

2027 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 II: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont
- District IV: New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
- District VIII: Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia
- District X: Indiana, Michigan, Ohio
- District XIV: Arizona, Colorado, Utah
- District XVI: California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Territory of the Pacific Islands

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

- Early-Childhood – Elementary Education
- Middle Level Science Education
- Informal Science Education
- Professional Learning In Science Education

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 an NSTA staff co-chair.
- b. District Leaders – Actively promote the benefits of the Association to ensure 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

Nominations Timeline

1. Accepting Applications – September 25th
 2. Deadline to Apply – November 30th
 3. Interviews - Applicants must be available for an interview with the nominations committee between January 25th and February 21st .
 4. Successful nominees will be informed that they will stand for election by March 5th
 5. All nominees will be informed of the outcomes of the election by April 30th unless there is a tie then notification will occur by May 8th .
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