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**CONSTITUTION OF THE AK-CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF GERMAN (AATG)**

I. NAME

The name of the chapter shall be the *Alaska Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German*.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the chapter conforms to that of the national organization. It proposes to promote and improve the teaching of German language and culture in the area covered by this chapter, and to encourage a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among its members.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any teacher of German or anyone interested in the teaching of German may join the chapter and the national organization upon payment of the annual dues as specified by the by-laws of the national organization. All chapter members belong first to the national association; membership in the chapter alone is not permissible. Membership will be retained by the continued payment of the annual dues.
2. The annual dues, which include subscription to the official publications of the national association, are payable in September of the membership year, defined as the academic year, September 1-August 31, for which they are intended. Only members in good standing may exercise the privileges of membership.
3. Students, both undergraduate and graduate, whose status is verified by the chairperson of their department, may become student members upon payment of the annual dues for student membership.
4. A teacher who at the time of retirement has been a member for at least fifteen years may elect emeritus membership. The dues for this type of membership are defined in the by-laws of the national organization.
5. Honorary membership in the AATG AK-Chapter may be granted only in accordance with the stipulations in the national constitution.

IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

1. The officers of the chapter are a president, a vice-president, a secretary and treasurer, or a secretary/treasurer. They shall normally be elected for a term of two years and may be re-elected for at most two additional terms, for a possible total of six consecutive years. A person may be a candidate for the same position after at least two terms have elapsed. The president and vice-president shall be elected for two years beginning in alternate years and preferably different regions of the state.
2. These officers shall be elected at a chapter meeting on the basis of nominations made by a nominating committee constituted according to

Robert's Rules of Order and/or from the floor. Chapter members shall be notified of the slate of candidates at least four weeks prior to the time of elections. Elections shall be held in April by secret ballot. Members unable to attend the meeting may request a mail ballot, which must be post-marked no later than three days before the meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the chapter shall be in the hands of the executive council, which consists of the officers provided for in Section IV. In addition, the ex-president of the chapter shall be a member of the executive council for one year following his/her retirement from office.

VI. MEETINGS

The chapter shall meet at least two times each year. The time and place of meeting shall be determined by the president after due consultation with executive council. The members present at any session shall constitute a quorum.

VII. CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the chapter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting. Such amendment or amendments may be proposed by the executive council or by written notice to the executive council by at least four members of the chapter no later than two months in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken. The secretary or secretary/treasurer shall submit proposed amendments to the membership at least three weeks prior to the time of final action.

VIII. BY-LAWS

By-laws may be adopted or changed at any annual meeting of the chapter by a simple majority of the members present, provided that written notice of the proposed changes is sent to all the members at least thirty days prior to such meeting.