

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WEST HIGH SCHOOL

PREAMBLE

We, the Associated Students of West High School, ordain and establish this constitution of West High School in order to: establish an effective student government; to secure closer cooperation between this student body and the administration; to further the purposes of our educational experience, and to organize quality student activities, do ordain and establish this constitution of West High School.

ARTICLE II

Name, Colors, and Mascot

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of West High School (A.S.W). The colors for the school will be red and black and the mascot will be a black panther.

ARTICLE III

Membership

- SECTION 1. All registered students of West High School shall be members of the association.
- SECTION 2. Only members of this association shall represent the school in all co-curricular activities.
- SECTION 3. Honorary membership shall be given to all administration and faculty.
- SECTION 4. Alumni membership shall be given to any person who has graduated from West High School.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Department

- SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall include a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, Historian, Publicity Coordinator, and Assembly Coordinator.
- SECTION 2. The President shall serve and preside over the entire Student Government. He or she will assume responsibility for coordinating and expediting all student body activities.
- SECTION 3. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence. He or she shall aid and assist the President in carrying out Presidential duties and shall be the presiding officer over the Student Senate.
- SECTION 4. The school Secretary/Board of Representatives Chairperson shall keep records of all the meetings of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall coordinate the writing of all necessary correspondence for the executive branch of A.S.W. The Secretary shall turn in to the principal of the school all copies of all records

and correspondence at the end of the school year. The Secretary shall serve as Chairperson of the Board of Representatives.

SECTION 5. The Historian/Publicity Coordinators shall keep a complete written and illustrated history of all school activities for that present school year and, at the end of their term in office, shall leave all data with the principal. The Historian shall also manage and coordinate the publicity of all school-related activities.

SECTION 6. The Assembly Coordinator shall plan and coordinate all school assemblies.

ARTICLE V

The Executive Board

SECTION 1. The Executive Board (E-Board) shall consist of the A.S.W. Officers, the Class Presidents, ELP President, and Head Cheerleader.

SECTION 2. The E-Board shall have the responsibility to inform the student body of all school-sponsored activities, and when requested shall on demand, make available the minutes of all E-Board meetings. These minutes shall be compiled by the Secretary and left with the principal at the end of the school year.

SECTION 3. The E-Board may veto, if a two-thirds majority is established, any action passed by the Student Senate or the Student Board of Representatives.

SECTION 4. The Executive Board shall be responsible for all school-sponsored activities of the Associated Students of West High School.

SECTION 5. The responsibilities and duties of the Executive Board shall include the following:

- A. Approve the budget of the A.S.W.
- B. Fill vacancies in the offices not provided for.
- C. Appoint, where necessary, committees to carry out policies of the organization.
- D. Supervise the elections of the A.S.W. Officers and the voting of amendments to the A.S.W. Constitution and By-Laws.
- E. Promote a positive, working relationship with the faculty and administration.
- F. Serve as ambassadors in working with other schools and the community.
- G. Participate in classroom activities and seminars that provide members the opportunity to expand their knowledge and expertise in the areas of leadership and management.
- H. Authorize and sponsor fund-raising drives and campaigns.
- I. Stimulate student interest in school-related activities.
- J. Charter clubs and, if necessary, revoke the charters.
- K. Authorize special activities on chosen days.
- L. Promote respect for school and private property.

- M. Approve or sponsor concessions.
- N. Have the power to develop policies, set standards, and suggest any rules necessary for the improvement of the school.
- O. Follow the guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook.

ARTICLE VI

Legislative Department

- SECTION 1. Student Board of Representatives (Home Room Reps).
- A. The Board of Representatives shall consist of one member from each home room class to serve for one year. Each member shall bring suggestions from his/her class and report to regularly scheduled meetings. The members shall be elected by a simple majority of the votes cast by members of their respective home rooms. The Student Board of Representatives shall include a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary. The officers of the Student Board of Representatives shall elect a Vice-Chairperson and secretary at the beginning of the school year. The A.S.W. Secretary will serve as the chairperson for the entire year.
- SECTION 2. Student Senate.
- A. The Student Senate shall consist of: Class Vice Presidents and Class Secretaries; the W.O.W and W.H.A.M. Presidents; the Drill Team President; the Performing Arts Representative; Red and Black Editor, the Yearbook Editor; the Esprit Representative; those representatives appointed by the Principal, such as academic and sports representatives; those club representatives who have petitioned to reside on the Senate and are then selected. (Amended April 1990)
 - B. The officers of the Student Senate shall include a Chairperson (A.S.W. Vice-President), Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary. The Vice-Chairperson and Secretary are to be nominated and elected from within the organization during the first meeting at the beginning of the school year.
 - C. The responsibilities and duties of the Student Senate shall be to:
 - (1) Organize and conduct activities approved by the Executive Board.
 - (2) Assist in policy-making decisions.
 - (3) Advise the Executive Board and the administration on pertinent school matters.
 - (4) Organize task forces to ensure that major activities, such as Homecoming, formal dances, Western Round-up, and class assemblies, are planned and conducted according to A.S.W. policies and procedures.
 - (5) Serve as ambassadors for the school.

(6) Participate in classroom activities and seminars that provide members with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and expertise in the areas of leadership and management by providing meaningful experiences relative to school government.

(7) Follow guidelines outlined in the Student Leader Handbook.

SECTION 3. Duties of the Legislative Department.

- A. The Student Senate and the Student Board of Representatives form the Legislative Branch of the A.S.W. government. The duty of this branch is to formulate school policy and procedures. This department may override an E-Board Veto of their action with a three-fourths majority vote in both houses.
- B. No A.S.W. member may serve on more than one of the Governing Board bodies with the exception of the A.S.W. Vice-President and the A.S.W. Secretary/Board of Representatives Chairperson.

ARTICLE VII

Recall and Impeachment

SECTION 1. All A.S.W. Officers shall be removed from office by impeachment for the inefficient execution of their designated duties as determined by the advisor, principal and student government as outlined in the Student Leader Handbook.

SECTION 2. All impeachment trials will be held before the Student Senate, Student Board of Representatives and the Executive Board, with the A.S.W. President presiding.

SECTION 3. Such impeachment trials will be held on demand of a majority of the Association membership by way of signatures on a written petition.

SECTION 4. A two-thirds majority of the Trial Board voting by secret ballot shall be required to remove an officer from office. (The Trial Board shall be selected by the principal. This board will consist of twelve members, four from each department.)

SECTION 5. The Trial Board has the power to place an individual on a probationary period, impeach him or her from office, or withdraw the charge.

SECTION 6. A recall vote to hold another election of an A.S.W. office will be held on demand of three-fourths of the student membership by the way of signature and written petition.

ARTICLE VIII

Elections

- SECTION 1. The method of nomination and election of A.S.W. and Class Officers for any school year shall be decided upon, arranged for, and carried out by secret ballot no later than one month prior to the termination of the school year. The names of all eligible candidates must be posted in some conspicuous place at least one week prior to the election.
- SECTION 2. The class officers shall be nominated and elected by the provisions decided on by the Executive Board.
- SECTION 3. No person may hold more than one student body or class office at any time.
- SECTION 4. All members of the Executive Board, and Student Senate before assuming office, shall subscribe to the following pledge: "I DO SOLEMNLY AFFIRM THAT I WILL UPHOLD AND OBEY ALL LAWS AND RULES OF THE SCHOOL, SUPPORT ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AS OUTLINED IN THE STUDENT LEADER HANDBOOK, AND FULFILL THE OFFICE TO WHICH I AM ELECTED TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY." This affirmation shall be made under the supervision of the school principal.
- SECTION 5. All members of the A.S.W. are eligible to vote for the A.S.W. offices and W.O.W., and W.H.A.M. Presidents.
- SECTION 6. A.S.W. members of each individual class shall be eligible to vote for the officers of their class only.

ARTICLE IX

Succession to Office

- SECTION 1. If an elected officer is unable to serve the entirety of his/her term and more than one-third of the year remains, a new election shall be held as soon as possible under the conditions set forth by this constitution. If less than one-third of the year remains, the Executive Board shall decide whether to appoint a successor or to leave the position vacant.

ARTICLE X

Eligibility Requirements for Office

- SECTION 1. Any registered student of West High School may seek office provided that:
- A. The student is in the appropriate grade for that office: A.S.W., W.O.W. and W.H.A.M. officers shall serve their senior year. Class officers shall serve the class of which they are members.
 - B. He or she has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average for the previous three quarters or an overall 3.0 cumulative grade

point average for his or her 9th to 12th grades (whichever is better for the student), and a satisfactory citizenship (i.e. no more than one U in the current school year).

- C. He or she will subscribe to the aforementioned affirmation (ARTICLE VII, Section 4).
- D. He or she will secure the signatures of fifty members of the A.S.W.

SECTION 2. In the event that a member of the Executive Board or Senate does not maintain the required grade point average and citizenship mark during his/her term in office, he/she shall be placed on probation for four weeks. At the end of this period if he or she has improved his or her position to the required level, he/she will be removed from probation. If the student does not obtain the required grade point average or citizenship mark, the student will remain on probation for the remainder of the term and be suspended from all student body office activities during this time. If at the end of the term the student has not been reinstated to the required level of proficiency, he or she is to be removed from office. The student body president, or acting president, will then call a special election or make an appointment as stated in this constitution.

ARTICLE XI

Class Offices

SECTION 1. The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class officers shall consist of a Class President, Vice-President and Secretary.

ARTICLE XII

Cheerleaders

SECTION 1. Varsity, Junior, and Sophomore/Freshman Cheerleaders. (As amended, May 1996)

- A. The Varsity Cheerleading Squad shall consist of junior and senior students only. The Varsity Cheerleading Squad will be formed by the following process:
 - (1) Cheerleaders will be selected by a screening committee.
 - (2) After the cheerleaders have been selected, two seniors will be selected by the other squad members to run for the Varsity Head Cheerleader position.
 - (3) This position will be voted on during the A.S.W. elections by the student body.
 - (4) The Varsity Head Cheerleader will serve as a member of the E-Board.
- B. The Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad may consist of junior, sophomore, and senior students only. The Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad will be formed by the following process:

- (1) Following the Varsity Cheerleading selection, the Junior Varsity squad will be selected by a screening committee.
 - (2) Following the screening committee selection, squad members will select a Junior Varsity Cheerleading Captain.
- C. The Sophomore/Freshman Cheerleading Squad may consist of sophomore and freshman students only. The Sophomore/Freshman Cheerleading Squad will be formed by the following process:
- (1) The Sophomore/Freshman Squad will be selected by a screening committee.
 - (2) Following the screening committee selection, squad members will select a Sophomore/Freshman Cheerleader Captain.

ARTICLE XIII

Women's and Men's Associations

- SECTION 1. Names of the Organizations
- A. The name of the Women's Association shall be the Women of West (W.O.W.)
 - B. The name of the Men's Association shall be the West High Associated Men (W.H.A.M.)
- SECTION 2. Membership
- A. Membership in W.O.W. shall include all female students of the A.S.W.
 - B. Membership in W.H.A.M. shall include all male members of the A.S.W.
- SECTION 3. Organization
- A. The officers shall include a President, serving their senior year, Vice-President and Secretary and Class Representatives. The Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected in the fall of each year by the membership.
 - B. The President of each organization shall act as a member of the Student Senate. The officers must have had and must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average and the representatives a 2.0 grade point average. Satisfactory citizenship is required. This will be determined by the organization.

ARTICLE XIV

Chartering of Clubs

Policy governing the organization and regulation of school clubs is determined by the Salt Lake City School District Board of Education, under regulation IGDA and IGDA-R. Please refer to the “Equal Access Act, Student Organization” section on student clubs in the handbook section III, District Policies.

ARTICLE XV

Rules of Order

SECTION 1. Each Governing Board, Club and Organization shall determine their own rules of order based upon Robert’s Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XVI

Amendments

SECTION 1. This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority of the votes by ballot by the A.S.W. membership after the proposed amendment has been read to the student body and posted in some conspicuous place for one week.

SECTION 2. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Board, The Student Senate, or The Student Board of Representatives, or by one hundred signatures of students by way of a written petition.

ARTICLE XVII

Veto Power

SECTION 1. Because the powers of the Student Government are delegated by the principal, he or she shall have the right to veto any measure the Student Government may pass. The principal, however, must explain the reason for the veto.

ARTICLE XVIII

Adoption

SECTION 1. This constitution shall go into effect as soon as it is approved by a majority vote of the school membership and may not be revised unless requested by a three-fourths membership by way of signature and written petition.