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**CONSTITUTION OF
WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

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Section 1: The name of this Association shall be the Washington Association of Secondary School Principals.

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ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of this Association shall be exclusively educational and charitable with the intent of promoting the improvement and advancement of education and public interest in schools. We believe the mission of every school is the growth and development of youth through the growth and development of its staff.

Section 2: This Association shall promote a common bond and working relationship among secondary school administrators by:

- a. Working cooperatively together to provide the best services and education to the students in Washington's secondary schools.
- b. Working particularly for the improvement of the process of educational management of the secondary schools.
- c. Providing and promoting programs for the professional improvement of the individual member.
- d. Studying professional problems relating to the secondary schools.
- e. A public relations program concerning the secondary administrator, secondary youth, and the secondary school.
- f. Presenting the professional opinion of WASSP to the public, governmental and educational organizations.
- g. Generally doing all other things appropriate to achieving its educational and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the Association shall include Active membership, Associate membership, and Retired membership.

a. Active Member

Any person who holds a valid secondary principal's credential or who is currently serving as a secondary school administrator as recognized by the member's employing school district is eligible for membership in the Association.

b. Associate Member

Any person who is unable to qualify for full membership and is interested in secondary education may become an associate member.

c. Retired Member

Retired principals may choose either an active, associate membership, or a retired membership with dues as established by the Board.

d. Membership in the Association shall include membership in the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

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Section 2: Voting Rights

a. Each active member shall have one vote in membership meetings and elections. Only active members shall be entitled to vote and hold office in the Association.

Section 3: Eligibility and Termination

- a. The Board shall have the sole authority and discretion to determine all questions of eligibility for and termination of membership.
- b. Membership may be involuntarily terminated only by reason of ineligibility, non-payment of dues, unprofessional conduct or other substantial cause, and only after procedural due process.
- c. Bylaws shall be enacted to implement this section.

Section 4: Meetings

- a. Regular meetings of the membership shall be held at least once each school year at such times and places as the Executive Committee shall determine.
- b. Written notice of each special meeting shall be emailed to each member not less than fifteen days prior to the meeting date indicating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting and containing the full text of proposed resolutions, bylaws, or constitutional amendments to be proposed at the meeting.
- c. Quorums for all regular and special meetings of the Association, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership present and voting.
 - 2. A quorum for the Board shall be a majority of the members present and voting.
 - 3. A simple majority of the membership of the Executive Committee shall be required for a quorum.

Section 5: Dues

The assessment and collection of membership dues and assessments shall be as provided in the Association Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV - STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: There shall be a Board composed of officers of the Association and duly elected representatives from the various WASSP membership areas. Representatives shall be elected pursuant to procedures adopted by the individual membership area.

- a. The Board shall have the power of making additions, deletions, or changes in the membership areas.
- b. Any school may petition the Board to be included in another district based upon extenuating circumstances. A simple confirming vote of the Board will approve the change.

Section 2: The Officers and Executive Committee of the Association shall be President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Second Vice President, Three-Year Representative/Budget to the AWSP Executive Board, At-Large Representative, NASSP Coordinator and Professional Development. The Executive Director or his designee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Section 3: In the event that the president comes from Eastern Washington, the president-elect shall represent Western Washington and vice versa.

Section 4: The Board shall nominate candidates for the representative to the AWSP Board. The representative shall be elected at large without regard to geographic location for a three-year term. In

97 the event the representative serves as president-elect of AWSP, a new representative shall be elected
98 during that year.

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100 Section 5: In accordance with the AWSP presidential revolving process, the Board shall recommend a
101 single candidate (from a list of eligible candidates when appropriate) for the position of AWSP
102 President-Elect. The candidate shall be nominated at large without regard to geographic location.

103 104 105 ARTICLE V - AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

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107 Section 1: The policy making and legislative powers of WASSP shall be vested in the Board.

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109 Section 2: The Executive Committee shall administer and/or implement policy as determined by the
110 Board and the membership.

111 112 113 ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENT

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115 Section 1: This constitution may be modified or amended at any regular meeting or special meeting
116 called for such purpose by a majority vote of the active members present, provided:

- 117 a. The proposed amendment was submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting, or
118 b. The proposed amendment has been approved by the Executive Committee and written notice
119 thereof provided to the members not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

120 121 122 ARTICLE VII - DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

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

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

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135 CONSTITUTION REVISED:

136 July 2001

137 October 2002

138 April 2015