

TRAILS WEST DISTRICT of the  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS  
CONSTITUTION  
Revised October, 2008

Article 1 Name

The name of this association shall be the Trails West District of the Missouri Association of Student Councils.

Article 2 Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be to bring together members of the student councils of Kansas City and outlying areas for the purpose of discussing and exchanging ideas of organization and projects, to promote better inter-school relations, to train for citizenship, to provide a means for student expression, and to encourage student participation in leadership activities.

Article 3 Membership

Section 1. All secondary schools within the Trails West District having a Student Council and/or similar student government organization are eligible for membership in this district association.

Section 2. Any secondary school not included in Article 3, Section 1, is eligible for membership subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Article 4 Meetings

Section 1. The Trails West District shall meet at least once annually at the fall district meeting and at any other times deemed necessary to the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The presiding officer shall be selected by the President school of the Trails West District.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.

Article 5 Representation

Section 1. Representation to the Trails West District shall be vested in two (2) official student delegates and a faculty advisor. Each official student delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The faculty advisor is an ex-officio delegate.

Section 2. In addition to the two (2) official delegates, the number of delegates that may attend the Trails West District meetings may be determined by the host (president) school, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

## Article 6 Officers

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Trails West District shall consist of the following officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary.

Section 2. To be eligible to campaign for an office of the Trails West District, the school must be present at the Trails West District meeting and have written approval of the school advisor and principal.

Section 3. A school desiring to campaign for an office shall communicate their interest prior to the date of the fall meeting. No additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Section 4. Election of officers will be conducted at the fall convention. The school receiving the largest number of votes for each office will be elected.

Section 5. In the event of a tied vote between two candidates for the same office, a flip of a coin tie breaker will be held in the presence of the advisors to determine which candidate will be declared the winner.

Section 6. The Executive Committee of this association shall be composed of the Trails West District Board Representative, the student officers of the officer schools, and the faculty advisors of the officer schools. If an office remains open after the fall meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint a school to fill that position.

Section 7. The President shall preside at the Trails West District Conference.

The President shall appoint all standing and special committees subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

The President shall prepare an agenda for the conference.

The President shall be the main student representative of the Trails West District in its contact with the public.

The school serving in the office of President shall be a high school.

Section 8. The First Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of all Trails West District Committees.

The First Vice President shall be responsible for the discussion groups offered at the annual meeting.

The school serving in the office of First Vice President shall be a high school.

Section 9. The Second Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of all Trails West District committees.

The Second Vice President shall be responsible for providing amenities in the faculty hospitality room at the Conference.

The school serving in the office of Second Vice President shall be a middle school or junior high school, or freshman center.

Section 10. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of each Trails West District Conference.

The Secretary shall be responsible for putting together some kind of resource book for the delegates.

The school serving as Secretary School shall be a high school.

#### Article 7 Amendments

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the Trails West District Constitution shall be presented to the Executive Committee at any time, and voted on at the fall meeting of the Trails West District.

Section 2. The Trails West District Constitution shall be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the official delegates at any Trails West District meeting, providing the requirements of Article 7, Section 1 have been met.

Section 3. In the event that an elected Officer School is unable to fulfill its duties, those responsibilities will be reassigned to the next Officer School, if possible. If the next Officer School is unable to assume the duties, the Board Representative will open the office to other member schools with an application process.

#### By-Laws

Section 1. All official delegates are permitted to have a faculty member from their school at all business meetings of the Trails West District.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be \$15.00 per school, payable to Trails West District prior to or on the day of the fall meeting.

Section 3. Issues or concerns vital to public education and affecting many students may be proposed as resolutions and voted upon at any Trails West District meeting. A simple majority shall be required for the passage of the resolution, subject to the approval of the Trails West District Executive Committee.

Section 4. The annual fall Trails West District Conference shall be determined by the schedule of the president school.

Section 5. The term of the adult board representative to MASC shall be three years and that representative can succeed himself or herself one time (a total of six (6) years consecutively). The adult advisors of Trails West District will elect an alternate representative to serve in the event the elected official is unable to serve or perform his or her duties.

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