shall include a Business Meeting, during which the officers shall report to the membership on the status of the section. Other section business will be carried out as necessary. A quorum of at least ten voting members will be required for a business meeting.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

1. The Executive Committee of SCAAPT shall be a President, a Vice President for High Schools, a Vice President for Two Year Colleges, a Vice President for Universities, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Past-President, a Web Manager, and a Section Representative.
2. The duties of the officers shall be defined in the by-laws. The officers shall jointly be responsible for handling the finances, correspondence, and external relations of SCAAPT. They shall make all arrangements for meetings of SCAAPT except such as may be delegated by action of the officers or of the membership.
3. A vacancy in one of the offices, other than Past-President, shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Committee, pending the next regular election.
4. The Executive Committee may, by majority vote, appoint ad hoc committees for the purpose of furthering the Section's activities. The ad hoc committees shall be of duration not longer than two years.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at any Business Meeting.
2. A proposed amendment, recommended by the Executive Committee or by petition signed by at least 5 per cent of the voting membership, must be submitted to vote within twelve months after receipt of the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE VII. BYLAWS

1. By-laws may be adopted or amended by a simple majority of those members present and voting at any Business Meeting.
2. A proposed bylaw or amendment, recommended by the Executive Committee or by petition signed by at least 5 per cent of the voting membership, must be submitted to vote within twelve months after receipt of the proposed amendment.