

## NAREN – Wisconsin Chapter Bylaws

### Article I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be “National At- Risk Education Network Wisconsin Chapter, Inc,” noted hereafter as NARENWICH.

### Article II- DEFINITIONS

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At- Risk Student –NARENWICH defines “At- Risk Student” as any student who experiences a significant mismatch between circumstances and needs, and the capacity or availability of appropriate educational opportunities which accommodate and respond to those circumstances and needs in a manner that supports and enables maximum social, emotional, and intellectual growth and development of the student.

### Article III – PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of education is to provide for the maximum intellectual personal/social, and career vocational development of students, so they may function as effective citizens. Services for at-risk youth play a vital role as a change agent in the educational system.

Section 2: The mission of NARENWICH: To provide support and resources for professional educators in Wisconsin in order to improve and expand services to enhance the success of at-risk youth.

Section 3: The purpose of NARENWICH: To meet the needs of students, parents, teachers, future teachers, administrators, and the general citizenry through a professional organization, dedicated to the improvement of services for Wisconsin at- risk youth.

1. Provide educational options that will allow learners to develop their personal, academic and career potential on a progressive path to becoming productive citizens.
2. Provide technical assistance to practitioners.
3. Be a change agent for the traditional educational system.
4. Represent the common interest of at-risk learners to the greater community.
5. Provide professional development opportunities.

### Article IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any person involved or interested in at- risk education shall become a voting member by:

1. Completing the application process.
2. Signing and remaining in complete compliance with the Code of Ethics.
3. Paying annual dues.

Section 2: Classification of membership and dues are as follows:

1. Professional Educator – Those who are professionally involved educational setting.
2. Student Educator – Those who are currently studying to become a professional educator.
3. Retired Educator – Those who have retired from their professional involvement in an educational setting.
4. Associate – Those who have a high interest in at-risk education, but are not in the education field.
5. Business – Those who represent a business and want to be part of NARENWICH.

Section 3: All members of NARENWICH are eligible to vote, hold office and to attend meetings.

Section 4: Duties of Members:

Being familiar with the definitions, goals and materials pertinent to NARENWICH.

- A. Offering input when pertinent.
- B. Contributing to the actualizing of NARENWICH purposes.
- C. Interacting with NARENWICH representatives.
- D. Paying dues in a timely fashion.
- E. Abiding by the Code of Ethics.

#### Article V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The board of directors shall consist of: The Immediate Past President, The President, President – Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) at- large members, one of whom is a member of the existing board. The at-large members should be chosen such that there is a good representation from geographical areas around the state. All members of the board of directors are considered voting members.

Section 2: The at-large members of the board of directors will be elected by the membership of NARENWICH and serve a Two (2) year-term. At-Large members may serve subsequent terms.

Section 3: The existing board of directors has the power to fill all emergency vacancies.

#### Article VI – OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of NARENWICH shall be: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and six Members at-large. Those officers and members shall form the board of directors.

Section 2: The length of term for the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two (2) years. They each may be elected to subsequent terms of office. The President-Elect shall become the President two (2) years following election to office of President-Elect, at which time the President succeeds to the position of Immediate Past President and the former Past President retires from the board. Elections will start in the fall of 2002 and resume in the Spring, 2005 *and every odd numbered year thereafter.*

Section 3: In the event an officer or member of the board of directors cannot fulfill his/her term of office, the board of directors shall fill the unexpired term with a current member of NARENWICH. This choice will be based on a simple majority of the board of directors.

## Article VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of NARENWICH, the board of directors. He/She shall submit names for all recommended committee appointees to the board of directors for their approval and perform all other duties as needed, including the delegation of responsibility of officers and the board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and assume responsibility for motivating all committees to function appropriately.

Section 2: President-Elect shall act in place of the President at all meetings of NARENWICH, the board of directors, which the President is unable to attend. He/She will perform such duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 3: Immediate Past President shall serve as chair of the nominating committee and perform such duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 4: Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all board of directors meetings. He/She shall also keep the records of the current activities of NARENWICH.

Section 5: Treasurer shall keep complete records of all financial transactions of NARENWICH. He/She will be expected to provide a financial report at all regular scheduled board of directors Meetings. The treasurer will also provide an annual report for the Membership at the annual membership meeting.

## Article VIII – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The board of directors shall meet a minimum of four (4) times per year to conduct official business of NARENWICH. Their quorum must be at least six members in order to conduct official business.

Section 2: The board of directors will annually formulate goals and objectives for NARENWICH, to be approved by the membership.

Section 3: The board of directors shall formulate the agenda for the annual meeting of the membership.

Section 4: The board of directors will authorize expenditures to conduct general business of NARENWICH and direct all matters of budget and finance. They will approve an annual budget to be shared with the membership at the annual meeting.

Section 5: The board of directors will represent NARENWICH, its mission, philosophy, goals and objectives to their respective regions. The board of directors will help in the development of membership to NARENWICH.

Section 6: The board of directors will have four (4) standing committees. They will be co-chaired by members at-large. The standing committees are as follows:

Political Action Committee (PAC): co-chaired by members at-large.

Conference Committee: co-chaired by members at-large.

Member Services Committee: co-chaired by members at-large.

*Media and Marketing: co-chaired by members at-large.*

## Article IX – ELECTIONS

Section 1: A nominating committee of not less than four (4) members of the board of directors to be chaired by the Immediate Past President shall be appointed by the President and approved by the board of directors.

Section 2: The nominating committee shall present a slate of two (2) candidates each for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer at the annual meeting, beginning in the fall of 2002. Election of officers will take place in the spring of 2005 and every odd numbered year thereafter. Nominations from the floor would be accepted, provided the nominee is present and they accept.

Section 3: The Board of Directors members at-large will be elected at the fall 2002 annual meeting. The *eight* members will be divided initially: *four* will serve for three years and three will serve for two years. All will serve for two years thereafter.

## Article X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Any member or members of NARENWICH may propose an Amendment in writing. A proposed amendment must be submitted to the board of directors a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. The board of directors will then present the proposed amendment at the annual meeting.

Section 2: Adoption of a proposed amendment of the bylaws shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.

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