

# **CONSTITUTION FOR REGION E OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS**

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Region E of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils.

## **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to further and improve student and adult participation in school government.

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall include any secondary schools which have paid PASC dues and are located in the following counties: Bedford, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Franklin, Fulton.

## **ARTICLE IV: REGION DIRECTORSHIP**

Section 1. The Region Director shall be the chairperson of this organization.

Section 2. The Region Director shall be an official representative of Region E on the State Executive Board. The other representative being the (student) Region E Representative.

Section 3. The Region Director shall preside at all meetings and arrange for annual district conferences.

Section 4. The Region Director shall keep a record of all meetings, handle all correspondence, and keep financial records. The Region Director may appoint another member of the Region Board to perform these duties (a board secretary and/or treasurer).

## **ARTICLE V: REGION BOARD**

Section 1. The Region Board shall be composed of the Region Director, PASC Region E Representative, one faculty advisor and one student representative for each county, a middle school advisor and student representative, and an advisor and student for the Region Conference school.

- It is highly encouraged that the student representative from the conference host school be a conference chairperson.
- If the host council wishes to have 2 chairs for the conference, both may attend as board members, but only one vote is shared between them.
- Schools can occupy more than one role on the board at a time. (For example, a school can be county reps and conference reps at the same time.)

Section 2. The duties of the Region Board members are to attend all Region Board meetings, encourage membership of county schools in PASC and Region E, encourage schools to attend conferences and workshops, communicate regularly with county schools, and choose schools to host conferences.

Section 3. A member shall be subject to removal for failure to fulfill the above duties, at the discretion of the Region board.

Section 4. The nominee who shall gain the second highest number of votes at the county caucus shall be the Alternate representative to the Region Board, and will assume the position should the elected representative be unable to continue in that capacity.

Section 5. Should a Region Board member be unable to serve in their capacity, and/or no Alternate representative is available to serve, the Region Board shall appoint a representative until the next regularly scheduled election.

#### ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Region Director shall be elected every three years at the region conference.

Section 2. Nominations for the position of Region Director shall be submitted from within the membership one month prior to the Winter Region Board meeting through resumes and applications.

Section 3. County Representatives:

- Both advisor and student must come from a PASC member school district
- The school district which shall serve as the county representative shall be elected at at the county caucus at the annual Region Conference.
- The school district elected shall determine the student representative to the region board.
- The term of office shall be two years, with Bedford, Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata counties elected on even years, and Blair, Franklin, Fulton counties on odd years.

Section 4. School district applicants shall submit resume and applications to the Region Director one month prior to the annual Region Conference.

Section 5. Each member student council shall have one vote in the county elections in caucus at the annual Region Conference.

Section 6. In the event of a tie, a committee comprised of the Region reps from counties not holding elections, the Region E rep and the Region Director, will meet to review the applications and break the tie. This meeting will take place at the Region Conference prior to the closing assembly. Applications will be available for review from the Region Director.

## ARTICLE VII:

Section 1. Region E shall meet at the annual Region Conference.

Section 2. The Region Board shall meet seasonally in the Fall, Winter, and Spring either in person or electronically

Section 3. The Region Board shall meet any other time deemed necessary.

Section 4. Each Board member may vote. The Region Director shall vote only in the case of a tie.

Section 5. A majority of the Region Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Any member of Region E may attend and openly participate in Region E meetings.

## ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees may be named as necessary.

Section 2. Committee members may be appointed from Region E membership by the Region Director.

## ARTICLE IX: FINANCES

Section 1. The dues of member schools shall be determined by the State Executive Board.

Section 2. The Region Director shall be paid a \$300 honorarium annually.

Section 3. The Region Representative and Region Director shall be the official region delegates to the state conference. The Region Representatives conference fee will be covered by PASC.

Section 4. The PASC Region E Representative shall be the official region delegate to the national conference. Part of the travel expenses may be paid by Region E at the discretion of the Region Board.

Section 5. If a host school has a surplus of money following a conference, that surplus shall be deposited in the Region E treasury.

Section 6. If a host school has a deficit following a conference, the host school is responsible for the deficit. Region E is not responsible for conference deficits .

Section 7. Region Board members and committee members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses by the Region Director or designee.

Section 8. Student Region Board members shall be eligible to have one-half of the registration fee paid to a Blue or Gold summer leadership camp.

#### ARTICLE X: CONFERENCES

Region E may sponsor conferences and workshops annually.

#### ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual Region Conference.

#### ARTICLE XII: RATIFICATION

This constitution shall become effective when ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual Region Conference