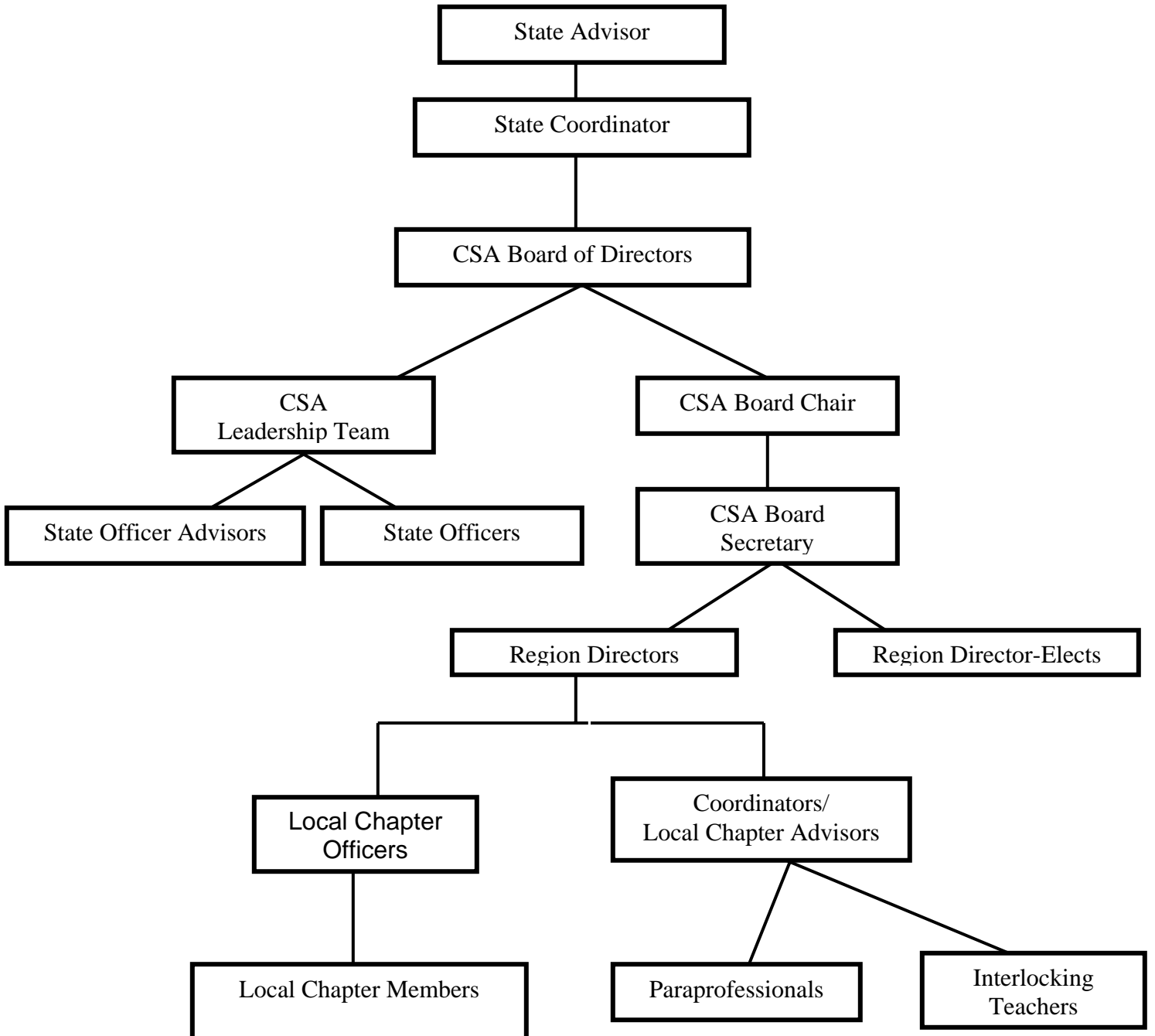


Constitution & Bylaws



The Constitution and By-Laws of Georgia CSA were revised and accepted by official voting delegates at the Fall Leadership Conference on _____.

**GEORGIA CSA
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



THE CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA CSA, INC.

Article I – Name

The official name of this organization shall be Georgia CSA, Inc. and may be referred to as Georgia CSA.

Article II – Purpose

The purposes of this Association are:

- To unite in a common bond those students in the State of Georgia who are enrolled in Intervention programs.
- To provide a clearinghouse for information and activities.
- To provide recognition and prestige through an association of local chapters.
- To develop leadership abilities through participating in career related activities and by developing a respect for the dignity of work.
- To create enthusiasm for learning.
- To develop the students' ability to plan together, organize, and carry out worthy activities, and projects through the use of the democratic process.
- To create among students, faculty members, patrons of the school and person in business and industry a sincere interest in and esteem for all technology/career education.

Article III – Organization

Section 1. Georgia CSA is an association of local chapters in the State of Georgia.

Section 2. The administration of Georgia CSA shall be vested in the CSA State Board of Directors, CSA State Officer Advisors, CSA State Officers, CSA State Advisor and the CSA State Coordinator.

Section 3. The CSA State Board of Directors shall be comprised of a board chairperson, six region directors, six region director elects and a secretary. The region directors shall serve as region advisors and will be elected by a majority vote of the coordinators in their region. Each region shall also elect a director-elect. The director-elect will serve in fiscal as well as an advisory capacity during his/her first year of office and assume the duties of the director the following year.

Section 4. The CSA Board of Directors along with the CSA State Advisor and State Coordinator will serve as the policy-making board for decisions relevant to the administration of Georgia CSA.

Section 5. The CSA Leadership Team shall consist of all CSA State Officers, all CSA Regions Presidents and the State Officer Advisors.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice per year with one meeting being held at the State Officer's Training Conference and one prior to the

CSA State Conference on a date to be set by the Board of Directors and/or the State Coordinator. The CSA Board of Directors and the State Coordinator shall call additional meetings at such time as they deem necessary.

Section 7. All powers not delegated to the CSA Board of Directors shall reside within the local chapters.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. The chapter member shall exercise his/her right to vote through voting delegates at Region Contest.

Section 2. All chapters shall cast two votes at Region Contest to elect a state officer position and a semi-finalist for State President.

Section 3. All chapters shall cast one vote at the State Conference for State President.

Article V – Officers

Section 1. The officers of Georgia CSA, Inc. shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Parliamentarian, and Historian.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected by a plurality vote of the voting delegates at the annual region contest, except for the election of the State President. To determine the office and officer to be elected in each region, please refer to the chart on page 8.

Section 3. Officers shall serve for a term of one year.

Section 4. Each Region Director in the state will appoint one student Region President. The Region President is automatically a member of the State Leadership Team, and therefore, is a State Officer.

Section 5. The alternate state officers shall be the runners-up in the elections if available and willing to serve. Any tie vote shall be resolved by a runoff. If no runners-up are able to serve, the selection of the officer will be at the discretion of the State Advisor and/or State Coordinator.

Article VI – Qualifications for State Officer

Section 1. Candidate for a State Officer shall have:
a) Active membership status.
b) At least one full school year remaining in an intervention program.

Section 2. If a state officer cannot fulfill his/her duties, the alternate will assume the office.

Section 3. All candidates for a State Office must file their candidacy for office with the State Advisor or State Coordinator.

Article VII – Dues

Section 1. State dues shall be as set by the CSA Board of Directors for the school year and shall be payable as designated.

Section 2. The State Coordinator shall report which chapters have paid their dues and are members in good standing on or before February 1st of each school year.

Section 3. No student may participate in any region or state activity unless he/she is a member in good standing.

Section 4. No chapter may participate in region contest if all fees are not paid.

Article VIII – Emblem, Creed, and Motto

Section 1. The emblem and colors of the Georgia CSA, Inc. shall be as selected by the delegate assemble of Georgia CSA.

Section 2. The CSA Creed and Motto shall be as they appear in the CSA contest manual. Any changes in the CSA emblem, colors, creed, or motto shall be constitutional changes and shall only be made as amendments to the constitution as provided for in Article XI.

Article IX – Audit

The accounts of the State Coordinator shall be audited each year by an Auditing Firm.

Article X – Miscellaneous

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the authorized delegates to any annual State Conference or by two-thirds vote of any representative assembly of delegates, which might be called by the CSA Board of Directors, specifically for purposes of constitutional amendment.

Section 2. Only such amendments shall be made as are in keeping with the purposes stated in Article II of the Constitution.

Section 3. Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the CSA Board of Directors prior to the State Conference. Those proposed amendments receiving favorable consideration from the Board of Directors should be mailed to each local coordinator at least 30 days prior to the State Conference.

**BY-LAWS
OF
GEORGIA CSA**

Article 1 – Method of Electing Officers

Section 1. The office of President is open to all Regions. At the annual Region Contest, all candidates will give a 3-minute campaign speech. Each region is allowed two voting delegates. The candidate that wins the region election will proceed to the state conference election. All ties are to be broken at the region level. Only one representative from each region will be allowed to run for State President. The candidate will then complete the state regulations that are outlined by the Georgia CSA Competitive Events Guidelines. Each region is allowed one voting delegate at the state level. The President will be elected by a plurality vote of the voting delegates at the state level. A tie will be broken by a runoff election. In the event the President cannot assume his/her responsibility, the Vice President will assume the role of President.

Section 2. Officers for the respective regions shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual Region Contest. These offices are: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Reporter and Historian. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes by the voting delegates will be elected. Any tie vote shall be resolved by a runoff that will be held by secret ballot at the annual Region Contest.

Section 3. In the event that an elected officer is unable to fulfill his or her responsibility, the runners-up in the order they placed at Region Contest will serve the remainder of the elected term. In the event no runners-up are available, the position will be filled at the discretion of the State Advisor and/or State Coordinator.

Article II—Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The President. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings. The president, in collaboration with the State Chapter Advisor, and/or State Leadership Team shall appoint standing committees and all other committees and may serve as an ex-official member of these committees.

Section 2. The Vice-President. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to assume the duties of the president in his/her absence or upon request of the president and to assist the president in other ways as appropriate. The vice-president will assist with all student activities and arrangements at the State Conference.

Section 3. The Secretary. The secretary shall perform the duties common to the office, such as keeping an accurate record of all meetings. It shall be the duty of the secretary to submit the required reports to the State Office. The secretary shall also handle all correspondence.

Section 4. The Treasurer. The treasurer, with the assistance of the Leadership Team, shall act as guardian of the funds of the organization, collect dues, and give financial reports at designated periods.

Section 5. The Reporter. The reporter shall act as public relations officers for the chapter. He/she shall see that news stories and photographs are delivered to the various

news media. He/she shall also cooperate with the school officials concerning assembly, radio, and television programs.

Section 6. The Parliamentarian. The chapter parliamentarian serves as a consultant to the president on procedural matters. An authority of parliamentary procedures is frequently needed, and the parliamentarian is the source of such information. The parliamentarian should have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedures and the ability to give opinions based thereupon. He/she must be a person in whom others have confidence, since he/she may be called upon to settle controversial issues.

Section 7. The Historian. The historian serves to obtain and keep a written and pictorial record of all activities participated in by Georgia CSA for use now and in the future. The historian is the keeper of the state scrapbook and all other special materials related to the history of Georgia CSA.

Article III—Duties of Standing Committees

Section 1. The Auditing Firm shall examine the records of the Georgia CSA, Inc., and shall make a report to the delegate body at the annual business meeting as to the financial status of the organization.

Article IV—Delegate Body

Section 2. The By-Laws Committee shall draw up and present to the CSA Board of Directors for its consideration such resolutions as may be in order at the time of the annual meetings.