

## Article III: Members

### Section 1

There shall be ~~three~~ **four** classes of membership: regular SEA, associate, **retired regular SEA** and **retired associate**.

- (1) Those eligible for regular SEA membership are state education agency (SEA) personnel whose area of responsibility includes world language education and the implementation of state policies for languages other than English of any state of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, and the territories of the United States of America. Additionally, directors/administrators within a SEA who were formerly responsible for world language education and who are currently responsible for the oversight of personnel and programs related to world language education are eligible for regular membership.

Regular SEA members shall have full voting privileges.

- (2) Those eligible for associate membership include the following.
  - a. officials or their representatives with responsibility for K-12 world language initiatives from federal government agencies;
  - b. officially designated representatives of national and international non-profit organizations whose mission includes the improvement or promotion of world language education; a letter from the organization is required to confirm a representative, and no more than three representatives may be designated by any one organization;
  - c. SEA personnel who are not eligible for regular SEA membership in NCSSFL but whose area of responsibility includes international or global education;
  - d. an individual designated as the NCSSFL state representative by the SEA in collaboration with the state world language association when there is no one with responsibility for world language education within the SEA; an official letter from the SEA is required to confirm the designee;
  - e. an individual appointed by a regular SEA member as his/her representative when the regular SEA member is unable to attend one or more NCSSFL annual meetings; the individual may be either an SEA employee or a world language educator within the regular SEA member's state; upon completion of at least one full year of service in this capacity, the individual may continue his/her associate membership;
  - f. individuals who have been NCSSFL regular SEA members in good standing for at least one year prior to a change of employment, who are currently working in the arena of world/second language education at either a public or private educational institution, and who support the mission of NCSSFL; and

g. individuals who have been NCSSFL regular SEA members in good standing for at least one year prior to the termination of their SEA employment due to a reduction in force within their SEA; and who are not eligible for retired membership or a., b., c., d., e., or f. above.

Associate members shall not have voting privileges.

(3) Those eligible for retired regular SEA membership are ~~persons~~ individuals who have held regular SEA membership in NCSSFL and who have retired from positions in the SEA.

Retired regular SEA members shall have full voting privileges.

(4) Those eligible for retired associate membership are individuals who have been NCSSFL associate members in good standing for at least one year prior to their retirement. This category includes former regular SEA members who did not retire from their state education agencies but rather retired from a subsequent position which qualified them for associate membership.

Retired associate members shall not have voting privileges.

Members from both retired categories who are self-employed or work part-time are eligible for continued retired membership.