

**CONSTITUTION OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER, AATG**  
(revised March 2007)

**I. NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Metropolitan New York Chapter, American Association of Teachers of German.

**II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Chapter shall be to promote and improve the teaching of the language, literatures and cultures of the German-speaking countries in the Metropolitan New York area and to encourage the spirit of cooperation and fellowship among its members.

**III. MEMBERSHIP**

(a) Any teacher of German, as well as full-time graduate or undergraduate students, or anyone interested in the activities of AATG may become a member of the Chapter upon payment of annual dues, which are defined in the By-Laws.

(b) The annual dues include a one-year membership and subscription to the official publications of the National Office of the AATG. Only members in good standing may exercise the privileges of membership.

(c) A teacher who at the time of retirement has been a member for fifteen consecutive years may elect Emeritus Membership. The dues for this type of membership are defined in the By-Laws of the National Organization.

**IV. OFFICERS**

(a) The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Treasurer/Secretary.

(b) All officers shall be elected by ballot for a term of two years as specified in the By-Laws. An officer may be reelected two times consecutively for a maximum of three terms.

**V. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

(a) The President presides at meetings, appoints committees, determines the annual schedule of meetings, and shares responsibility for the Chapter correspondence.

(b) The Vice-President may represent the President at any occasion at the President's request. The Vice-President shall serve as Acting President in the event that the President is temporarily unable for any reason to fulfill the duties of the office. The Vice President shall become President for the remainder of the term if the President is unable to continue in office or resigns.

(c) The Treasurer/Secretary administers funds and keeps an accurate, current mailing list and membership roster, records the meetings and submits reports thereof to AATG National Office, and shares responsibility for the Chapter correspondence.

(d) The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, the Chapter's Ex-President (for at least one year and at most two years following the conclusion of his or her term) and any other members of the Chapter.

**VI. MEETINGS**

The Chapter shall meet at least twice each year at a time and place to be determined by the President in consultation with the Executive Board. Notice of each Chapter meeting shall be sent to all members well in advance of the date of such a meeting. The members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

**VII. AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution of the Chapter may be amended by a simple majority of votes of members present at any regular meeting. Amendments or changes can be proposed by the Executive Board and/or any three members of the Chapter. Any amendments or intended changes have to be announced to the membership in writing at the time of the invitation to the meeting or no later than two weeks prior to the meeting.

**VIII. ENACTMENT**

This Constitution shall be put into effect after approval by a simple majority vote at any meeting of the Chapter.