

# Indiana NExT Mission Statement and By-Laws

**Mission Statement:** Indiana NExT (IN-NExT) is a network of Indiana mathematics professionals and college/university mathematics faculty promoting professional development and networking opportunities for its members wishing to further engage with the mathematics community and use effective methods for teaching mathematics. There is a particular emphasis on offering support for new faculty members and beginning educators. Indiana NExT works closely with the Indiana Section of the Mathematics Association of America (IN-MAA), functions as a subcommittee of the IN-MAA, and has the same overarching mission as the MAA's Project NExT:

“[That its members] would become leaders within the profession, their MAA Section, and in the greater MAA community.”

## By-Laws of Indiana NExT

### 1 Membership

1. All members of Indiana NExT (IN-NExT) must either be currently employed as mathematics faculty, work in a mathematics-related field, or otherwise be engaged with mathematics or mathematics education within Indiana.
2. A member of IN-NExT cannot be a member of another NExT section.
3. New members will be recruited if they meet the requirements listed above and one of the following takes place:
  - (a) He/she is admitted into the national Project NExT program.
  - (b) He/she has, according to the records of the Secretary of IN-NExT, attended at least two Indiana NExT events.
  - (c) He/she has expressed interest in joining to an officer of IN-NExT.

### 2 Voting

1. Voting will be conducted via Roberts Rules of Order, with the following additional rules:
  - (a) Electronic voting (via email) is the primary method by which voting takes place. Alternative voting methods will only be considered on a case-by-case basis, and only if moved, seconded, and passed as a change in procedure.
  - (b) The Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator reserve the right to place deadlines on voting and nomination requests, as long as a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours of response time is allotted.

- (c) All nominations and votes must be sent to at least two members of the IN-NExT governing body – the Secretary, and either the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator. This item may be satisfied through the forwarding of messages.
- (d) Measures will be considered passed if they receive the necessary votes *of the votes properly cast*, not necessarily of the IN-NExT membership. Non-responses and improper votes will not be considered as default opposition votes.
- (e) Measures must receive votes (either approval or opposition) from at least four (4) IN-NExT members in order to pass. Note that if all the officers cast a vote, any measure is valid for approval or defeat.
- (f) The Coordinator may suspend any of the rules at his/her discretion as long as there is no objection noted – via email to the Secretary – within forty-eight (48) hours of the rule suspension.

(In short, IN-NExT wants to be an equitable group where everyone’s voice is heard. However, since the group members are spread throughout the state, some allowances need to be made so that things can get done. The voting by-laws exist to empower the Officers and IN-NExT members who wish to actively participate.)

2. Members will vote on the Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, Secretary, and IN-NExT Treasurer positions, and those job descriptions are explained in the *Officer Descriptions* document.
3. No school, business, or vocational entity may employ both the Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator at the same time. If a conflict arises due to a job change, the Vice Coordinator must be replaced.
4. Elections will be held on the following cycles:
  - (a) The Vice-Coordinator will be elected every two (2) (even-numbered) years.
  - (b) At the end of the Vice-Coordinator’s term, he/she assumes the role of Coordinator for two (2) years.
  - (c) The Secretary and IN-NExT Treasurer positions are elected every two (2) (odd-numbered) years.
5. All terms will start on September 1 the year of the election and end after August 31 of the year the term ends.

### 3 Limits of Power

1. IN-NExT is officially a subcommittee of the IN-MAA, and therefore is not autonomously controlled. All voting measures, whether passing or not, are subject to approval of the IN-MAA Executive Board (EB) and/or the Chair of the EB.
2. Despite the formal limits of power described above, IN-NExT strives to achieve an “informal” autonomy through effective communication between its membership and the EB. Such communication is the responsibility of the Coordinator.

### 4 Indiana NExT Events

1. IN-NExT will organize at least one event at each of the IN-MAA Fall and Spring meetings.
2. This list of IN-NExT events is not considered exhaustive, and members may add to it.