

BROWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME

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

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to represent the collective student bodies of Broward County's high and middle schools to the School Board of Broward County, Florida, to promote harmonious relations between the schools in Broward County, to provide opportunities to render collective service to our community and to attempt to solve problems that impact students collectively.

ARTICLE III-SPONSORSHIP AND SUPERVISION

- Section 1. The Broward County Association of Student Councils will be under the direct sponsorship and supervision of the Department of Student Activities and Athletics and the advisor of the President School. The advisor of the President School must attend all BCASC meetings. Missing three (3) meetings will result in the replacement of the President School by the High School Vice-president School.
- Section 2. The Student Activities Liaison for the School Board of Broward County, Florida will act as the advisor to the BCASC and as a liaison between the BCASC and the School Board in addition to the Student Advisors to the School Board.

ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. All public and private high and middle schools are eligible for membership in this organization.
- Section 2. Membership shall be activated upon the payment of annual dues. The amount of the annual membership dues shall be proposed by the Treasurer after consultation with the other elected officers and shall be set by the membership for the upcoming year at the last regular meeting of the current year.
- Section 3. Each member school must have two (2) representatives on the school's delegation to monthly BCASC meetings.

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

- Section 1. The elected officers of the BCASC shall be President, High School Vice-president, Middle School Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. Offices will be held by member schools, not individuals and a school may only hold one office at a time.
- Section 2. To be eligible to run for office a school must be a dues paying member of the BCASC, free of any financial obligations to the BCASC, have not missed more than two of the current year's regularly scheduled BCASC meetings and present the Activities Liaison with a statement that is signed by both the school's Principal and Student Council Advisor indicating the office being sought.
- Section 3. To be eligible to run for the office of Parliamentarian, the school's representative must take and pass a parliamentary procedure exam with a score of at least 70%.
- Section 4. To be elected a school must receive a majority of votes cast at a regular meeting.
- Section 5. The elected officers, the advisor from the President school, the Student Advisor and Associate Advisor to the School Board, and the Student Activities liaison will form the BCASC Executive Committee.
- Section 6. The term of office shall be one year, starting and ending in the month of May.

ARTICLE VI-DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President School shall:
- A. provide a chairperson for all BCASC General and Executive Committee meetings.
 - B. prepare the agenda for each meeting.
 - C. make necessary appointments.
 - D. represent or appoint officers to represent the BCASC before the School Board.
 - E. uphold and enforce the Constitution of the BCASC
- Section 2. The High School Vice-president shall:
- A. assume the duties of the president school in the event of absence or removal.
 - B. be responsible for arranging for guest speakers or programs for each regular BCASC meeting.

- C. oversee all BCASC Committees
- D. uphold and enforce the Constitution of the BCASC.

Section 3. The Middle School Vice-president shall:
A. represent middle school opinion to the BCASC.
B. chair a BCASC Project
C. uphold and enforce the Constitution of the BCASC.

Section 4. The Secretary shall:
A. keep accurate reports of the business at all regular BCASC and Executive Board meetings.
B. send copies of the minutes of each regular meeting to the membership, the Executive Board and appropriate county administrators.
C. maintain an accurate record of meeting attendance.
D. transfer all records to the Secretary Elect at the end of each school year.
E. uphold and enforce the Constitution of the BCASC.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall:
A. be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all BCASC funds.
B. provide the membership with a monthly financial report.
C. provide the membership with an annual financial report at the end of the school year.
D. transfer all funds to the Treasurer School Elect at the end of the school year.
E. uphold and enforce the Constitution of the BCASC.

Section 6. The Parliamentarian shall:
A. act as the source of parliamentary information for the BCASC.
B. uphold and enforce the Constitution of the BCASC.

ARTICLE VII-MEETINGS

Section 1. The BCASC will meet at least once per month during the regular school year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee will meet after each regular BCASC meeting.

Section 3. Emergency meetings of the general membership may be called for by the President School after consultation with the Executive Committee. Emergency meetings may not take place during a regular school day.

- Section 4. The dates of the monthly regular meetings will be suggested by the Executive Committee and must be approved by the membership.
- Section 5. Meeting sites shall rotate on a regular basis through the administrative areas of the Broward County Public School System.

ARTICLE VIII-REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- Section 1. a. An Officer school may be removed from office for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance. An officer school that is not represented at three (3) regularly scheduled meetings, including both Executive Board and monthly BCASC meetings may be removed from office.
- Section 2. A motion to remove a school from office must be made and seconded by member schools at a regular business meeting.
- Section 3. The Secretary will notify the principal, student government advisor, and the student government president of the effected school of the motion for removal within five (5) school days of the meeting at which the motion was made.
- Section 4. The motion will be debated and voted upon at the next regular business meeting.
- Section 5. A simple majority vote (one vote per school) is required to remove a school from office.

ARTICLE IX-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The source of parliamentary authority for the BCASC shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Amended May 20, 2011 by the BCASC in assembly.

ARTICLE X-BY LAWS

All By-Laws must be enacted by a majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting and must be approved by the advisor.

1. Schools leaving a regularly scheduled BCASC meeting prior to the adjournment of the meeting will not be counted as present for that meeting.

By Law added at the 2008 BCASC Convention.

2. The amount of the annual dues will be recommended by the treasurer school and approved by the membership.

For the 2011-2012 year dues was set at \$30.00 for middle Schools and \$110 for high schools with \$80 of the high school dues designated specifically for scholarships.

By Law added at the 2011 BCASC Convention.

3. The total amount that a school will be reimbursed for hosting a monthly BCASC meeting will be \$200.

By Law added at the 2011 BCASC Convention.