

**Bylaws of Intercollegiate Press Association of Texas Inc.,
(DBA) Texas Intercollegiate Press Association
For Student Officer/Membership**

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Article I. Membership

Section 1: Student membership is extended from public and private two-year and four-year colleges and universities in Texas with current membership through the Intercollegiate Press Association of Texas Inc., DBA, Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA).

Article II. Purpose

Section 1: Student officers, including President, Vice President, and Secretary, will serve one-year terms and are elected by student membership at each annual TIPA convention.

Section 2: The officers shall open and promote channels of communication and cooperation among journalism and mass communication student members, and remain in contact with TIPA officers and the TIPA executive director.

Article III. Officers & Election

Section 1: Student officers of TIPA shall be students from public and private two-year and four-year colleges and universities in Texas who must be in good standing with TIPA.

Section 2: Student officers shall come from both four-year universities and two-year colleges. One year, two officers from a four-year university shall serve with the remaining officer being from a two-year college. The following year, the opposite will be stand. There cannot be more than one officer serving from the same university or college in a given year. Students are eligible to serve a second term in a different position.

Section 3: The officers of TIPA shall be the president, vice president, and secretary who will be elected by the majority vote of student members for a one-year term. Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the annual student meeting held each year at TIPA conference.

Section 4: The student officer nominees of TIPA shall make a presentation to membership prior to a vote, which can be taken with a show of hands, verbally or by ballot. In the event of a tie, a second vote will be taken after each nominee makes an additional presentation. If a tie remains, the officer will be elected by a drawing of lots.

Section 5:

A: The president is to preside over all regular and all called meetings of student members as well as participate in called meetings of the TIPA Executive Committee.

B: The vice president shall assist the president, and, in the absence of the president, shall preside at student meetings and/or called meetings of the TIPA Executive Committee.

C: The secretary shall assist the president and the vice president with correspondence throughout the year and keep the minutes of the proceedings of any student meetings as well as TIPA Executive Committee meetings to share with student membership.

Section 6: If a student officer vacancy is created prior to the end of a term, a new student officer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee after nominations are made from student membership.

Article V. Additional Roles

Section 1. Student officers shall assist with the planning of the annual TIPA conference and convention as well as overseeing social media for the organization. The Executive Committee and/or Executive Director may assign additional duties of student officers as needed. Actions of the duties shall be reported at the annual convention and/or during called meeting of the body.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1: TIPA student officers shall meet officially with student members once during the calendar year, at the spring at the annual TIPA convention.

Section 2: TIPA student officers should meet at least once a quarter to share ideas and discuss issues and concerns presented by student membership. Those ideas, issues, and concerns should be discussed with the Executive Committee during a called meeting.

Section 4: Voting. All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of those students attending the student session at the annual TIPA convention.

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1: Bylaws may be amended at the faculty advisers' business session of TIPA by a two-thirds vote of the session attendees. Amendments shall take effect immediately following the adjournment of the session.

Section 2: Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be drafted by a committee appointed by the TIPA president.

Section 3: Amendments to the bylaws shall be written into the document, replacing the portion amended.