

The position of **District Director** is vital to the North Carolina Sciences Teacher Association. District Directors have dual responsibilities. They serve on the governing board of the Association, facilitating the advancement and coordination of science teaching at all educational levels throughout the state. Directors also perform specific duties designed to benefit the NCSTA members in his/her respective district.

To hold the position of District Director, one must be a NCSTA member in good standing; engaged in, or hold an interest in science education; live or work in the specific district for which s/he is elected to serve; and be willing and able to fulfill the duties associated with the office. District Directors serve two-year terms and are elected by the NCSTA membership within his/her respective district. A District Director can serve two consecutive terms.

As voting members of the NCSTA Board, District Directors assist in determining the policies, conferences, and other initiatives sponsored by the organization, as well as participate in the association's decision making and business transactions. Therefore, District Directors are expected to attend **all board meetings and retreats**. (Two consecutive unexcused absences from a scheduled board meeting can result in dismissal from the Board). Directors assist the conference program chair with the planning and implementation of the statewide meeting and **must attend and work the yearly Professional Development Institute (PDI)**. Other Director duties associated with the PDI include: disseminating information regarding NCSTA and the yearly meeting to key administrators and science educators in his/her specific district, soliciting teachers to present at the yearly conference, identifying exemplary practice within the district, and soliciting recommendations for NCSTA professional awards. Directors may also be asked to serve on NCSTA committees other than those associated with the PDI if deemed necessary by the President. Additionally, Directors help recruit new members and assist in identifying potential nominees for the elected and appointed Board positions.

Most importantly District Directors are the **liaison** between the science teachers and students within their specific district and the state-wide organization. Directors maintain rosters for their respective district memberships, and disseminate pertinent information regarding NCSTA programs, workshops, competitions, conferences, and other services. With the assistance of the Board, Directors promote and implement local seminars and/or workshops designed to address local interests and provide professional development for the district membership. Directors encourage participation in local science competitions and, as the NCSTA representative, attend these events to recognize student/teacher accomplishments. Each Director submits reports at the Board meetings and to the Association's publications. These reports summarize the science activities hosted by each district and the outstanding accomplishments its NCSTA members.