

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE OREGON ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS**

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## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC)

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSES**

The Oregon Association of Student Councils has these purposes:

- Section 1. To provide and promote training to develop capable, ethical student leaders.
- Section 2. To provide and promote training to develop effective leadership advisers.
- Section 3. To promote responsible student participation in school government.
- Section 4. To improve Oregon secondary schools through joint efforts of student leaders, their advisers, directors of student activities and administrators.
- Section 5. To promote interschool relationships in cities, in leagues, and throughout the state.
- Section 6. To provide information regarding innovative and exemplary school leadership practices.
- Section 7. To promote the general welfare of students in Oregon middle and high schools, and to promote worthwhile student council projects.

## **ARTICLE III – NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION**

- Section 1. This association is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 3. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or association which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 4. This organization is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings shall insure to the benefit of any private sincerely shareholder or individual.

## **ARTICLE IV – AFFILIATIONS**

The Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC) is affiliated with the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) and the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) and the National Association of Student Councils (NASC):

- Section 1. The OASC Executive Board shall be appointed as one of the committees of OASSA.
  - A. Membership shall be as provided in ARTICLE VI, with the condition that all persons who are eligible shall be regular members of OASSA, and that all named are from schools holding active membership in OASC.
- Section 2. The OASC Executive Board shall develop an annual plan for the activities of OASC.
- Section 3. Appropriate attention shall be directed in OASC services to all levels of secondary education, including middle schools.
- Section 4. The financial records of OASC shall have an annual audit, with a copy filed with the OASSA Executive Committee, and the OASC Executive Board.
- Section 5. Changes in OASC policies or dues structure shall be reviewed with the OASC Executive Board prior to such changes.

## **ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. All Oregon secondary schools are members of OASC.
  - A. Those schools paying annual membership dues are considered active members.
- Section 2. Active member schools shall be granted the benefits listed below.
  - A. Information about OASC activities and events.
  - B. Reduced rates at OASC conferences and workshops.
  - C. A Membership Directory which will include each school's name, address and phone number and e-mail; the Activities Director, and the Student Council Adviser.
  - D. Materials for Student Councils to receive recognition as a Council.
  - E. The OASC Website and e-mail list-serve.
  - F. Information about college credit courses.
  - G. Information from the National Association of Student Councils (NASC)

- H. Publicity about National Association of Student Council's annual conferences.
- I. Information about scholarship opportunities.
- J. Resource file of consultants, speakers and written materials.

Section 3. Only students from active member schools shall be eligible for OASC scholarships.

## **ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 1. Duties: The Executive Board shall exercise general control of the OASC, coordinate the activities of the association and be responsible to the OASSA Executive Committee

Section 2. Membership: The Executive Board shall consist of 21 members.

- A. Eight of the Ten Board Members shall be made up of secondary school principals, assistant principals, directors/advisers of student activities, student council advisors or leadership teachers. It shall consist of educators from both middle level and high schools, representing a cross-section of school size and geographical areas. The OASC Executive Director appoints these 10 Board Members with input from the OASC Executive Board.
- B. Nine Board Members are made up of the Student Executive Council representing the State President, 2 at-large representatives and 6 students from the 6 OASC regions. Each school may submit one candidate for regional representative and state president. If one school submits two candidates, the presidential candidate may run for that office only. If a presidential candidate is the only person running the office from his/her school, he or she may run for regional representative if eliminated as presidential candidate through the screening process. Two additional middle school members will be selected from schools of board members. There will be an application process and the OASC Executive Director will appoint them with input from the OASC Executive Board.
- C. Ex-officio members shall include the Executive Director of COSA, OASC executive director, and, the immediate past chairperson of OASC.

Section 3. Membership – terms of office.

- A. All members listed in part A of Section 2 shall serve three-year terms.
- B. A student on the OASC Student Executive Council shall serve a one-year term. They shall be elected at Fall Conference, take office immediately, and serve until the following Fall Conference. That person may have the option of running a second term, if eligible. In case of a vacancy on the SEC board, the position shall be filled from the pool of candidates from the prior election. In the event there are no other candidates, or none are available, a replacement may be appointed by the Executive Director.

- C. An Executive Board member who has one unexcused absence from a Board meeting may be put on probation. Two unexcused absences may be cause for dismissal. The OASC Executive Board and the position filled as provided in Section 2 of this article may declare the position of an Executive Board member with an excessive amount of excused absences vacant.

Section 4. Chairperson: the OASC Executive Board shall elect The OASC chairperson.

Section 5. Meetings: The Executive Board shall meet at least four times each year; in August, January, and at the Fall Conference in November and Spring Conference in April/May. The chairperson or majority of the Board may call a special meeting. A quorum shall be five members.

## **ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Section 1. The Executive Director shall be named by the Executive Board upon recommendation of the Executive Director of the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA).

Section 2. The Executive Director shall perform all duties necessary to carry out the directives, plans, and policies of the Executive Board and the OASC. The Executive Director shall serve as secretary of the Executive Board and keep a permanent record of its procedures. The Executive Director shall serve as treasurer of the association and shall administer the finances in accordance with the policies and at the direction of the Executive Board, as reviewed with the OASSA Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII – DUES**

Section 1. Membership dues shall be fixed by the Executive Board and shall be payable to OASC. The membership year shall run from July 1 – June 30.

Section 2. All funds received by the association shall be deposited by the Executive Director in an approved bank, and shall be disbursed by check holding the signature of the COSA Executive Director.

Section 3. A person so designated by the COSA Executive Director shall audit the financial records of the association.

Section 4. The Executive Secretary and personal secretary shall be bonded in an amount equal to the estimated sum on hand at any one time, the premium to be paid by OASC.

Section 5. An annual budget shall be developed to reflect the OASC approved annual plan and other activities adopted by the OASC Executive Board, and a copy filed with the OASSA President.

## **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution may be initiated by active member schools and forwarded to the Executive Board chairperson at least fourteen (14) days prior to the next regular meeting of the OASC Board.
- Section 2. The chairperson shall present the proposed amendment(s) of the Executive Board at the following meeting.
- Section 3. When a majority of the Executive Board approve of the proposed amendment(s), copies shall be mailed to the student council adviser of each active member school for consideration and vote.
- Section 4. The amendment(s) become effective if two-thirds (2/3) of those voting as outlined in Section 3, above, approved the amendment(s).

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### History:

On October 18, 1949, the first constitution was ratified by unanimous vote of the OASSP. Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals – now known as OASSA.

### Amended:

February 1, 1953.  
January 12, 1973  
August 9, 1978  
June 15, 1982  
February 15, 1983  
May 15, 1988  
August 25, 1988  
May 26, 1992  
June 7, 1999  
November 20, 2009  
November 20, 2011  
November 4, 2013