

NHASC Constitution

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the New Hampshire Association of Student Councils (NHASC).

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the NHASC shall be:

- a. to promote the cause of student participation in the school community
- b. to encourage development of new student councils
- c. to assist all student councils to become effective organizations within their schools and communities
- d. to represent student councils with other agencies
- e. to provide the student council advisor with information and assistance
- f. to provide information on all phases of the student council movement

Note: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution the Association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried out on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501-c-3 of the Internal Revenue Law, (b) by a corporation, contributions are deductible under 170-c-2 of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

No part of the income of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Association effecting one or more of its purposes) and no member, trustee, officer or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Association.

No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall involve carrying-on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Association shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article III Membership

All secondary schools in the state that have student councils or similar official organizations shall be eligible for membership upon payment of annual dues.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President and a Secretary.

Section 2. The term of office shall be one year.

Section 3. Officers must have been active in a local member NHASC student council for at least one year, and served as an officer-elect of the NHASC Executive Board for one year.

Section 4. Officers must maintain eligibility by continuing membership in their local student council.

Article V: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Director(s), Advisors-at-Large, district advisors, district Presidents and Vice-Presidents, three officers-elect, and appointed directors. (An Associate Executive Director may also be appointed as needed.)

The purpose of the NHASC Executive Board shall be:

- a. to stimulate the study of problems and issues of the student council movement.
- b. to suggest, coordinate, and report activities and studies of local councils.
- c. to serve as a discussion group for problems affecting local councils.
- d. to consider ways and means of unifying and coordinating efforts and work of the student councils within the state.

Article VI Student Delegate Assembly

The Student Delegate Assembly shall be composed of two student delegates from each member school attending the Spring and/or Fall Conventions of the NHASC. Each school delegate present at the Convention(s) shall have one vote, when voting time arises.

Article VII Election Procedures

- Section 1. Nomination applications for officers and district presidents shall be submitted by the established deadline.
- Section 2. Elections of officers-elect shall take place at the annual Spring Convention of the NHASC.
- Section 3. Election of district presidents and vice-presidents shall take place at a district meeting before the Spring Convention. District Schools will follow the same procedure as the Student Delegate Assembly as described in Article VI.
- Section 4. Nominators for candidates for officer and district positions shall not be current members of the NHASC Executive Board.
- Section 5. The Student Council Advisor shall approve candidate speeches for the NHASC district and state positions. The Student Council Advisor shall sign off on the candidate's speech notifying that it has been approved.
- Section 6. In the event of a tie, there will be up to two revotes of the candidates who tied. In the event a vote is still tied after three total votes, the advisors of each attending Student Council shall caucus and have one vote per school to determine the winner. If the advisor vote results in a tie, the outgoing President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall each cast one vote each to determine the winner.

Article VIII Finances

- Section 1. Expenses incurred by the NHASC Executive Board are to be financed from the Association funds.
- Section 2. The Executive Director(s) or designee shall prepare a financial statement for the NHASC and submit it at the summer meeting of the NHASC Executive Board.
- Section 3. Annual dues shall be established and are subject to change by the NHASC Executive Board.
- Section 4. The Association may take hold by bequest, devise, or gift any property, real personal tangible or intangible from the general public and may sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of any such property and may invest, re-invest, or deal with the principal or income thereof in such a manner as will best promote the purposes of the Association.

Article IX Conferences and Conventions

There shall be an annual NHASC Fall Conference and an annual NHASC Spring Convention.

Article X. Amendments to the Constitution

- Section 1. A proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director(s) of the NHASC at least thirty (30) days before the Fall Conference or Spring Convention. The Executive Director(s) shall send a copy of the proposed amendment(s) to all members of the Executive Board fifteen (15) days after receipt of the proposed amendment and shall have the same published in an official NHASC publication for general distribution to all member schools. Amendments to the Constitution may be presented in the following three ways:
 1. by a NHASC member school
 2. By the NHASC Executive Board
 3. By the Executive Director(s) of the NHASCFor a proposed amendment to be considered, an amendment must pass by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Student Delegate Assembly, present and voting, at the Annual Spring Convention or the Fall Conference.

Article XI By-Laws

By-laws must be enacted by a majority vote of the Student Delegate Assembly and must be approved by the NHASC Executive Board.

Article XII Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rule of Order, (Newly Revised) shall be used to resolve any questions of parliamentary procedure for the NHASC.

Article XIII Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all the remaining assets and property of the Association shall, after necessary expenses, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify as exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501-c-3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

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