

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Panhandle Christian Home Educators Association, or PCHEA, a 501(c)(7) nonprofit organization.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in PCHEA shall be open to all homeschooling families. PCHEA members must comply with the current Texas State Law Requirements regarding homeschooling. Members are united through their commitment to homeschooling. The board reserves the right to revoke membership at any time for due cause.

Membership dues will be assessed per family and will be determined each year by the PCHEA Board. Special provision shall be made for those who cannot pay for valid reasons.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

PCHEA is an inclusive non-profit Christian homeschool network of independent homeschooling families and members of various support groups, co-ops, and organizations. These families unite to bless the homeschool community at large by sharing creative ideas, newcomer support, knowledge of educational and community events, personal support, and social opportunities with other families who home-educate in and around the Texas panhandle. All PCHEA-member families are welcome to share in this free exchange of information regardless of the groups they choose to join.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The PCHEA board shall be self-perpetuating. All officer terms shall be no longer than 3 years in any particular office. Married couples are allowed to serve during separate terms to prevent conflict of interest, overburdening of individual families, and uneven voting. Members may nominate themselves or other members for a board office apprenticeship. Nominations may be sent to the PCHEA President anytime of the year. Upon approval of 2/3 vote of the seated PCHEA board, new officers will be elected.

All nominees must meet the constitutional guidelines.

Optimally, the PCHEA board consists of the following officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Mentor (Volunteer Coordinator)
- Public Relations
- Website Coordinator

At the discretion of the board, officers may be added or deleted to serve the needs of the organization. The PCHEA board also has the discretion to assign and reassign tasks as needed.

The officers shall be subject to dismissal from office by a 2/3-majority vote of the board members of PCHEA. Any such action would be handled through a meeting called for that purpose with each board member notified.

QUALIFICATIONS

Officers of PCHEA shall meet the following qualifications:

1. Officers shall have homeschooled and been a member of PCHEA for at least one year.
2. Officers must be members of PCHEA and in written agreement with the organization's constitution and statement of faith.
3. Officers must be faithful to attend board meetings.
4. Officers shall agree that parents have the freedom to educate their children as they believe best. PCHEA is a service organization to be used by each family as they wish. Our heart shall be to serve and provide support.
5. Officers must agree to fulfill the job description provided.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

The time, date, place, frequency, and format of the PCHEA board meetings shall be determined by the President with the approval of the board.

Voting

PCHEA board meetings: Voting in person during board meetings is generally the preferred method since it promotes discussion, involvement, better ideas, and identification of potential drawbacks. Voting on any proposal during board meetings requires 2/3-majority vote of the seated PCHEA board members for approval.

Remotely via e-mail: Voting remotely via e-mail is allowed, generally for routine matters or matters that have already been discussed and have wide agreement. An e-mail vote can be initiated by any PCHEA board member. The initiating board member should clearly identify the matter for vote, ask for a "yes" or "no" vote, and e-mail to all PCHEA board members, casting their vote concurrently. E-mail voting requires a unanimous vote of PCHEA board members via e-mail "reply to all" for approval. The PCHEA Secretary (or designee) informs all board members of the voting results, collects all replies, and saves the electronic documentation in a designated storage location accessible by all PCHEA board members.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT

Execution and amendments to this constitution are most effectively accomplished with electronic communication to PCHEA members. PCHEA members will have 7 – 10 days to respond. All non-responses will be considered an affirmative vote for the constitution or amendment. Votes of opposition must be received prior to the voting deadline. This constitution shall become effective upon approval by a 2/3 vote of the PCHEA members. This constitution may be amended by submitting an amendment proposal to the board for approval. If approved by the board, the amendment would pass upon 2/3 vote of the membership via the electronic communication method described above.

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed to Texas Home School Coalition, an exempt organization, within the meaning of 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.