

NATIONAL TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (NTA) NETWORK BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization is the National Transfer Accounts Network, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as the NTA Network or the Network.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. General Purpose

This organization is established exclusively for educational and scientific purposes.

Section 2. Specific Purpose

The purpose of the NTA Network is to facilitate and encourage better data, research, and policy linking population and the economy incorporating gender, social and economic structure, and inequality. The scientific approach emphasizes the generational economy, which embodies economic flows, behavior, and institutions linking age groups and generations.

A central purpose of the Network is to encourage the development and use of National Transfer Accounts (NTA) and National Time Transfer Accounts (NTTA).

Section 3. Political Support

The Network will not support or oppose any government, political party, or political candidate.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Types of membership

a. Country members, voting members. The activities of the organization are implemented by country members (teams). Each country team is led by a country leader who represents that country and serves as the voting member. (Countries with co-leaders should choose one voting member and convey the name of their voting member to the Secretariat.) In the country leader's absence, the country leader may appoint a team member to serve as his/her proxy in deliberations and voting. Leaders of important projects appointed to the Executive Council and founding directors, Ronald Lee and Andrew Mason, also serve as voting members.

b. Individual members. Individual members are researchers, policy makers, and other individuals who participate in country teams, provide input to the operations of the NTA Network, and support the purposes of the Network.

Section 2. Eligibility for Membership

Country membership is open to any group of individuals who: (1) support the purposes of NTA; (2) possess the capacity to carry out those purposes; and (3) agree to abide by guidelines that govern the use of NTA data and research. In some cases, teams may represent political entities that are not recognized as countries. At most, each country is represented by one team.

Membership is granted after the membership application is received and made available for comment to all Network members. Country memberships will be granted upon a majority vote of the Executive Council. Country membership may be terminated by majority vote of the Executive Council.

Individual members, including the team leader, are designated as part of the country membership application. Individual members can be added by the team leader with notification to the Secretariat. A new team leader is designated by majority vote of the Executive Council.

Individual members, including country leaders, may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretariat. Individual members may be removed by the member's country leader with written notice (including email) to the Secretariat. Individual members, including country leaders, may be removed by majority vote of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Biennial Meetings

A biennial meeting of the membership will take place in conjunction with the Global NTA meeting. Intervals between meetings will vary from two years, at the direction of the Chair, depending on the timing of the Global NTA meeting. The biennial meeting may be held online at the direction of the Chair. At the biennial meeting, the members will receive reports on the activities of the Network and will determine the direction of the Network for the coming biennium. Voting members will elect Officers and members of the Executive Council and the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by a simple majority of the Executive Council. A special meeting may also be called by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of voting members.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings

Notice of each meeting will be given to each voting member, by email, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum

A quorum for a meeting of the members will consist of at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting members.

Section 5. Voting

All issues to be voted on will be decided by a simple majority of voting members, or their proxies, present at the meeting in which the vote takes place or by secure electronic voting.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Executive Council will be the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the Secretary.

Section 1. Chair

The Chair will preside at all meetings of the membership. The Chair will have the following duties:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Council and the Network
- b. Manage the business of the Executive Council and the Network
- c. Prepare the agenda for all meetings of the Executive Council and the Network
- d. Provide general supervision and direction to all other officers and see that their duties are properly performed
- e. Submit a report on the operations of the Network for the biennium to the Executive Council and members at their biennial meetings
- f. Serve as ex-officio member of all standing committees except the Nominating Committee

Section 2. Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair will in the event of the absence, resignation, disability, or death of the Chair be vested with all the powers and will perform all the duties of the Chair during the absence of the latter. In the event the Vice-Chair is unable to serve in this capacity, the Executive Council will fill the vacancy from among the membership.

The Vice-Chair will have such additional duties as may, from time to time, be determined by the Executive Council.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary will record the minutes of all proceedings, will notify the membership of the results of all elections, will compose and distribute all official correspondence from the Network, and will maintain and secure all official records of the Network.

In the absence of the Secretary, these duties will be fulfilled by an individual appointed by the Executive Council.

Section 4. Election of Officers

Nominations and elections of officers are conducted as described in Article VII. Officers will serve a term of two (2) years.

Section 5. Removal of Officer

The Executive Council, with the concurrence of 3/4 of the members voting at the meeting, may remove any officer and elect a successor for the unexpired term. No officer will be removed without an opportunity to be heard, and notice of such motion of expulsion will be given to the officer in writing at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting at which the motion will be presented, setting forth the reasons of the Executive Council for the removal.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. Powers and Responsibilities

The Executive Council will have control of and be responsible for the management of the affairs and property of the Network. The Executive Council will: 1) set policies related to national teams, NTA membership, NTA Centers, training activities, publications, and communications; 2) develop plans and strategies for global NTA efforts related to data, training, research, fund-raising, and outreach; 3) select a host and provide guidance about the program for the NTA biennial meeting; 4) select the NTA Secretariat; and 5) establish, move, or close NTA centers.

Section 2. Number, Tenure, Requirements, and Qualifications

The Executive Council Members will consist of: (a) two individuals from each region (Africa, Asia, Americas, and Europe) elected by the voting members; (b) leaders of important comparative projects appointed by the Executive Council; (c) the Executive Director(s) of the Secretariat; (d) officers of the Secretariat; and (e) founding directors of NTA, Ronald Lee and Andrew Mason.

Only voting members of the NTA Network may be elected to the Executive Council. Members of the Executive Council will serve a term of two (2) years and may serve additional terms.

Nominations and elections of members of the Executive Council are conducted as described in Article VII.

Section 3. Biennial Meetings

A biennial meeting of the Executive Council will be held at a time and date and at a location designated by the Chair. Online participation will be accommodated to the extent practical. Notice of these meetings will be sent to all members of the Executive Council no less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.

Section 4. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Executive Council may be called by or at the request of the Chair or any five members of the Executive Council. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Executive Council may decide the location of the special meeting, including on-line meetings.

Notice of any special meeting of the Executive Council will be given at least seven (7) days in advance.

Section 5. Quorum

The presence, in person or through electronic participation, of a majority of current members of the Executive Council will be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number will have power to adjourn to a specified later date without notice. The act of a majority of the members of the Executive Council present at a meeting at which a quorum is present will be the act of the Executive Council, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws.

Section 6. Removal of Officers

The Executive Council with the concurrence of 3/4 of the members voting at the meeting may remove any member of the Executive Council and elect a successor for the unexpired term. No Member will be removed without an opportunity to be heard, and notice of such motion of removal will be given to the member in writing twenty (20) days prior to the meeting at which motion will be presented, setting forth the reasons of the Executive Council for such removal.

Section 7. Compensation

Members of the Executive Council will not receive any compensation for their services as Executive Council Members.

ARTICLE VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE, NOMINATIONS, AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Responsibilities

The Nominating Committee is responsible for the nomination and election process held in conjunction with the Biennial Membership Meeting. The committee will prepare and submit a report, after consultation with the membership, that includes a slate of candidates for the election of officers, the Executive Council, and the Nominating Committee. Following the submission of the report, NTA members may submit additional nominees who are qualified and willing to serve in these positions.

The Nominating Committee will oversee elections administered by the Secretariat.

Section 2. Membership of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee will be composed of five (5) members, including at least one individual from each region of the Network (Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe). Nominating committee members will serve a term of two (2) years, commencing at the end of the biennial meeting.

Any vacancy occurring in the Nominating Committee by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification will be filled by the Executive Council after accepting suggestions from the membership.

Section 3. Diversity

The Nominating Committee will seek diversity with respect to gender, generation, and scientific perspective.

Section 4. Elections

The election of Officers, the Executive Council, and the Nominating Committee will be carried out in conjunction with (during or shortly before) the Biennial Meeting of the NTA Network. Elections are administered by the Secretariat under the direction of the Nominating Committee. Elections may be carried out in person or by secure online voting.

Election to any position requires a majority of votes cast by those who voted for that office. Unopposed candidates are assumed to be elected unanimously.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committee Formation

With the exception of the nominating committee, the Executive Council may create committees as needed, such as for conference planning, fundraising, public relations, data collection, etc. The Executive Council chair appoints all committee chairs.

ARTICLE IX. SECRETARIAT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR(S)

Section 1: Executive Director(s)

The Executive Council will appoint a Secretariat(s) and Executive Director(s) who will serve at the will of the Executive Council. The Secretariat(s) will have immediate and overall supervision of the operations of the Network, and will direct the day-to-day business of the Network, maintain the properties of the Network, hire, discharge, and determine the salaries and other compensation of all staff members under the Executive Director's supervision, and perform such additional duties as may be directed by the Executive Council. No officer or Executive Council member may individually instruct the Executive Director(s) or any other employee. The Executive Director(s) will prepare make such reports at the Executive Council meetings as will be required by the Chair. The Executive Director(s) will be an ad-hoc member of all committees.

The Executive Director(s) may not be related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity to any member of the Executive Council. The Executive Director(s) may be appointed at any meeting of the Executive Council by a majority vote and will serve until removed by the Executive Council upon an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present at any meeting of the Executive Council. Such removal may be with or without cause. Nothing herein will confer any compensation or other rights on any Executive Director, who will remain terminable at will, as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE X. RECORDS

The Secretariat will keep complete records of the proceedings of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE XI. COMMUNICATION

All official communications of the network will be via email through the NTA network mail server maintained for that purpose. It is the responsibility of country team leaders and individual country members to insure that their email addresses are maintained and kept up to date. Any changes should be conveyed to the Secretariat.

ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised will govern the organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

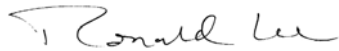
Section 1. Bylaws

The voting members may amend these Bylaws by majority vote at any regular or special meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or summary of the changes to be effected thereby will be given to each voting member within the time and the manner provided for the giving of notice of meetings.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, representing the initial members of the Executive Council, consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of the seven (7) preceding pages, as the Bylaws of this organization.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 15th day of June, 2018.



Ronald Lee, Founder – NTA Network



Andrew Mason, Founder – NTA Network