

2026 Election Year - Leadership Council Position Description

NSTA welcomes current members to serve a three-year term on the Leadership Council. This year, the Council seeks nominations for leaders to represent and advocate on behalf of the following demographics:

1. Members who live and/or work in the following Districts to serve as District Leaders:

- District I: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island
- District VI: North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee
- District VII: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi
- District XII: Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin
- District XIII: New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
- District XVIII: Canada

2. Members from the following constituencies to serve as Division Leaders:

- Multicultural Science Education
- Research in Science Education
- Preservice Teacher Preparation

QUALIFICATIONS

The nomination committee will give preference to applicants with the following qualifications

- Current NSTA member
- Service on NSTA committee(s), state chapters, and/or other affiliated professional organizations
- Possesses a growth mindset with an entrepreneurial outlook/innovative thinking
- Willing to be an agent of change and move beyond status quo
- Volunteer experience and/or community partnerships
- Leadership experience with teams, committees, projects, programs, organizations, people, etc.
- Demonstrates strong communication and collaboration skills

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Build the NSTA community

- a. Division Leaders– Chair a Division committee that works closely with NSTA to design and implement programs and create resources to help build a professional community. Each committee has a NSTA staff co-chair.

- b. District Directors – Actively promote the benefits of the Association to insure participation in programs, retention of existing members and aid in recruiting new members for the Association.

2. Guide NSTA Position Statements

- a. Be familiar with NSTA position statements
- b. Scan the external environment for important topics for which NSTA should create new statements
- c. Oversee the drafting of position statements

3. Support Strategic Partnerships

- a. Division Leaders– work closely with Affiliates associated with their committee to identify opportunities for collaboration.
- b. District Leader– build close ties to the state organizations in their District to identify opportunities for collaboration.

Additional Responsibilities:

1. Actively plan and participate in the National Congress on Science Education (June/July)
2. Actively participate in bi-monthly Leadership Council Meetings.
3. Division Leaders
 - a. Chair the division committee
 - b. Set the agenda and hold regular meeting of their Division Committee (at least quarterly)
 - c. Work with NSTA Affiliate representatives on their committee to develop synergistic partnerships
4. District Leaders
 - a. Attend a state conference in their District annually
 - b. Prepare/gather relevant content for the District Dispatch newsletter

Nomination Timeline

1. Applicants must be available for an interview with the nominations committee between January 24th and February 20th.
 2. Successful nominees will be informed that they will stand for election by March 7th.
 3. All nominees will be informed of the outcomes of the election by May 1 unless there is a tie then notification will occur by May 8th.
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