

NISQUALLY ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Nisqually Association of Student Councils exists to foster positive connections among local high schools, provide a forum for discussing important school issues, and provide opportunities to obtain and share leadership skills and resources.

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Nisqually Association of Students Councils (nASC).

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP, VOTING, AND QUORUM

Section 1: Upon ratification of this constitution, all Nisqually League schools and other local high schools without an active local association who seek membership will be considered members upon payment of \$100 membership fee due by the second meeting of the year.

Section 2: Local association membership entails a commitment to attend nASC general sessions and Executive Board meetings.

Section 3: A quorum must be present at all meetings to conduct nASC business. A quorum shall exist if more than one half of the schools are represented at a meeting.

Section 4: Upon payment of membership fee, each school shall have voting privileges:

- a) Each member school is granted one vote;
- b) Neither voting by proxy nor absentee voting shall be permitted.

ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: nASC shall have a President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 2: The nASC President and Vice-president shall be the nASC's Washington Association of Student Council's senior and junior representatives respectively.

Section 3: Selection of a current sophomore for the incoming junior WASC board representative shall involve:

- a) the completion of WASC board participation agreement;
- b) a typed essay stating why the applicant would like to hold this position, as well as how he/she can represent nASC and what he/she can contribute to the WASC board;
- c) an interview conducted by the outgoing senior WASC representative and the current junior representative, with guidance by the local association's advisors;
- d) a final decision which will be voted upon by the current WASC board representatives and the local association advisors;
- e) upon selection, the member shall be the incoming junior representative;
- f) these provisions may be changed if approved by the Executive Board without constitutional amendment.

Section 4: The local association secretary shall be elected at the first business meeting annually and responsible for recording and distributing minutes of all nASC business held during each meeting.

Section 5: nASC shall elect a treasurer at the first meeting annually. The local association Treasurer and their school shall be responsible for the collection and organization of any and all funds held by nASC.

Section 6: It is recommended that each school appoint two student representatives to be members of the Executive Board. These students shall be responsible for attending all general session and Executive Board meetings.

Section 7: Each officer, or his/her appointed designee, must maintain active membership in nASC or be relieved of his/her duties.

Section 8: Meeting format shall be relaxed, or modified, form of Parliamentary Procedure (covering recognition by the chair, motions, and amendments) for the purpose of maintaining order and organization.

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ARTICLE IV – GENERAL SESSION MEETINGS

Section 1: Each local association meeting shall be chaired by the hosting school's local association members.

Section 2: A minimum of five general session meetings shall be held during the school year with nASC holding the power to schedule additional meetings if necessary and approved by the members. Each meeting shall be hosted by a different member school.

Section 3: Local association membership shall consist of no more than eight representatives and an advisor from each school unless otherwise expressed by the host school.

- a) Host schools may restrict attendance to as few as five per school if facilities or funds make greater participation unmanageable .
- b) It is highly recommended that four students consistently attend all meetings.

Section 4: General session meetings shall work towards the standards and expectations outlined by WASC; these include but are not limited to: recognition, civic engagement, community service, responsibility, sportsmanship, communication, school spirit, diversity, social issues, goal setting, event planning, team work, etc.

Section 5: Special committees will meet as needed to complete certain tasks required by nASC.

Section 6: Any and all legislation passed or activities planned must be submitted to the schools' local association advisors for approval or veto.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This document shall be reviewed no less than every two years, unless otherwise voted upon by the membership.

Section 2: The draft constitution must be presented, voted upon and approved by two-thirds of the general membership in order to be recognized.

Section 3: Any part of this constitution may be amended during nASC business meetings, provided that:

- a) a written copy of the proposed amendments are submitted at the meeting prior to the voting; and
- b) proposed amendments are agreed upon by two-thirds of the schools present.