

**Articles of Organizaton for NDASC
North Dakota Association of Student Councils
As revised by NDASC 2009**

**Article I
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the North Dakota Association of Student Councils (NDASC).

**Article II
Membership and Purpose**

Membership in this Association shall be open to all public, private and parochial high schools and middle schools in North Dakota. The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the cause of student participation in the school community, encourage the development of new student councils, assist all student councils to become more effective organizations within their schools and communities, provide information on all phases of the student council movement and coordinate statewide student council activities.

**Article III
Officers**

- Sec. 1 The officers shall be president, class B representative, class A representative, vice president, middle level president, middle level representative, middle level representative, and middle level vice president.
- Sec. 2 The term of office shall be one year and a current state officer may not run for any state office.
- Sec. 3 Only underclassmen attending the convention as voting delegates may be elected to any office.
- Sec. 4 There shall be only one officer from any school.

**Article IV
Duties of Officers
(See Bylaws)**

**Article V
Election of Officers
(See Bylaws)**

**Article VI
Meetings**

- Sec. 1 There shall be an annual convention of delegates from member schools at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee and the advisors. The number of voting and nonvoting delegates each school may send and the registration fee that each delegate must pay shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
- Sec. 2 NDSAA will help pay for the state officers and the executive director to attend state, regional and national meetings.
- Sec. 3 The Executive Committee will meet at NDSAA expense to organize the state conference.
- Sec. 4 The executive director will attend NDASSP meetings and represent the Association.
- Sec. 5 The executive director will attend other designated meetings to represent the Association.

**Article VII
Finances**

- Sec. 1 Each member school shall pay an annual membership fee to NDSAA.
- Sec. 2 Each school sending delegates to the annual convention shall pay a registration fee to defray the expenses (See Article VI).
- Sec. 3 All funds of NDASC will be deposited in the NDSAA account.

- Sec. 4 A yearly financial statement shall be presented to the advisors at the state convention.
- Sec. 5 Official funds may be used to pay all routine expenses of the Association, to pay expenses of the Executive Committee, to pay expenses of the executive director and to assist in sending official state delegates to state, regional and national meetings.

Article VIII Executive Committee

- Sec. 1 The Executive Committee shall be made up of the State Association officers, the State Association officer's advisors and the executive director.
- Sec. 2 All advisors are eligible to succeed themselves.
- Sec. 3 The executive director shall be hired by the NDSAA Board.

Article IX Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any time by a vote of the member schools with the following guidelines:

- a. Notice of the proposed amendment must be submitted to the Executive Director and sent to the member schools one month prior to the mail vote.
- b. A ballot will be sent to all of the member schools and they will be asked to send their vote to the Executive Director.
- c. The amendment must be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the schools who return the ballot.
- d. Any member school may propose an amendment by sending a written notice to the Executive Director.
- e. Changes to the Articles of Organization of NDASC must fit within the constraints of the 501(c)(3) Articles of Organization of NDSAA.

Bylaws

The bylaws contain items that can be changed by the Executive Committee.

1. The annual dues for member schools will be \$50.00 for both secondary schools and middle schools.
2. The state officers, their advisors and their school shall host the annual conference with guidance and help from the Executive Director.
3. The Executive Committee shall determine the annual dues and the registration fee for the state conference.
4. Each member school attending the annual conference may have five voting delegates.

Duties of the executive director:

1. Advise and assist the state officers in their responsibilities.
2. Coordinate the advisor's meeting at the state conferences.
3. Handle all the financial responsibilities of the Association.
4. Attend meetings representing the Association at NDSAA expense as approved by the budget.

Duties of Officers

Sec. 1 It shall be the duty of the president to:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee.
- b. Represent the Association at all public occasions.
- c. Be an official member of all committees.
- d. Appoint all necessary committees and designate a chairperson.
- e. Represent the NDASC at the NASC/NHS conference.
- f. Coordinate the mini sessions at the NDASC state conference.
- g. Preside over all sessions at the NDASC state conference.

- h. Attend the Region IV meeting.
 - i. Attend the NDANHS State Conference representing NDASC.
- Sec. 2 It shall be the duty of the class B representative to:
- a. Perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.
 - b. Coordinate the election at the NDASC state conference.
 - c. Attend the NASC Region IV meeting.
 - d. Attend the NASC/NHS National Conference.
 - e. Attend the NDANHS State Conference representing NDASC.
- Sec. 3 It shall be the duty of the class A representative to:
- a. Perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.
 - b. Coordinate the registration for the NDASC state conference.
 - c. Attend the NASC Region IV meeting.
 - d. Attend the NASC/NHS National Conference.
 - e. Attend the NDANHS State Conference representing NDASC.
- Sec. 4 It shall be the duty of the vice president to:
- a. Perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.
 - b. Provide decorations for the NDASC State Conference.
 - c. Attend the NASC Region IV meeting.
 - d. Attend the NASC/NHS conference.
 - e. Attend the NDANHS State Conference representing NDASC.
- Sec. 5 It shall be the duty of the middle level state officers to:
- a. Preside over all independent sessions of middle level delegates at the state conferences.
 - b. Coordinate the election of middle level state officers at both the NDASC State Conference and the Spring Middle Level State Conference.
 - c. Coordinate the mini sessions at both the NDASC State Conference and the Spring Middle Level State Conference.
 - d. Coordinate the registration for the NDASC Spring Middle Level State Conference.
 - b. Provide decorations for the NDASC Spring Middle Level State Conference.

Election of Officers

- Sec.1 Nominations for office must be sent in writing, on the official nomination form, to the host school responsible for the election before the opening of the annual convention.
- Sec. 2 All candidates for office must be underclassmen, voting delegates to the convention, and have written permission from their advisor and principal.
- Sec. 3 There will be a primary and final election to determine the state officers. Voting in the primary and final election will be by written, secret ballot; each voting delegate shall have one vote. In the case of a tie vote in either election, the Executive Committee shall determine the winner by secret ballot.
- Sec. 4 Vacancies in the offices shall be filled by a student from the state officer's school.
- Sec. 5 The candidate for president/vice president must be in their junior year of high school and may be from either a class B or class A school.
- Sec. 6. The candidate for class B representative must be in their junior year of high school and from a class B school that is based on the athletic classification of the school.
- Sec. 7. The candidate for class A representative must be in their junior year of high school and from a class A school that is based on the athletic classification of the school.
- Sec. 8 The candidates for middle level office must be in 8th grade and may be from either a class B or class A school.
- Sec. 9 A current state officer may not run for reelection.