

Constitution for the Pacific West Association of Student Councils

NAME:

The name of the association shall be the "Pacific West Association of Student Councils."

PURPOSE:

The Pacific West Association of Student Councils was formed to promote understanding, cooperation, communication and sportsmanship between member schools and to facilitate ideas and leadership training experiences among its members.

MEMBERSHIP:

Members include but are not limited to Aberdeen, Mossyrock, Hoquiam, Ocosta, Elma, Oakville, Tenino, W.F. West, Montesano, and _____

Invitations remain open to other high schools within the Pac-West geographical area which is defined as any school which is willing to travel to any of the other schools for a meeting and wish to become active members within Pac-West and its activities.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

1. The Pac-West Association council is made up of a minimum of two "regular" attending students from each school to a maximum of however many which is determined from the school which is hosting the meeting. One of the two "regulars" from each school shall be a current junior in high school and serve on the Executive Board. The group is governed by the Pac-West Senior and Junior representatives to the WASC Board whom also serve as the Association President and Vice-President.

2. Officers will consist of: A President (also Senior Representative to the WASC Board) , Vice-President (Junior Representative to the WASC Board), Secretary, *Treasurer* Business Manager, and Historian who will preside over the Association, conduct meetings, and handle official Association business.

- A. An Executive Council consisting of one member from each school shall meet as needed to determine Association agendas and scheduling.
- B. The Association will provide a Junior and Senior Representative to the WASC Board.
- C. The representatives will be selected in late spring on a yearly basis. (See Voting Structure)
- D. Elections may be called to fill vacant positions as scheduled on a given agenda.

VOTING STRUCTURE:

1. Members of the Executive Council are chosen by each member school. Representatives will be elected late spring their sophomore year in High School and serve the following junior year.
2. Within the Executive Council lies an "inner council" which makes up the officers as described in Article 4 Section 2.
 - A. "Inner Council" officers, with the exception of the President and the Vice-President, are selected by the representatives in the Executive Council.
 - B. WASC Board Representatives prior to election must fill out an application stating a Declaration of Candidacy. Each member school is eligible to nominate one candidate from their school with the exception of the school of the incumbent Senior Representative.
 - C. Candidates will be voted upon by the entire Pac-West council after each individual candidate is interviewed in front of the council by the Senior Representative. Advisors are also allowed to vote but the number of voters is to be regulated by the host school.
 - D. At least two advisors must be present during the counting of the ballots.
3. Decisions will be determined by a simple majority

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each school shall provide an advisor and at least 2 participants, one being the school's representative to the Executive Board, to each Association meeting. The host school may regulate the number of participants each school may have as necessary.

MEETINGS AND SCHEDULING

1. Pac-West will consist of no fewer than 2 meetings in one school calendar year.
2. Pac-West meetings require a typed agenda at least two weeks prior to meeting.
3. Hosting schools and co-hosting schools shall incur the cost of the Pac-West Association meetings.
4. The hosting school(s) shall provide time in the agenda for the Executive Council to meet. (i.e. during lunch or breakout time)

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

1. Two-thirds of the present membership shall be required to amend this constitution.
2. Membership must be notified in writing by the leadership two weeks in advance and included in the agenda before an amendment can be considered.