

**Standing rules Approved by the CELEA Board Action 2-20150929, Meeting of 29 Sept.
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Statement of purpose: The Christian English Language Educators Association (CELEA) is a professional organization for English language educators who wish to network with others who share a belief in Jesus Christ.

Our aims are:

A. to be a resource for those involved in teaching English to speakers of other languages at both the professional and volunteer level. B. to encourage professionalism, respect, and the provision of high quality instruction. C. to promote Christian reflection on and scholarly research in this field.

We support each other in such ways as

A. serving with integrity and faith wherever we teach, research or serve. B. teaching in seminaries, Christian universities, and other schools. C. building quality into church-based and other English language programs. D. seeking to draw continually closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1. By majority vote of the board, relationships with educational institutions or other professional organizations may be established for such purposes as shared sponsorship of conferences or publications. Such relationships shall have a defined purpose and agreed upon procedures for termination of the relationship and shall be reported to the membership through the web page and/or the newsletter.
2. The newsletter shall be published twice a year. The newsletter committee shall consist of one or more editors appointed by the CELEA president, a layout designer, and any other members that the editors wish to recruit.
3. The membership coordinator shall be responsible for the maintenance of the member database, membership drives (including membership renewals), and producing and updating the CELEA directory. He/She may assign some of the duties related to the database to a membership information manager.
4. The treasurer shall receive approval from the board before making payments from the treasury.

5. The president-elect shall serve as the Professional Learning Network (PLN) liaison with both TESOL and the PLN moderator. The president-elect shall also write a proposal for a presentation by CELEA or the PLN at the annual TESOL convention. (Minutes of Feb. 14, 2018)
6. Dues for membership in CELEA are set each year by the board (\$15.00 in 2019). Students are exempt from these dues, as are legal or native-born residents of a country with a gross national product of \$15,000 US per capita or less (i.e., eligible for TESOL International's global membership benefit) through application to the CELEA membership coordinator
7. The nominating committee will name a committee of three - five persons who will present a candidate to receive the Earl W. Stevick Award each year (Minutes of Jan. 22, 2015). Award committee members will serve a two year term which can be extended. (Minutes of Feb. 14, 2018)
8. The bylaws and standing rules and minutes of the annual general meetings shall be posted on the CELEA website and accessible to members only.
9. Minutes of the CELEA board meetings shall be maintained by the secretary in shared folders on a drive accessible to all board members.
10. These standing rules will be presented at the CELEA Board meeting each April, and will be reviewed at the meeting each September. (Minutes of Feb. 14, 2018)
11. In order to facilitate cooperation with other relevant organizations, the board may appoint by majority vote any person to act on behalf of CELEA as a liaison with any other organization, such as the Christian English Language Educators Forum at the annual TESOL convention. (Minutes of Oct. 27, 2016)
12. The secretary or other board member designated by the CELEA board shall assemble the ballot based on the nominating committee report and conduct the election. The ballot shall remain open for three weeks. The results of the electronic ballot in the annual elections will be certified by the CELEA board in its first meeting following the closure of the ballot. (Minutes of Mar. 29, 2016)
13. As a matter of policy, CELEA does not post job announcements with "native speaker" requirements. CELEA is concerned about discrimination against nonnative speakers of English in the field of English language teaching. Many CELEA members support TESOL International Association's policy on this, which can be found here:

<http://www.tesol.org/docs/pdf/5889.pdf?sfvrsn=2>. (Minutes of Mar. 29, 2016)

14. The members at large shall share three portfolios: (i) communications coordinator (ii) newsletter coordinator (iii) website resources coordinator. (Minutes of Feb. 14, 2018)