

CTI CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME:

This organization shall be known as Georgia Career and Technical Instruction Organization, INC. (GCTI)

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE(S)

Section 1. To provide unique, meaningful leadership and transition experiences for students with disabilities in Georgia, as identified by the Division for Special Education Services and Support who are enrolled in secondary Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education courses and/or receiving CTI services.

Section 2. To enhance career, technical, and agricultural skills, as related to improving employability and transition into successful postsecondary outcomes.

ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION

Section 1. An association of GCTI programs in Georgia.

Section 2. The administration of the GCTI Leadership Organization shall be vested in the GCTI Board of Directors and State Officials.

Section 3. The GCTI Board of Directors shall be comprised of six region directors, six director-elects, board secretary, board treasurer, board chairperson, one board advisor, two business associates, the executive director, a Georgia SPCTE representative and the special populations program specialist from the DOE. A board chairperson, board secretary, and board treasurer, who shall be nominated and approved by the current members of the board, will serve a two-year term on the executive board. Also, an executive board member, the board advisor, will serve a two-year term and be filled by the previous board chairperson. To be eligible for nomination, one must have previous or current GCTI board experience.

Region directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the coordinators in

each of their respective regions. Each region shall elect a director-elect. The director-elect will serve in an advisory capacity for two years of office and assume the duties of director for the following two years. Elections for directors and director-elects will be held during the winter region meeting every other year. If nominations are not received, the current board of directors will be appointed.

Section 4. Vacancies: In the event that a vacancy occurs on the GCTI Executive Board before the completion of a term—due to resignation, ineligibility, or other circumstances—the remaining board members shall appoint a qualified replacement to serve the remainder of the term. The appointee must meet all eligibility requirements for the position and be approved by a majority vote of the current board. In the event that all eligible parties decline the appointment, the remaining Executive Board Members will absorb the duties of the vacant position.

Section 5. The GCTI Board of Directors will serve as the policy-making board for decisions relevant to the administration of the GCTI Organization.

Section 6. The GCTI Board of Directors and GCTI Coordinators will look to the Georgia Department of Education State Officials for recommendations and guidance to better serve the GCTI organization.

ARTICLE IV – EMBLEM AND COLORS

The logo of GCTI shall be comprised of the letters representing the organization and reflect our career and technical status. The official colors will be turquoise and lime green, as seen in the official emblem.

ARTICLE V – AUDIT

The state financial account of the GCTI shall be audited each year by an auditing company under the supervision of the state officials.

ARTICLE VI – MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by the majority vote of the coordinators, who are members of Georgia ACTE/Georgia SPCTE, specifically for the purpose of constitutional amendment(s).

Section 2. Amendments shall be made to reflect the purposes stated in Article II of this constitution.

Section 3. Any proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to the GCTI Board Chairperson by May 1st of the current fiscal year. Those proposed amendments shall be discussed and approved by the GCTI Board. Approved amendments shall be emailed to each coordinator who is a member of Georgia ACTE/Georgia SPCTE and placed on the official organization website for viewing at least 10 days prior to the vote for the amendment(s) for their consideration. Approval of any proposed amendment shall be in accordance with Article II, Section 1 of this constitution.

ARTICLE VII – AFFILIATION

Section 1. A Coordinator shall affiliate by the designated deadline of the school year.

Section 2. Coordinators will identify and affiliate the total number of students with disabilities enrolled in CTAE courses at their high school during the first semester.

Section 3. The affiliation of students will be recognized as follows:

Participant – Any student with a disability who is currently enrolled in or has received a high school credit for a CTAE course is eligible for active participation in GCTI CTSO.

Competitor – Any participant with an IEP is eligible to compete in GCTI CTSO state competitions.