

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF
CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

N.A.C.T.S.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this association shall be the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES

The purpose of the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools shall be as follows:

1. To develop and help maintain a high degree of excellence for theological schools
2. To promote communication among the member schools with regard to educational problems of common interest such as curricula, methods of instruction, evaluation of outcomes, etc.
3. To assist member schools in their relations with other institutions and organizations whose activity affects theological education.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association shall consist of:

1. Catholic Theological schools which are ATS members

2. Centers with a distinct program established for preparing students for the priesthood or religious life and which are associated in their academic program with a theological school or department that is a member of the association.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall be composed of six members to be nominated and elected at the annual meeting for a term of three years, two members each year. They shall be elected from representatives of member institutions.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer, to be elected annually by the Executive Committee from its membership immediately after the two new members of the Executive Committee shall have been elected by the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet when summoned by the President of the Association, who shall serve as its Chairman. The Executive Committee shall make preparations and arrangements for the meetings of the Association, shall represent the Association and look after its business between the annual meetings. It shall also undertake such other tasks as shall be entrusted to it by the Association.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1. The Association shall meet for the transaction of business at least once a year at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the Association, and may meet at other times upon the call of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Each member institution may have any number of representatives at the meetings of the Association, but shall have only one vote, to be cast by the chief executive officer of the member institution or his duly appointed delegate.

ARTICLE VI FEES

Funds required for meeting the financial expenses of the Association shall be raised by annual dues of the member institutions, computed on the basis of a budget proposed by the Executive Committee and officially adopted at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII

PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Inasmuch as the only assets of the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools are the funds in the corporate checking account, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Executive Board on [date], upon dissolution of the Corporation all monies in said account shall be distributed as follows:

1. All debts and obligations shall be paid, discharged or adequate provision shall be made for them.
2. The following assets held for charitable purposes, but that do not require return or transfer upon dissolution of the corporation, shall be conveyed to the following organization, which is engaged in substantially similar activities of this corporation: Funds remaining in the Checking Account are to be given to the CNEWA, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

The board shall transfer these assets to the organization as listed.

ARTICLE VIII AMMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the institutions present, provided that copies of such proposed amendments have been sent by the Secretary to all member institutions at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IX BY-LAWS

The Association may adopt by-laws consistent with this Constitution.

BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

I. RELATION TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Association shall operate as a national partner of the Seminary Department of the National Catholic Education Association. It will have independent status as a separate corporation with its own officers and constitution. As a partner with the NCEA, it shall support the purposes of that organization and cooperate with its national programs. It shall receive from NCEA all services which are offered to regional units.

II. MEETINGS

Notice of general meetings of the Association as well as the agenda and all documents and information to be acted upon, shall be mailed at least thirty days before the meeting to the usual address of each member as appearing on the books of the Association.

III. QUORUM

One-third of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the Association, and a majority of those present and voting shall be sufficient for any action except as otherwise provided by law, in the Constitution or By-Laws, or by previous resolution of the Association.

IV. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee and any other commissions or committees which may be appointed by the President may prescribe their own rules as to notice, quorum, and conduct of meetings, and may create subcommittees as they deem appropriate and define their functions.

V. DUES AND FEES

1. The member institutions will pay annual dues and at the time of the annual meeting.
2. Members who are delinquent in their annual dues for two years will automatically forfeit membership in the Association.
3. Should the organization dissolve, assets will be distributed equally among member schools.

VI. OFFICERS

The President, Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the duties normally incident to their offices at all meetings of the Association and shall exercise such other functions as may be assigned to them by the Association or by the Executive Committee.

VII. SEAL

The corporate seal shall bear the inscription “The National Association of Catholic Theological Schools, Inc. Corporate Seal, Illinois”.

VIII AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended at a general meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

IX ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

1. The Executive Committee shall review the application of a theological school or center and if it thinks proper will recommend its admission as a member to the Association at its annual meeting.

2. A simple majority vote of the members of the Association at the annual general meeting is required for the admission of a member.
 1. Membership may be lost to a school or center by a two-thirds majority vote of the Association at its annual general meeting.