Joint Agreement of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education

This is a Joint Agreement for establishment of the Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education (ANSTSE) (the "Association") and is made by and between the organizations' signatures to this Agreement. WHEREAS

The parties to this Agreement recognize the value of effective, efficient and quality Driver Education and Training Standards;

AND WHEREAS the parties to this Agreement each hold a stake in effective, efficient and quality Driver Education and Training Standards;

AND WHEREAS The National Conference on Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards provided recommendations to signature organizations;

AND WHEREAS the signature organizations have considered the recommendations and wish to implement this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

History and Mission

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) brought together professionals from across a wide spectrum of driver education interests to focus on an attempt to bring greater uniformity and professionalism to the field. For driver education to be universally viewed as having a direct benefit in reducing crashes involving young drivers, it must first have some consistency in its delivery throughout the nation. If not, it will be impossible to evaluate and improve in any systematic manner.

The result was the development of the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards. As it states in the Standards document the creation of this Standard is a first step. It is the beginning of a process to have the Driver Education community address important issues that affect the entire community. NHTSA supported the development of this document, but the standards within are not NHTSA's creation. They represent the best thinking of the driver education community. The enthusiasm of the discussion was evidence of the commitment of the Driver Education community to the task of improving public safety.

With this document, NHTSA set out to initiate the long process of implementing uniform and consistent delivery of driver education. NHTSA called on many of the leading experts in developing and delivering driver education to take on the task of creating administrative standards – and then owning them. It is primarily the responsibility of the driver education "community" to implement the standards. The driver education state administrators, teachers (both private and public), curriculum developers, researchers, school owners, and association members recognize the importance of agreeing on common principles in order to move forward.

Our purpose is to establish an Association of Stakeholders based on the premise that a voluntary consensus-seeking partnership involving a diverse group of stakeholders, can successfully identify and advocate areas of common ground. This Association is not a regulatory body nor

does it replace the roles of the any member groups, Government, commercial or business entities.

The Mission of this Association is to:

Promote the implementation of the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards and keep the standard document and all subsequent Standards as living documents by providing a process to review and update Standards

- Act in an advisory capacity to support shared decision-making as a community to identify areas of common ground and consensus to support the National Standards.
- Encourage and strengthen support for shared decision-making throughout the Driver Education community to promote implementation of the Standards
- Provide support in terms of lessons learned and experience to any state leadership that needs assistance in implementation of these or any subsequent Standards that the association recognizes
- Identify and make recommendations concerning areas of the Driver Education process and delivery that need to be refined, researched, validated, revised, and standardized to promote the National Standards.

Membership

Membership will be are representatives duly elected or appointed by the national organizations that have been directly involved with the development of the National Standards. Members must support these standards and be committed to further development and implementation of these Standards. These organizations are:

American Driver Traffic and Safety Education Association (ADTSEA)
Driver Education and Training Administrators (DETA)
Driving School Association of the Americas (DSAA)
Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)
Transportation Research Board (TRB)

The implementation and operation of the Association shall be overseen by the five members. A majority shall constitute a quorum at any duly called meetings. The Secretary position shall rotate amongst the members and shall call such meetings as the business of the Association may require. The Chair person of The Association will rotate amongst the membership on an annual basis. The representatives from the member organizations will serve a one year term or at the discretion of the member organizations. The secretary shall be selected by the members.

Decision Making

The Association is committed to a shared decision making process that emphasizes a collaborative consensus building approach that involves all stakeholders. Each stakeholder shares the authority, responsibility, and accountability for the accomplishment of this goal.

Each stakeholder must be committed to consensus building and work within the following parameters:

- Federal laws and regulations
- State laws and regulations

Guiding Principles

- Cultivate strong working relationships. Because formal enforcement mechanisms are not available, implementation of voluntary policy accords depends substantially on the strength of the working relationships among the signatories.
- Require signatories to regularly canvass their constituents and bringing back relevant issues to the table.
- Ensure that stakeholders view the process as fair and impartial. Members perception of the fairness and legitimacy of a decision making process correlates with their degree of commitment
- Establish dispute settlement mechanisms. Despite a group's best efforts, disputes rooted in differing interpretations do occur. It is helpful to specify within the agreement a process for settling such questions efficiently and fairly.
- Record the "Legislative history" within the Association agreement or appendices.

Meetings

Any Member may call the Secretary to place items on the Association agenda.

The Association shall meet at least once during each calendar year at a time and place chosen by the members of the Association and this meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary shall notify each Member of the Association of the exact time and place of any and all meetings of the Association by email at least thirty days in advance of such meeting. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of Members

This Agreement may be modified from time to time with the approval of the Association following consultation with all the parties.

IN WITNESS WHERE the parties hereto have executed this Joint Agreement.

Allen Robinson 9-1-09 Allen R. Robinson Date	on behalf of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Association (ADTSEA)
David Huff 9/23/09 David Huff Date	on behalf of the Driver Education and Trainers Administrators (DETA)
Debra Prudhomme 8/31/09 Debra Prudhomme Date	on behalf of the Driving School Association of the Americas (DSAA)
Troy Costales 9/1/09 Troy Costales Date	on behalf of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)
Dan Mayhew 01/26/10 Daniel Mayhew Date	as liaison to the Transportation Research Board (TRB)