CONSTITUTION OF THE
FAMILY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
November 2013

[NOTE: Track changes indicate proposed edits to the constitution]

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Family Science Association (hereinafter referred to as the Association).

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The Association shall be a non-profit educational and professional organization, incorporated in the State of Delaware, and shall have perpetual existence. The objectives of the Association are to enhance the teaching of family science, to promote the study and understanding of professional issues in family science, and to improve the quality of information, knowledge, and education about family science. The Association will sponsor two activities to fulfill these objectives. First, it will sponsor the annual Teaching Family Science Conference. Second, the Association publishes a professional journal, Family Science Review. The Association may be involved with other activities, not limited to the conference and journal, which promote the objectives of the Association.

ARTICLE III
Tax-Exempt Status

The Association is a non-stock and non-profit organization. The Association shall not carry on any actions not permitted to be carried on: (a) by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue laws); or (b) by a corporation, contribution to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions by any future U.S. Internal Revenue law).

In the event of dissolution or termination of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association to another education, charitable, or professional organization(s) with similar objectives and which qualifies as tax exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Assets shall not accrue to any individual.

ARTICLE IV
Membership
Professional membership is open to any persons meeting the minimal educational and professional standards established by the Board of Directors. Associate membership is open to any person interested in the improvement of the quality of information and knowledge about family science, and who is not eligible for professional membership. Institutional/organizational memberships are available to organizations involved in the family science profession. This may include units such as academic departments at the secondary, college or university level, for profit, and non-profit family service agencies, and other associations dedicated to serving families and promoting family science. The Board shall determine the eligibility of such organizations on a case-by-case basis. Each member shall receive a reduced-rate for attendance to the Teaching Family Science Conference, and other privileges as established by the Board.

**ARTICLE V**

*Membership Fees*

Dues for members and student members shall be established by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI**

*Officers*

The officers of the Association shall be the following: President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair, Program Chair Elect, Publications Chair and Webmaster.

The President will serve a three year term, the first as Vice-President; the second as President; and the third, as Past President.

The Vice President (President-Elect) will serve a three year term; the first as Vice President; the second as President, and the third as Past President.

The Past President will serve a three year term, the first as Vice-President; the second as President; and the third, as Past President.

The Secretary will serve a three year term. The Secretary may be re-elected for a second three year term.

The Treasurer will serve a three year term. The Treasurer may be re-elected for a second three year term

The Program Chair will serve a two year term; the first as Program Chair Elect and the second as Program Chair.

The Program Chair-Elect will serve a two year term; the first as Program Chair-Elect and the second as Program Chair.
The Publications Chair will serve a three year term which is renewable for an additional two year term at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The Publication Chair will serve at the request of the Publication Executive Committee which consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

The Webmaster will serve a 3 year term which is renewable for an additional two year term at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Officers shall be elected at the annual teaching Family Science Conference. Board members will begin their terms at the conclusion of the annual Teaching Family Science Conference.

**ARTICLE VII**

*Board of Directors*

Section 1.

The Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board shall be composed of the seven nine officers and two appointed members. Officers shall be elected by the membership of the Association.

Section 2.

The Board shall be responsible for planning the activities of the Association, for defining policies subject to the review by the membership, setting membership dues, and for the expenditure of funds. It shall have authority to act on behalf of the membership in the interim between membership meetings.

Section 3.

The President, Vice-President (President-Elect), Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Program Chair shall serve as the Executive Committee in conducting the continuing affairs of the Association.

**ARTICLE VIII**

*Meetings*

The Association membership shall meet annually at a date and place to be designated by the Board (generally during the annual Teaching Family Science Conference). A membership meeting may also be called at the request of the Executive Committee. At least two months’ notice shall be given prior to the date of any official meeting.

Conference registration fees will be waived for the President and the Program Chair.

**ARTICLE IX**

*Amendments*
This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendments has been presented to the membership in writing thirty days prior to the meeting. The Constitution also may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership voting by mail or email, provided at least sixty days notice is given members prior to the voting deadline.

Amendments may be proposed, by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, or any member of the Association.

Comment [SSH6]: 60 seems excessive to me.