

BYLAWS FOR THE ANCHORAGE ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children", hereafter also referred to as AAEYC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The expressed purpose of AAEYC is to act on behalf of the needs and rights of young children, (birth through age eight) and their families. In implementing this purpose the goals of AAEYC are:

- A. Respects each child for the individual she/he is;*
- B. Endeavors to uplift the competence of all persons who are with young children, to upgrade ourselves professionally, and to educate the general community on the needs, rights, and respect of young children;*
- C. Participates in the development of standards, which will ensure high quality environments for young children;*
- D. Serves as a public information agency striving to accomplish a commitment by this community, state, and nation to provide for all children, that which is their birthright -- the very best beginning in life that is within our knowledge and skills to give them;*
- E. Develops position statements on issues or areas of critical concern and takes action;*
- F. Assists individuals and groups as they learn to become more effective in influencing policy relating to the total well being of children;*
- G. Works to increase awareness by disseminating information about public policies and pending legislation, and interpreting issues and alternatives;*
- H. Educates the community about the availability of programs for young children and about child growth and development; and*
- I. Coordinates and cooperates with other groups with similar goals.*
- J. This organization is formed exclusively for educational purposes, as limited by the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3).*

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- 1. All persons interested in the purpose of AAEYC are eligible for membership upon payment of annual dues.*
- 2. AAEYC is made up of individual members.*
- 3. The categories of membership shall be Entry Level, Standard, Premium & Family.*
- 4. All members, upon payment of annual dues, shall become eligible for all rights, benefits, and responsibilities of membership as set forth in the bylaws and policies of Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children (AAEYC) and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).*
- 5. AAEYC admits members of any race, color, sex, religion, handicap, sexual preference, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, services and activities generally*

accorded, or made available to members. All activities, contractors, endorsements and grants or scholarships shall be without bias.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION

- A. The Administering Body shall be called the Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the association, shall determine its policies or changes therein within the limits of the bylaws, shall actively promote its purposes, and shall have discretion in the disbursement of its funds.
- C. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, elected by the general membership; six at-large Board members elected by the general membership and up to five appointed Board members.
- D. The six at-large Board members shall be elected for a two-year term.
- E. There shall be at least four meetings of the full board of directors including the board retreat. The Executive board and subcommittees will meet as needed through out the membership year. Additionally, the executive board may call a convening of the full board of directors if needed.
- F. A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

- A. The officers of AAIEYC shall be:
 - President Emeritus (past president)
 - President
 - President Elect
 - Secretary
 - Treasurerand shall constitute the Executive Committee.
- B. Six elected Directors
- C. Up to five Appointed Directors
- D. Officers will be elected on a rotating basis according to the AAIEYC Policy Manual. Duties of the officers shall be such as are usually performed by these officers. Specific qualifications and duties are defined in the AAIEYC Policies Manual.
- E. Officers may not succeed themselves in any office more than once, except when the first term is by appointment to fill an unexpired term created by a vacancy in office.
- F. Any office becoming vacant during the year shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- A. *The Board of Directors shall be empowered to establish, monitor and change the AAEYC budget, in accordance with the AAEYC Bylaws and policies. The members will adopt the budget.*
- B. *NAEYC/AAEYC dues shall be determined by NAEYC.*
- C. *Dues shall provide a means for development, implementation and coordination of activities.*

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. *The Board of Directors shall select the nominating committee in accordance with AAEYC bylaws and policies.*
- B. *The nominating committee shall request suggestions for nominations from the membership no later than eight weeks prior to the date that the slate is presented for voting.*
- C. *The officers shall be nominated by individual members and forwarded to the nominating committee.*
- D. *The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of officers in accordance with AAEYC bylaws and policies and shall notify the membership of the composition of the slate no later than three weeks prior to the date that the slate is presented for voting.*
- E. *Elections shall be determined by a majority of the members voting.*
- F. *Elections shall be accomplished by e-mail vote or by a vote at a membership meeting as determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with AAEYC bylaws and policies. Election results shall be published on AAEYC Website and social media (Facebook) following the accomplishment of the election.*

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

The president, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint as many standing and special committees as are determined necessary to fulfill the purpose of AAEYC.

ARTICLE IX - MEMBERSHIP YEAR

NAEYC/AAEYC membership will be on a "rolling" membership year in which the membership year will begin on date of NAEYC/AAEYC membership payment.

ARTICLE X - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall extend from June 1st through May 31st.

ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

- A. *There shall be an annual meeting of AAEYC, the date, time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The membership shall be informed by e-mail or social media of the date and place of the meeting no later than three weeks prior to the meeting date.*
- B. *AAEYC will sponsor an annual conference.*

ARTICLE XII- QUORUM

- A. *Quorum of Executive Committee shall be three.*
- B. *Quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a simple majority of the current Board.*
- C. *A majority of the membership present shall constitute a quorum at any membership meeting.*

ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

The AAAYC may be dissolved at a membership meeting called for that purpose by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. In the event of the dissolution of the corporation whether voluntary or involuntary, no member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds, and the balance of all money and other property received by the corporation from any source, after payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation, shall be distributed exclusively to one or more organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE XIV - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority covering this organization.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS

- A. *Revisions and amendments to the bylaws shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors.*
- B. *These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part (1) by a majority vote at any meeting of AAAYC; provided, that a copy of any amendment proposal for consideration shall be e-mailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting; or (2) by approval of the members through e-mail vote in accordance with the provision of Article XII.*