

SEREAM Constitution

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Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be: Southeast Retired Educators Association of Minnesota (SEREAM).

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- 1) To improve the economic, social, and civic status of its members;
- 2) To cooperate with the local units and state organizations of retired educators;
- 3) To work for legislation, which will improve the pension, health, and other benefits of retired educators.

Article III. Membership and Dues

Section 1. Any educator (includes school personnel and spouse), who is retired or within five (5) years of retirement, is eligible for SEREAM membership.

Section 2. The membership and fiscal year runs from September 1 through August 31.

Section 3. Annual dues shall be acted upon at the annual meeting in the spring.

Article IV. Officers and Elections

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be: President, President-Elect or Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The President will appoint the chairs of the following standing committees: Membership, Legislation, Health, Newsletter, and Educator Awards. Such appointments shall be approved by the SEREAM Executive Board.

Section 3. Each Local will appoint a Director to represent that Local at the Executive Board meetings. This Director may be the same person who has accepted a standing committee chair position.

Section 4. The SEREAM Executive Board shall appoint the Division Representative (REAM Director) to the REAM Board of Directors.

Section 5. The SEREAM Executive Board shall consist of the officers, the appointed

committee chairs, the Directors (representatives) of each Local in the Southeast Division, and the REAM Division Representative (REAM Director).

Subsection a. Each officer, committee chair, local Director, and REAM Division Representative shall be entitled to one vote.

Subsection b. In addition, any person who serves as an elected or appointed officer of REAM and resides in the jurisdiction of SEREAM shall be an ex-official, non-voting member of the SEREAM Executive Board.

Section 6. The officers shall be elected in even numbered years by the general membership at the Spring Conference, as follows:

Subsection a. At each election, a President-Elect will be elected. The President-Elect will serve one year as vice-president, two years as President, and one year as Past President.

Subsection b. A Secretary and a Treasurer will be elected for a two year term.

Section 7. The duties of the officers shall be those usually vested in such offices.

Subsection a. The President-Elect or Past President shall preside in the absence of the President and fulfill other duties of a vice president.

Subsection b. The Secretary shall record minutes of each meeting of the organization and assist in the correspondence of the organization.

Subsection c. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all financial affairs and shall report same at each meeting of the SEREAM Executive Board. The books shall be reviewed by a committee of the Executive Board at the close of each term of office. Books may be audited by action of the Executive Board.

Section 8. All vacancies in elected or appointed positions shall be filled by Presidential appointment and approval by the SEREAM Executive Board. Officer positions filled by appointment are good only until the next annual meeting.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. General meetings shall be held each year, in the spring and in the fall, with the Executive Board meetings held at least four (4) times a year.

Section 2. The spring conference shall include an official business meeting or annual meeting of the organization.

Section 3. The fall meeting shall be held for the purposes of a legislative and health conference. Business may be conducted, if necessary, at this meeting.

Article VI. Committees

Section 1. The standing committees shall be: Membership, Legislative, Health, Newsletter, Educator Awards, and Nominating. Committee members shall be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Membership Committee will keep a roll of the membership of the organization and collect and remit dues payments to the Treasurer.

Section 3. The Legislative Committee will keep the membership informed of legislative issues, including those at the State and National levels, which are of concern to retired educators.

Section 4. The Health Committee will keep the membership informed of health issues, including those at the State and National levels, which are of concern to retired educators.

Section 5. The Newsletter Committee will be responsible after each Executive Board meeting to formulate and mail the SEREAM newsletter.

Section 6. The Educator Award Committee will present the Educator Award(s) at the Spring General Meeting.

Section 7. The Past President will be the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of proposed officers at the annual meeting in even-numbered years. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor, provided that prior consent of the nominee has been obtained. If there is only one person nominated for a position, the presiding officer shall declare that person elected.

Article VII. Amendments and Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. An amendment to this constitution may be introduced at a meeting of the Executive Board. It will become effective when approved by a majority of the members present at a scheduled meeting of the members.

Section 2. Parliamentary Authority: All business affairs, not covered by this constitution, shall be conducted using Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition.

Addendum (for descriptive purposes only)

Diagram of term of office of current and future Presidents:

<u>Year of Term</u>	<u>Fred Knudsen</u>	<u>Shirley Schroeder</u>	
2010-2011	Pres. Elect		
2011-2012*	President		
2012-2013	President	Pres. Elect	
2013-2014*	Past Pres.	President	
2014-2015		President	Pres. Elect
2015-2016*		Past. Pres.	President
2016-2017			President
2017-2018*			Past Pres.

* year of election (spring)