ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON MIDDLE LEVEL PRINCIPALS

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Association of Washington Middle Level Principals, support the tenants of the constitution of the Association of Washington School Principals.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON MIDDLE LEVEL PRINCIPALS, hereafter referred to as AWMLP.

Section 2: The term "principals" shall include principals, vice principals, assistant principals, principal interns and administrative assistants who are assigned administrative responsibilities at the junior high or middle school level.

Section 3: The term “middle level” shall include all middle schools, junior high schools, and schools that include middle school grade levels.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

Section 1: The purposes of AWMLP shall be:

A. To assist principals in the ongoing pursuit of quality educational programs for students in the middle level in the state of Washington.

B. To assist principals in fulfilling their leadership responsibilities in middle level schools.

C. To encourage harmonious professional relations between administrators and teachers.

D. To provide opportunities for principals to exchange professional ideas and materials.

E. To encourage professional activity and study among principals in their local areas.

F. To present the professional opinion of AWMLP to the public as well as governmental and educational organizations.

G. To provide high quality student educational programs with an emphasis on student leadership and environmental education for all students.

ARTICLE III - RULES OF ORDER

Business meetings of AWMLP shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (Revised).

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

AWMLP membership shall include active, associate, intern and emeritus middle level principals.

ARTICLE V - REGIONS

AWMLP shall be divided into geographical regions for the administrative purposes of this organization.

ARTICLE VI - REGIONAL DIRECTORS

A Regional Director will be elected for each region.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The executive officers of AWMLP shall be the President, President-elect, Vice President, and Immediate Past President.
ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Director for AWMLP will be appointed by the Association of Washington School Principals.

ARTICLE IX - TREASURER

Three-Year AWSP Representative shall serve as treasurer.

ARTICLE X - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Executive Committee of AWMLP shall consist of the President, President-elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Regional Director Representative, Association of Washington School Principals' Representative (hereinafter known as the AWSP Representative), and National Association of Secondary School Principals' Coordinator (hereinafter known as the NASSP Coordinator).

Section 2: The Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Regional Directors, AWSP Representative, Regional Director Representative, NASSP Coordinator, WIAA Middle Level Representative, Middle Level Student Leadership Committee Chair, At Large Representative, Middle Level Principal of the Year, and Immediate Past Middle Level Principal of the Year.

Section 2: Ex-officio members of the Board of Directors shall include the Director and the OSPI Liaison.

ARTICLE XII - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing committees shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII - ANNUAL CONFERENCE

There will be an annual AWSP principals’ conference within the state of Washington with the time and place determined by the conference committee. An AWMLP annual business meeting may be scheduled during the conference.

ARTICLE XIV - DUES

The annual dues for AWMLP shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV - MEMBERSHIP YEAR

The membership year of AWMLP shall be the same as that of AWSP.

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended.

Section 2: Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a written petition signed by ten (10) members of AWMLP or by any two (2) members of the Board of Directors.
Section 3: Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing by July 31 to the Director of AWMLP who in turn shall present the matter to the Board of Directors at least fifteen (15) days in advance of its next regular meeting.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall submit the proposed amendment(s) to the general membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to the annual conference business meeting. Discussion and voting will take place at the annual business meeting. Provision will be made for absentee ballots for voting.

Section 5: A proposed amendment will become a part of the Constitution upon a two-thirds majority vote of the members voting.

ARTICLE XVII - BYLAWS

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended.

Section 2: Amendments to the Bylaws must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to voting on the amendment.

Section 3: These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote at an official meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII - DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Section 1: No part of any income, revenue, and grant of or to AWMLP 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, officers, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any assets of the AWMLP on its dissolution or liquidation.

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

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