

**KUWAIT TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO
SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES
CONSTITUTION 4**



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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES, KUWAIT Constitution

I. NAME

The name of this association shall be Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Kuwait. The association shall be an affiliate of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), an international professional organization for those concerned with the teaching of English as an additional or foreign language and of Standard English as an additional dialect.

II. PURPOSE

TESOL Kuwait is a professional, non-profit organization whose purposes are:

- 1) To work cooperatively toward the improvement of instruction in all programs which seek to provide learners with an opportunity to acquire English language skills and proficiency;
- 2) To provide opportunities for study and research;
- 3) To encourage professional development, participation, and leadership at the local, national, and international levels;
- 4) To promote intercultural understanding and effective cross-cultural communication;
- 5) To cooperate in appropriate ways with other groups having similar concerns.

All monies of the organization shall only be disbursed in the support of the purpose of this organization and shall not be disbursed to any member of the organization for his or her own private gain. Monies may be disbursed only with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board or of a majority of members in good standing at a business meeting.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Individual voting membership is open to anyone who teaches Standard English to speakers of other languages or dialects or other subjects via Standard English. Non-voting membership is open to commercial organizations.

IV. MEETINGS

Each year TESOL Kuwait shall hold at least one general meeting (called the Annual Meeting), part of which will be devoted to the business of the association. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Board. A quorum shall consist of all board members in good standing of the association present at the meeting.

V. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 1) The TESOL Kuwait Executive Board shall consist of the officers: President-elect, President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Conference Chair, Public Relations and Sponsorship Chair, Volunteers Chair

2. The board shall consist of the executive board members and the Webmaster, Blog -moderator, Public Relations Officers, and Interest Section Representatives (see Interest Sections).

3) The term of office for all Board members begins at the close of the Annual Conference.

4) The members of the Executive Board shall be members in good standing of TESOL Kuwait and shall perform duties as stipulated by the bylaws. Certain officers must also be members of TESOL International. These are the President and Conference Chair.

If the office of President becomes vacant, the President-Elect shall succeed to the presidency immediately and continue to serve as President the following year. If any other Executive Board position becomes vacant, the President with the approval of the Board shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of that term. All other positions are by appointment. Once the mandate of the Conference Chair expires, he or she becomes Conference co-chair and will assist the current conference chair with the preparation for the conference.

Elected Positions	Term Limits
Past President	One to two years
President	One to two years
President Elect	One to two years
Secretary	Two to three years
Membership Chair	Two to three years
Volunteers Chair	Two to three years
Public Relations and Sponsorship Chair	Two to three years
Conference Chair	One year

Appointed Position	Terms Limits
Webmaster	unlimited
Blog - Moderator	unlimited
PR Officer	unlimited
Special Interest Group Leader	unlimited

VI. Interest Sections

Special Interest Groups are an integral part of TESOL Kuwait and must follow the bylaws of TESOL Kuwait. An Interest Section must report to the president-elect, shall have one representative in the board, and shall participate in the affairs of the association as stipulated by the bylaws. The Special Interest Groups shall be concerned with the professional development of TESOL Kuwait members and as such must be covering a field of education or teaching English as a foreign language to English non-native speakers. Any SIG, which does not report to the president-elect and is not active, will be dissolved.

VII. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of TESOL Kuwait, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the association, dispose of all assets exclusively for the purposes of the association.

VII. Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution must first be approved by two thirds of the executive board or submitted to the President as a petition signed by at least 15 percent of the members in good

standing. Any such petition containing constitutional amendments must be made known to the TESOL Kuwait members at least twenty days before voting. To become effective, the amendment must be ratified by two-thirds of the vote casts. Voting can be done in person, by email, or other electronic means.

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