**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I**

DESIGNATION

1. The name of this organization shall be the CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF OHIO, hereafter referred to as CEAO.
2. The CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF OHIO shall include only the State of Ohio.

**ARTICLE II**

RESOLVE

1. Correctional education is an organized and individualized self-help strategy to interrupt nonsocial or antisocial behavior through career technical and academic learning activities that foster social attitudes and equip students in contact with the criminal justice system for lives as responsible community members.
2. CEAO shall provide active leadership:
* To promote the interests of correctional education within the State; and
* To encourage professional growth among members and a pride in the unique mission
* of correctional educators; and
* To investigate and study trends and innovations in correctional education; and
* To develop and promote professional and programmatic standards; and
* To enhance good fellowship among all persons who promote the cause and welfare of correctional education; and
* To expand itself through continuing recruitment efforts; and
* To report to the membership the activities of conferences, workshops, and pertinent research and literature

# ARTICLE III

## MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership into CEAO shall be open to anyone interested in the progress of correctional education who is not currently incarcerated. The Executive Board shall have the power to define the qualifications for membership.
2. The annual membership fee shall be payable to the CEA national office.
3. “Voting Membership” shall be defined as those persons whose dues are current.

**ARTICLE IV**

ADMINISTRATION

1. The officers of CEAO shall be the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. CEAO officers shall ascend (Vice Pres.)/descend (Pres.) or be elected to a term of two years by a majority vote of the CEAO voting membership. All officers of CEAO are voting members except for the Immediate Past President who votes only in the case of ties.
3. Electronic communications shall be considered “in writing” and is the preferred method of communication. Electronic signatures will suffice for all CEAO purposes.
4. The President shall direct bi-annual elections for the purpose of electing new CEAO officers on odd years. Refer to the Policies and Procedures.

**ARTICLE V**

MEETINGS

1. An annual general membership meeting of CEAO shall be held to conduct the business of CEAO. The President shall schedule and preside at the annual meetings of CEAO

**ARTICLE VI**

COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Board of CEAO shall consist of its President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director (if the position exists). The incumbent President shall chair the Executive Board.
	1. If the Vice President is unable, the President may designate another elected state chapter officer to represent them in the event that the President cannot attend a particular Board/Committee meeting.
	2. Voting members of the CEAO Executive Board shall consist of the entire committee as stated in ARTICLE VI, Section 1, with the exception of the Immediate Past President, who shall vote only in the case of a tie.
2. The Executive Board will appoint chairpersons for committees set forth by the executive board.
	1. Reports and recommendations of these committees shall be submitted to the Executive Board through the Secretary.

**ARTICLE VI**

AMENDMENTS

1. The President shall appoint a committee to draft proposed amendment(s) to the existing Constitution. The recommendations of said committee shall be forwarded to the Executive Board. Constitutional amendments require an electronic vote process.