

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

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

ARTICLE I - NAME

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

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE and PROCEDURES

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
25. schools of the
26. state of Washington.
27. b. To provide communication, continuity, and purpose for the component
28. (PreK-12)
29. principals' groups of the Association (elementary, middle level, and high
30. school).
- 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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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
56. component groups,
57. 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
60. are members of
61. the educational profession, actively working or retired, and who have an interest
62. in the
63. education of the citizens of our society. This membership is reserved for all
64. persons who are
65. 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
66. interest in the
67. education of the citizens of our society and who have retired from the
68. principalship. Intern
69. membership is reserved for those individuals who are actively seeking a
70. principalship.

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69. Section 5:

70. Services provided to associate, institutional, emeritus, and intern members and
71. their membership
72. fees shall be determined by the Executive Board. Associate, institutional,
73. emeritus, and intern
74. 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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ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD

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80. Section 1:

81. The Executive Board shall be composed of the following members: President,
82. President-elect,
83. Immediate Past President of the Association, and four representatives from each
84. of the
85. component groups. The four representatives of each of the component groups
86. shall be

84. President, 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
85. Three-Year Representatives of the component groups shall be staggered.

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ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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89. Section 1:

90. An Executive Director for the Association shall be employed by the Executive Board and be

91. evaluated annually by the president of AWSP in consultation with the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE VI - OFFICER ELECTION

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96. Section 1:

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

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99. Section 2:

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 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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ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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125. Section 1:

126. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Association President, President-elect,

127. Immediate Past President, the Budget Chair, and the Presidents of the three

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129. component
130. organizations.
131. Section 2:
132. An annual meeting of the Association shall be held, usually in June. The specific
133. date shall be
134. determined by the Executive Board.
135. Section 3:
136. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or at the
137. written
138. request of a majority of the Executive Board. Purpose of a special meeting must
139. be stated
140. 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
143. the Budget
144. Committee.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

145. Section 1:
146. The Constitution may be amended by a simple majority of the members voting
147. a. At the annual Association meeting;
148. b. At a special meeting;
149. c. By mail ballot.
150. Section 2:
151. Amendments to the Constitution will be initiated only by a component board or
152. the Executive
153. Board. The prepared amendment must be submitted in writing at a regular or
154. special meeting
155. of the Executive Board at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to voting.
156. Section 3:
157. Proposed amendments must be presented to the general membership in writing
158. at least thirty (30)
159. calendar days prior to voting.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

160. Section 1:
161. No part of any income, revenue, and grant of or to the Association shall inure to
162. the material
163. or pecuniary benefit of any member, officer, or any private individual (except that
164. reasonable
165. 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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