ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

1. We, the members of the Association of Washington School Principals, believe that the education of students is our primary objective and that the improvement of service to students will be maintained by effective procedures based upon the integrity of serving others as their reason for being. We, therefore, accept this Constitution in order to serve more effectively the students in the schools of Washington State. The position of school principals is recognized as one of executive educational leadership in service to a school and students. We will strive to be involved in the process of decision making which leads to educational policy and/or laws; and will assume and provide instructional leadership and administrative authority under the supervision of the superintendent of schools in accordance with the policies of the local school district board and the constitution and laws of the state of Washington. This Association, therefore, is committed to strengthening the effectiveness of its members in fulfilling these basic purposes.

ARTICLE I - NAME

17. The name of the organization shall be the Association of Washington School Principals.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE and PROCEDURES

22. The purposes of the Association of Washington School Principals shall be:
23. a. To improve the PreK through 12 educational programs for students in the schools of the state of Washington.
24. b. To provide communication, continuity, and purpose for the component (PreK-12) principals’ groups of the Association (elementary, middle level, and high school).
25. c. To encourage the professional influence, growth, welfare, and unity of its members and component groups of the Association.
26. d. To provide consulting service and centralized staff assistance for its members and component groups.

Section 2:

37. The component groups of the Association shall be autonomous in selecting their officers, in determining their policies and programs, and in operating their activities.

Section 3:

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:
To be eligible for active membership in the Association of Washington School Principals, an individual must be a member of one of the component organizations listed below:

a. Elementary School Principals' Association of Washington
b. Association of Washington Middle Level Principals
c. Washington Association of Secondary School Principals

Section 2:
Active membership in the Association shall include membership in local component groups, state component groups, and national principals' groups.

Section 3:
Associate and institutional membership are reserved for those individuals who are members of the educational profession, actively working or retired, and who have an interest in the education of the citizens of our society. This membership is reserved for all persons who are not eligible for active membership.

Section 4:
Emeritus membership is reserved for those former active members who have an interest in the education of the citizens of our society and who have retired from the principalship. Intern membership is reserved for those individuals who are actively seeking a principalship.

Section 5:
Services provided to associate, institutional, emeritus, and intern members and their membership fees shall be determined by the Executive Board. Associate, institutional, emeritus, and intern members may not vote or hold office.

Section 6:
Membership year of the Association shall be from September 1 to August 31.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE AWSP BOARD

Section 1:
The Executive AWSP Board (hereafter referred to as the Board) shall be composed of the following members: President, President-elect, Immediate Past President of the Association, Budget Chair, and four representatives from each of the component groups. The four representatives of each of the component groups shall be President, Vice-President-elect, Past President, and a Three-Year Representative. In the event a component group does not have a person in each of these four roles, the component will choose a replacement so each component group has four representatives. The terms of the Three-Year Representatives of the component groups shall be staggered.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Section 1:
An Executive Director for the Association shall be employed by the Executive Board and be evaluated annually by the president of AWSP in consultation with the Executive Committee.
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ARTICLE VI - OFFICER ELECTION

Section 1: The elective officer shall be the President-elect.

Section 2: The President-elect shall be nominated on a revolving basis from the three component groups. To be eligible for President-elect, individuals must presently serve or have previously served on the Executive Board, and are not scheduled to serve as President or Vice President-elect of a component board the same year as he/she serves as President of AWSP. Should no President elect be selected by a component board through this process, eligibility can be expanded to include the entire component board.

Section 3: The President-elect shall be nominated by the component group's governing board at its spring board/council meeting.

Section 5: Officers of the Association shall assume office at the conclusion of the annual Association meeting in June.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Association President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, the Budget Chair, and the Presidents of the three component organizations.

Section 2: An annual meeting of the Association shall be held, usually in June. The specific date shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 3: Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or at the written request of a majority of the Executive Board. Purpose of a special meeting must be stated in the written notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCE
141. Section 1:
142. Dues structure shall be determined by the Executive Board in consultation with the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

149. Section 1:
150. The Constitution may be amended by a simple majority of the members voting
151. a. At the annual Association meeting;
152. b. At a special meeting;
153. c. By mail or email ballot.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

167. Section 1:
168. No part of any income, revenue, and grant of or to the Association shall inure to the material or pecuniary benefit of any member, officer, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered in connection with one or more of its purposes), and no member, officer, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets of the Association on its dissolution or liquidation.

174. Section 2:
175. In the event of such dissolution or liquidation, the assets of the Association, after payment of debts and obligations, shall be transferred to an organization with federal tax exemption for charitable and educational uses and purposes similar to those of this Association, which exempt organization shall be designated at the final Executive Committee meeting of the Association.

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