SEDOL TEACHERS UNION

A COUNCIL OF THE
LAKE COUNTY FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 504, IFT-AFT/AFL-CIO

BY-LAWS

Amended: March 2004

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the SEDOL Teachers Union, a Council of the Lake County Federation of Teachers (LCFT), Local 504, and IFT-AFT/AFL T CIO, hereinafter referred to as the “Union.”

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility for membership shall conform to the Lake County Federation of Teachers, Local 504, Constitution.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section 1

The general membership of the Union shall meet as the occasion arises at the call of the President or the SEDOL Senate.

Section 2

The SEDOL Senate shall meet at least five (5) times during the school year at a time and place designated by the President.

Section 3

A quorum for conducting business of the Union or committee thereof shall consist of the Chairperson and five percent (5%) of the Union or committee.
ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, a number of LCFT Executive Board Delegates equal to the allotted number as prescribed for in the Local 504 Constitution, and fifteen (15) Senators.

Section 2

Should the President be unable to complete the full term of office, his/her duties and responsibilities shall be assumed by the Vice-President.

Section 3

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Senate and the general membership. He/she shall function as a representative during all contract negotiations, and perform such other duties as devolve upon the President.

Section 4

The duties of the Vice-President shall be designated by the President. One of these duties shall be to preside at the call of the President or in the absence of the President and to discharge all duties of the office of President.

Section 5

The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend to all correspondence of the Union and maintain on file a record of said correspondence. He/she shall record and publish minutes of the meetings of the general membership. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all money, receipts for same, deposit same with the Treasurer of the LCFT, and pay such financial obligations of the Union as directed by the membership. He/she shall prepare an annual report to be read at a time and place set by the membership. He/she shall forward all dues and current membership lists to the LCFT office.

Section 6

The LCFT Executive Board Delegates shall perform such duties as outlined in the Local 504 Constitution and make timely reports of their activities to the membership.

Section 7

SEDOL Senators shall attend general membership meetings, SEDOL Senate meetings, and assist in communication between the Union leadership and the general membership.
Section 8

Should a vacancy occur in the offices of Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, or Senator, the President shall appoint a member to fill such vacancy, upon approval by a majority of the Senate.

Section 9

Each officer, other than those whose only office is LCFT Executive Board Delegate, shall be compensated for each Senate meeting attended up to a maximum of five (5) meetings per year. The President shall receive additional annual compensation. The Editor shall receive additional compensation per newsletter issue up to a maximum of five (5) issues per year. The SEDOL Senate shall set the amount of compensation.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

Section 1

Sometime before December 31 of school years in which the Lake County Federation of Teachers holds its Local election, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for all offices. Additional nominations from the membership shall be permitted.

Section 2

The election of officers shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3

The officers shall serve until the next election. Their term shall begin immediately following the election.

Section 4

Senators shall be selected by their constituency group.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1

All committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the general membership or Senate.
Section 2

The following shall be considered as Standing Committees: Evaluation, Educational Policy, and Negotiations. The SEDOL Senate shall serve as the Contract Proposal Committee.

Section 3

Any other committees shall be considered Special Committees.

ARTICLE VII - RULES OF ORDER

The rule of parliamentary practice comprised in Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this organization, subject to the specific and special rules which have been or may be adopted.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATIONS

Section 1

This Union shall maintain affiliation with the American Federation of Teachers, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Illinois Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Northeastern Illinois Federation of Labor, the Lake County Federation of Teachers, Local 504, and any Council of IFT Locals within Lake County which may be formed to better the status of teachers and education through the resolution of mutual problems.

Section 2

Any member sent as a Union Delegate to an affiliate meeting or convention shall submit a written report on such meeting attended to the Secretary-Treasurer. Included in this report shall be an expense report itemizing expenses for reimbursement.

ARTICLE IX - DUES

Section 1

Each member of the Union shall pay dues as determined in Section 4 of this Article. The dues are to maintain affiliations of this organization, under the conditions that these affiliations are acceptable to the general membership, and to support various activities in support of the purposes of the Union.
Section 2

The fiscal year of this organization shall conform to the LCFT fiscal year.

Section 3

Dues shall be collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the LCFT to be maintained in one (1) treasury. Said funds shall be disbursed by the LCFT Treasurer in a manner which best serves the needs of all members of the Union.

Section 4

Council dues shall be fixed at .05% (.0005) of the base salary for the prior school year above the then current affiliate dues.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote cast by members of the general membership.

ARTICLE XI - AVAILABILITY OF BY-LAWS

Section 1

Three (3) copies of these By-Laws and all future amendments shall be submitted to the LCFT office.

Section 2

A copy of these By-Laws shall be made available to each active member of the Union.