

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

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

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15. ARTICLE I - NAME

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17. The name of the organization shall be the Association of Washington School Principals.
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20. ARTICLE II - PURPOSE and PROCEDURES

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22. Section 1:

23. The purposes of the Association of Washington School Principals shall be:

24. a. To improve the PreK through 12 educational programs for students in the schools of the
25. state of Washington.
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27. b. To provide communication, continuity, and purpose for the component (PreK-12)
28. principals' groups of the Association (elementary, middle level, and high school).
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30. c. To encourage the professional influence, growth, welfare, and unity of its members and
31. component groups of the Association.
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33. d. To provide consulting service and centralized staff assistance for its members and
34. component groups.
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36. Section 2:

37. The component groups of the Association shall be autonomous in selecting their officers, in
38. determining their policies and programs, and in operating their activities.
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40. Section 3:

41. Procedures at business meetings of the Association shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of
42. Order, latest edition.
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45. ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

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47. Section 1:

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

- 50. a. Elementary School Principals' Association of Washington
- 51. b. Association of Washington Middle Level Principals
- 52. c. Washington Association of Secondary School Principals

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54. Section 2:

55. Active membership in the Association shall include membership in local component groups,
56. state component groups, and national principals' groups.

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58. Section 3:

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

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64. Section 4:

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

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69. Section 5:

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

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74. Section 6:

75. Membership year of the Association shall be from September 1 to August 31.

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78. ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE AWSP BOARD

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80. Section 1:

81. The ~~Executive~~ AWSP Board (hereafter referred to as the Board) shall be composed of the following
82. members: President, President-elect,
83. Immediate Past President of the Association, ~~Budget Chair~~, and four representatives from each of
84. the

85. component groups. The four representatives of each of the component groups shall be
86. President, ~~Vice-President-elect~~, Past President, and a Three-Year Representative. In the event a
87. component group does not have a person in each of these four roles, the component will choose a
88. replacement so each component group has four representatives. **The terms of the**

89. **Three-Year Representatives of the component groups shall be staggered.**

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92. ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

93. Section 1:

94. An Executive Director for the Association shall be employed by the ~~Executive~~ Board and be
95. evaluated annually by the president of AWSP in consultation with the Executive Committee.

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94. ARTICLE VI - OFFICER ELECTION

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96. Section 1:

97. The elective officer shall be the President-elect.

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100. The President-elect shall be nominated on a revolving basis from the three component groups.

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102. To be eligible for President-elect, individuals must presently serve or have previously served
103. on the ~~Executive~~ Board, and are not scheduled to serve as President or ~~Vice President-elect~~ of a
104. component board the same year as he/she serves as President of AWSP. Should no President
105. elect be selected by a component board through this process, eligibility can be expanded to include
106. the entire component board.

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

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111. Section 3:

112. The President-elect and President shall be practicing principals or assistant principals. Should a
President-elect or President be unable to fulfill his/her term due to this qualification, the component
board from which he/she came shall nominate a replacement to be voted on by the Board.

Section 4:

112. The nomination of the component governing body for the President-elect shall be submitted
113. to the ~~Executive~~ Board at least one year prior to the date for assuming the office of president.

114. The election of President-elect shall be held at the final meeting in the membership year of the
115. ~~Executive~~ Board.

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117. Section 5:

118. Officers of the Association shall assume office at the conclusion of the annual Association meeting
119. in June.

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121. Section 6:

122. The Executive Director shall serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

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124. ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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126. Section 1:

127. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Association President, President-elect,
128. Immediate Past President, ~~the~~ Budget Chair, and the Presidents of the three component
129. organizations.

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131. Section 2:

132. An annual meeting of the Association shall be held, usually in June. The specific date shall be
133. determined by the ~~Executive~~ Board.

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135. Section 3:

136. Special meetings of the ~~Executive~~ Board may be called by the President or at the written
137. request of a majority of the ~~Executive~~ Board. Purpose of a special meeting must be stated
138. in the written notice of the meeting.

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140. ARTICLE VIII - FINANCE

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142. Section 1:

143. Dues structure shall be determined by the **Executive** Board in consultation with the Budget
144. Committee.

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ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

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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.

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155. Section 2:

156. Amendments to the Constitution will be initiated only by a component board or the **AWSP Executive**
157. Board. The prepared amendment must be submitted in writing at a regular or special meeting
158. of the **Executive** Board at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to voting.

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160. Section 3:

161. Proposed amendments must be presented to the general membership in writing at least thirty (30)
162. calendar days prior to voting.

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ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

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167. Section 1:

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

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174. Section 2:

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

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