NORTH DAKOTA LEAD CENTER
CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The educational needs of elementary and secondary students in North Dakota's public and nonpublic schools will continue to change as the demographic, social, and economic forces in the region and nation evolve. In order to be responsive to these forces of change, North Dakota's educational administrators will need to enhance their professional leadership and management skills through ongoing training programs. To assure timely and innovative training of practicing and potential educational administrators, a consortium of representatives from the school administration organizations, the Universities, the state education agencies, and business/industry commits itself to a cooperative effort to provide resources for educational administrators to develop their leadership skills.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The consortium shall be called the North Dakota Leadership & Educational Administration Development (LEAD)

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1 - The Association is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose of the North Dakota LEAD Center is to provide leadership enhancement opportunities for public and nonpublic school administrators and persons preparing to become administrators throughout the state. The LEAD Center will provide this leadership through three major activities:

A. The development of educational administration leadership assessment activities for:

1. The statewide administrator constituency--both public and nonpublic.

2. A select group of potential administrators to participate in the NASSP Assessment Center Project.

B. The planning and delivering of seminar/workshop in-service activities to:
1. Provide an ongoing program of inservice training for all personnel who function in an administrative or supervisory capacity in public and nonpublic elementary or secondary schools in North Dakota and preservice experiences for selected persons who aspire to become school administrators.

2. Provide a continuous source of professional growth in leadership and human relations skills as they are identified and needed.

3. Provide this source of professional growth in a combination of time-frames and physical locations that will enable every person who wishes to do so to be a part of the program.

C. The establishment of resource center activities to:

1. Provide a coordinated statewide network of educational expertise available to schools.

2. Develop a research/resource materials library and information dissemination center.

Section 2 - Additional activities may be planned and implemented as other needs are identified and resources are available.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - An eleven-member North Dakota LEAD Board will govern the implementation of LEAD functions and activities for the state of North Dakota. Membership of the North Dakota LEAD Board will consist of five appointees from the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders (NDCEL); the Executive Director of the NDCEL; one appointee from each graduate program of educational administration at the University of North Dakota, Tri-College University, and the University of Mary; an appointee of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; an appointee of the ND Department of Career and Technical Education; and one representative of minorities. The representative of minorities shall be selected by the other members of the North Dakota LEAD Board.

Section 2 - Initial terms shall be three years. If vacancies occur, the appointing agents shall designate successors to fill the unexpired terms.

Section 3 - The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Section 4 - This Constitution shall be in effect on February 4, 1988.
ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 - The officers shall be elected from and by majority vote of the North Dakota LEAD Board for a term of one year which begins July 1. Officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and Secretary. The Executive Director of the NDCEL shall serve as Treasurer of this organization. Duties shall be those normally prescribed for those offices by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V - POWERS OF THE North Dakota LEAD BOARD

Section 1 - The North Dakota LEAD Board shall have the power to appoint committees and hire personnel as needed to carry out the purposes of this organization within the limit of the resources available.

Section 2 - It shall be the duty of the North Dakota LEAD Board to:

A. Determine the decisions, actions, and mechanisms needed to define, develop, and maintain the LEAD Center.

B. Establish the policies and determine the direction of the organization.

C. Provide for and authorize the establishment of a budget.

D. Establish procedures for supervision of expenditures.

E. Establish and supervise the committee structure of the organization.

F. Establish procedures for employment and supervision of staff.

G. Establish procedures for the evaluation of the program and provide direction on policy interpretation or changes.

H. Provide housing for the offices of the organization.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed in writing by any member of the North Dakota LEAD Board at a regular meeting, and may be approved by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting at the next regular meeting, provided that 30 days official notice has been mailed to all members of the North Dakota LEAD Board.
ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1 - The North Dakota LEAD Board shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place to be determined by the Board.

Section 2 - The President may call a special meeting of the North Dakota LEAD Board, and he/she shall call a special meeting upon the request of at least three members of the North Dakota LEAD Board.

Section 3 - A quorum for a meeting of the North Dakota LEAD Board shall consist of a simple majority of the voting members of the North Dakota LEAD Board.

ARTICLE VIII - INUREMENT OF INCOME

Section 1 - No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE IX - LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Section 1 - No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Association shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE X - OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

Section 1 - Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

A. By an Association exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or,

B. By an Association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

Section 1 - Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Association shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

Section 2 - Any such asset not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.