

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ITALIAN CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ITALIAN

## I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the *Ao gtlkcp Auuqekvkqp qhVgcej gt uqhIvrlcp* (AATI; henceforth known herein as “Association”)

## II. Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote and improve the teaching of the language, literatures, and cultures of Italian-speaking countries and geo-cultural areas, and to serve the interests of teachers of Italian on all levels in the United States and Canada, especially through publication of its journal *Ivrlkcp*, its Newsletter, and its official Websites; the sponsorship of conferences, symposia, and workshops; the encouragement and support of research in the field of Italian Studies; informing the general public of its activities; and the collaboration with other professional organizations.

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall benefit any private shareholder or individual; no substantial share of the activities of the Association shall be for the purpose of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## III. Membership

a) Any person may become a member on payment “MemM

c) Recipients of the Association's Distinguished Service Award are entitled to an honorary life membership, subject to such limitation(s) as may be stated in the By-laws. The Association's Distinguished Service Award is to recognize and further encourage the achievements and contributions of the members of the AATI for distinguished teaching and or published research in the fields of Italian Studies: language, literature, linguistics, cinema, and civilization.

d) A non-member who has made a significant contribution to the building of the Association, to the fulfillment of its objectives, or to the development of the profession, may be elected to honorary life membership by the Association on the nomination by the Executive Council subject to such limitation as may be stated in the By-laws.

e) Libraries and other organizations may become institutional members with the right to

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receive the Association's publications but without the right to vote or to participate in deliberations.

f) Members of the Association may organize local chapters, bearing the Association's name, subject to such regulations as may be stated in the By-laws.

#### IV. Officers: Executive Council

a) The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents—a Vice President for Colleges and Universities (a faculty member currently teaching

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g) The Representative of Italy's role is to represent our membership residing within Italy and Europe at large. He/she should be a faculty member from an Italian or European institution of higher learning and shall be elected for three-years, renewable for a second term. The Representative of Italy should not have a direct conflict of interest with the organization, for example owners/directors of for-profit institutions.

## V. Annual Meeting

The time and place of the annual meeting shall be sent by the Executive Council six months in advance.

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## VI. Affiliations

The Executive Council may authorize the Association to join in the work of other educational organizations and may elect delegates or representatives for this purpose.

## VII. Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution must first be approved by the Executive Council and submitted to the membership electronically, at least 20 days prior to being voted upon by electronic ballot. An amendment to the Constitution requires a two-thirds majority vote of those casting ballots. Any member of the AATI may submit an amendment for consideration to the Executive Council. A recommended amendment must be accompanied by signatures of twenty-five (25) members in good standing of the AATI.

## VIII. Income

- a) The income for each taxable year shall be distributed at such time and in such a manner as not to subject the Association to taxes.
- b) The Association shall refrain from engaging in any act of self-dealing, from retaining any excess business holdings, from making any investments in such a manner as to subject the Association to taxes, and from making any taxable expenditure.

# BY-LAWS

## I. Membership and Dues

- a) The annual dues shall be:
  - Individual (USA, Canada, and Mexico) \$50.00
  - Couples \$60
  - International Resident \$50
  - Student \$20
  - Emeriti and PhD.s without full-time employment \$30
  - Institutional subscription \$350
  - Lifetime Membership \$1,000
  - Individuals may also be recognized as Patron (\$100-\$499); Donor (\$500-

\$999); Benefactor (\$1,000)

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9. This agreement with the Chapters will be implemented upon payment of membership dues for 2017.
10. Those Chapters that do not comply with these rules will not be able to use the name or logo of AATI.

If a Chapter becomes inactive, does not perform properly its functions, or conducts its affairs as to jeopardize the best interests of the Association, the Executive Council may dissolve or suspend the Chapter and its activities upon majority vote by the Executive Council. Were this to be the case, any remaining assets of the Chapter would be turned over to the Association and held in reserve for a period of three years in order for the Chapter to reorganize as deemed appropriate by the Executive Council.

A chapter president may serve no longer than four consecutive years. The presidents of the Chapters shall form an Assembly of Chapter Presidents to coordinate the aims and purposes of the chapters and those of the Association. The Assembly shall meet annually in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Assembly shall also choose a delegate to represent them at the Executive Council as an *ex officio* member; this appointment shall last for three years.

### III. Duties of the Officers

a) The President is the chief administrative officer of the Association, with direct responsibility for the conduct of its affairs during his/her term of office. He/she shall call all meetings and preside over them. He/she shall report at the Annual Meeting the actions and decisions of the Executive Council as well as his/her own, and his/her reports shall be published in the *AATI Program* and on the official Website. The President or a representative of the EC appointed by the President will serve as the liaison with other Italian Studies organizations: AAIS, Canadian Society for Italian Studies, and others deemed necessary.

b) The two Vice Presidents shall assist the President, and except as provided in By-law Vc, shall preside at meetings in the President's absence. The Executive Council shall decide which Vice President shall preside. The Vice President of K-12 must come from that constituency as well as the Vice President of Colleges and Universities. The Vice President for Colleges and Universities and the Vice President for K-12 shall be responsible for the following respective duties:

The Vice President for Colleges and Universities

- Provide a detailed report of his/her activities for the Association at the annual meeting of the Association;
- Serve as liaison and maintain regular contacts with related language and cultural organizations, and take care of organizing sessions at the MLA and its regional organizations as well as other Italian organizations;

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- MLA
- Media and Cinema Society
- American Comparative Literature Association
- JNCL-NCLIS (=Joint National Committee for Languages and the National Council for Languages and International Studies)
- Linguistic Society of American •
- And other similar organizations

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- College and University members •
- College Essay Contest
- Graduate Student Caucus

- Provide appropriate information to the

Editor of the *AAVI Pgy wɔgɔgt*; and solicit information from regional representatives

- Organize conference (s) held outside of North America

Advise the President of specific needs of college and university members;

The Vice President of K-12

- Provide a detailed report of his/her activities for the Association at the annual meeting of the Association;

- Coordinate regional chapters; • Serve as liaison to *Uqekgà Qpqtctk*; • Serve as liaison to the National Italian High School Contest Examination; • Keep the President apprised of all actions taken by the officers and regional representatives regarding the welfare of the Association.

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- Serve as liaison to K-12 members;

- Provide appropriate information to the

d) The Director of Communication shall be responsible for the following: maintenance of the Website and Listservs and membership database lists in collaboration with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, who is responsible for depositing all dues in the Association's checking and other bank accounts.

e) Both the Vice President for Colleges and Universities and the Vice President for K-12 shall be responsible for the following duties:

- Provide a detailed report of his/her activities for the Association at the annual meeting of the Association;
- Respond to all inquiries related to

- term, he/she will complete it. The Graduate Student Representative will be elected by the graduate student constituency.
- The Graduate Student Representative will assist in organizing conference sessions appropriate to graduate students and junior faculty. This position will work closely with the VP for Colleges and Universities.
  - The Graduate Student Representative will serve as the liaison between the EC and the Graduate Student Caucus along with Directors of Graduate Studies. • The Graduate Student Caucus, under the advisement of Vice President of Colleges and Universities, will assist in creating activities, networking and academic opportunities within the field.

h) National High School Contest Chairperson: The National Italian High School Contest Chairperson will serve as an *gz/qllkckq*, voting member of the EC. He/she will be appointed by the President with majority approval of the EC, and serve a five-year term, renewable once. A new appointment of the chairperson will occur one year prior to his/her leadership and allows for one year of shadowing the chairperson.

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i) Representative of AATI Chapter Presidents: Each year, the AATI Chapter Presidents will elect one of the Chapter Presidents to represent all on the Executive Council as a voting member. He/she will act as the liaison between the EC and the other Chapter Presidents. This position is eligible for a second term, if elected by his/her peers.

j) Director of Società Onoraria: The director of the *Uqekgà Qpqtctkc Iwrkcc* will serve as an *gz/qllkckq*, non-voting member of the EC.

