

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE DIVISION
A DIVISION OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF KENTUCKY**

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ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this division shall be Technology Assistance Division.

ARTICLE II: Mission

The purpose of this division shall be to develop a network of knowledgeable and supportive individuals willing to provide and to share appropriate, blind related assistive technology resources and services with its members. The Technology Assistance Division (TAD) will provide a forum for its members to share information, and to support one another in a world of ever-evolving technology.

The Technology Assistance Division of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky will:

1) collaborate and network with AT professionals who are experts in the field of current and future technology. 2) Present to its members both new and existing assistive technology through training seminars and workshops, whenever possible.

ARTICLE III: Membership

To comply with the Constitution of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky and the National Federation of the Blind, this division will maintain a membership consisting of a majority of blind members.

Section I-Members

Members that are current by having paid dues during the designated time frame, as outlined in Article IX Dues, will have the right to vote, hold office, serve on committees, and speak on the floor.

Section II-Affiliation

Membership in this division automatically establishes membership in the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky and the National Federation of the Blind.

Section III-Expulsion

Any member may be expelled for violation of this Constitution or for conduct unbecoming to a member of the Federation by a majority vote of the active members present and voting at any regular business meeting of this Division. The Board of Directors of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky, or the state convention of this organization may reinstate any person who has been expelled, unless such expulsion has been confirmed by the National Convention or by the Board of Directors of the National Federation of the Blind, in which event the person may not be reinstated except by the National Convention or by the National Board. Any person who feels that they have been unjustly expelled from this Division may appeal first to the Board of Directors of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky. The individual also has the right to appeal to the Board of Directors of the National Federation of the Blind, which may (in its discretion) consider the matter and make a binding decision.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

Section I-Officers and Their Duties

The elected officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Program Manager, Communications Manager, and Board Member.

Section II-Election of Officers

There shall be elected biennially (every two-years), a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Program Manager, a Communications Manager, and a Board Member. The terms of these officers shall begin at the close of the State Convention at which they are elected. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of active members who are present and voting. Voting may take place by voice, counting of hands, or secret ballot as deemed necessary by those present and voting. There shall be no proxy voting. If no nominee receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the name of the person receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the list of nominees; and a second ballot shall be taken. This procedure shall continue until one of the nominees has received a majority vote from active members present and voting. The duties of each officer shall be those ordinarily associated with that office.

Section III-Replacement of Officers

Should the President, for any reason, be unable to complete their term of office, their duties shall be assumed by the Vice President. Replacement of the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Program Manager, Communications Manager, or Board Member shall be by a 2/3 vote of the Board.

ARTICLE V: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of this division shall consist of the four (4) constitutional officers, a Program Manager, a Communications Manager, and a Board Member. The Board shall meet at least two (2) times a year. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President or on written call signed by any six (6) members of the Board. The Board shall advise the President and shall have charge of the affairs of the division between meetings. At least four (4) members of the Board must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business. The Board may be polled by telephone, email, any electronic polling/internet, or mail ballot on any question.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

Section I-Annual Convention

This division shall meet annually at the state convention of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky.

Section II-Special Meetings

The President may call other meetings of the membership at any time the President or a majority of the Board of Directors deem necessary. At such special meetings at least thirty-three and one-third (33-1/3) percent of the voting members must be present to constitute a quorum to transact business.

Section III-State of the Division Address

At the annual meeting, the sitting President shall give a "State of the Division" address, reporting on the membership and activities of the Division over the past year.

ARTICLE VII: Committees

Section I

The President may appoint such committees as the President or the division deem necessary.

Section II

Non-members may sit on a committee and vote in committee matters but may not chair the committee.

ARTICLE VIII: Affiliation

The Technology Assistance Division shall be a division of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky. This division shall furnish to the President of the National Federation of

the Blind of Kentucky, by January 1, a list of the names and addresses of its elected officers, and the names and addresses of its members. Furthermore, a complete financial report showing all financial transactions for the previous calendar year shall be furnished to the State President on January 1 for appropriate accounting purposes and to comply with 501(c)(3) requirements and for Internal Revenue Service purposes. A copy of the Constitution of the Technology Assistance Division and of all amendments to the Constitution shall be sent to the President of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky immediately upon adoption.

The Technology Assistance Division shall not merely be a social division, but shall formulate programs and actively work to promote the sharing of technology related information for the blind. This division shall comply with the provisions of the Constitution of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky. Policy decisions of the National Federation of the Blind and the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky (whether made by the State or National Convention or the State or National Board of Directors) are binding on this division and this division shall participate affirmatively in carrying out such policy decisions. As a condition of affiliation, it is agreed by this division that the National Federation of the Blind (whether by action of the State or National Convention or the State or National Board) has the power to expel or discipline an individual member and to expel or reorganize the division. In the event of reorganization, the assets of this division belong to the reorganized division; and the former division shall dissolve and cease to exist. The name National Federation of the Blind or any variant thereof is the property of the National Federation of the Blind. This division, if it ceases to be a part of the National Federation of the Blind (for whatever reason), shall forfeit the right to use the name National Federation of the Blind, its logos, branding or any variant thereof.

ARTICLE IX: Dues

The dues of this division shall be \$5.00 per year payable in full at the state convention. Dues may also be accepted during the fiscal year; however, will never be pro-rated. To comply with: 501(c)(3) regulations, the Internal Revenue Service, and to comply with standard accounting policies and procedures, only those members who have paid dues within sixty (60) days of the scheduled State Convention will be entitled to vote, hold office, serve on committees, and speak on the floor in the present TAD Board Elections and Board Meeting. The division shall forward \$1.00 per year to the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky for each member by no later than January 1st. No person may vote who is delinquent in the payment of their dues.

ARTICLE X: Disbursement of Funds

All financial obligations of this division shall be discharged by check or via electronic funds transfer (EFT). The established bank account shall be used, and disbursement of funds shall be issued on written order of the President and confirmed via email for EFT or if via check, signed by the President and Treasurer. All disbursements shall be made in accordance with policies established by the division. The Treasurer shall give a financial report at the Annual Business Meeting of this division.

ARTICLE XI: Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this division, or if (for whatever reason) it ceases to be a division of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky, its assets shall be given to the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky to be held in trust for a reorganized division. In the event no division is organized in the area for a period of two (2) years from the date this division ceases to be a division of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky, the assets become the property of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky.

ARTICLE XII: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote taken at the annual business meeting or special meeting, provided the amendment has been posted to the official listserv of this division one month prior to the vote, and provided it is in compliance with the provisions of the Charter of Affiliation received from the National Federation of the Blind and with the policies of the National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky.