

# **Southern Association of Student Councils Constitution**

## **PREAMBLE**

We the members of the Southern Association of Student Councils in an effort to promote practices of good citizenship through active participation in the management of student affairs of our respective schools and states do adopt this constitution.

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Southern Association of Student Councils.

## **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to unite all student councils in an effective organization that will establish a more perfect union between councils of each state through the promotion of leadership and citizenship.

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Secondary schools, both public and private, of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia are eligible for membership in this Association and shall be entitled to all privileges upon payment of dues.

## **ARTICLE IV: ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

1. Officer schools and term of office.
  - a. The officer schools of this organization shall be president, vice president, secretary, and parliamentarian.
  - b. Officer schools shall be elected by the official delegates in attendance at the annual conference and shall serve for one year.
2. Adult officers and terms of office.
  - a. The adult officers of this organization shall be an executive director and two assistant advisors.
  - b. The executive director shall be elected by the adult advisors in attendance at the annual conference for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election.
    - i. One assistant advisor representing Section A, consisting of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, shall be elected for a term of two years.
    - ii. One assistant advisor representing Section B, consisting of Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas, shall be elected for a term of two years.

## **ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS**

1. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of the Association. Proposed amendments must be sent to the parliamentarian and the executive director at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the annual conference.
2. Copies of proposed amendments shall be sent by the parliamentarian to all member schools at least two (2) weeks prior to the opening date of the annual conference.
3. The proposed amendment shall be read at the first general session during the annual conference and shall be voted on by the delegates at the last general session, two-thirds of the votes cast being necessary for ratification.

## **ARTICLE VI: REVISION**

This constitution may be revised in the following manner. A constitution committee appointed by the SASC Executive Director and chaired by the parliamentarian school may present a proposed revision of the constitution to the executive committee of the Association for its consideration. If the proposed revision is approved by this group, the parliamentarian school shall send copies of the proposed revision to all members of the Association for acceptance or rejection. If accepted by two-thirds of those voting within a time specified by the parliamentarian school, such time to be not less than thirty (30) days after the copies are mailed out, the revised constitution shall become effective upon mailing of notification by the executive director to member schools.

## **ARTICLE VII: RATIFICATION**

A copy of this revised constitution shall be sent to all members of the Association with an official ballot which shall be marked and returned to the parliamentarian school within thirty (30) days after it is mailed. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall be required for adoption. If accepted, this revised constitution shall become effective upon mailing of notification by the executive director to member schools.

## **ARTICLE VIII: PROCEDURE**

Unless otherwise stated in this constitution, Roberts' *Rules of Order*, Revised Edition, shall govern all Association procedures.