

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS DISTRICT VI

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the District Six of the Florida Association of Student Councils.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to assist student councils within District VI, to foster ideas of democracy and education, and spread the principles of responsibility, leadership, personal growth, self-discipline, and good citizenship.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in this organization shall be open to any secondary public or private high school (grades sixth through twelfth) student councils in District Six.

Section 2: Annual Dues for each school shall be \$10.00. Dues are to be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer School prior to the first District Six Meeting. A fee of \$5.00 will be assessed for late dues prior to the second meeting.

Section 3: No school shall be allowed to vote at the second or third district meeting without paying dues prior to the second meeting.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of District Six shall be schools not individuals. The officers of District Six shall consist of a President, Vice-president, and a Secretary/Treasurer school. These officer schools shall be elected at the District Convention in the spring.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall consist of the current and immediate past officer schools.

ARTICLE V: TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1: Upon adjournment of the District Convention, the immediate past officer schools shall conference an orderly transfer of duties and responsibilities to the newly elected officer schools. Between the time of the District Convention and the FASC convention, all pertinent records and assets of the offices shall be transferred, and newly elected officer schools will assume their terms of office on the last day of the FASC convention.

ARTICLE V: TERM OF OFFICE CONTINUED

Section 2: The outgoing vice-president school will remain responsible for a final district newsletter following the FASC convention, and the newly elected vice-president school will publish the first newsletter of its term of office before the first district meeting of the upcoming school year.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings.
- B. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- C. Act as chairman of the Board of Directors.
- D. Appoint any necessary committees.
- E. Host the first district meeting (fall).
- F. Be a member of the FASC Executive Board.

Section 2: The Vice-president shall:

- A. Perform the duties of the President in the event of his/her absence.
- B. Procure topics and select the chairman for all discussion groups, panels, and informative groups.
- C. Host the second district meeting (winter).
- D. Publish a maximum of four district newsletters, one before each district meeting and one following the FASC convention.

(Note: The Board of Directors at the recommendation of the Vice-President shall set a reasonable price limit. The expenses shall be taken from the District Six funds.)

Section 3: The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- A. Keep a permanent record of the minutes of each meeting.
- B. Call and keep an accurate account of roll at all district meetings.
- C. Have charge of the financial matters pertaining to the District Convention, which is held in the spring, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- D. Present an itemized report of all money spent on the District Convention to the Vice-President for the newsletter following the convention.
- E. Compile a summarized report of convention activities and committee meetings, which are to be sent to all member schools and the Executive Secretary in the newsletter published between the district and state conventions.
- F. Compile folders for the incoming Secretary/Treasurer of all materials. Forms etc. used in planning and hosting the District Convention.
- G. Send a copy of the District Six Constitution with any additional amendments to all member schools.
- H. Carry out any other duties relating to the office designated by the President.

- I. Purchase, with district funds, a gavel for the incoming President, and to repay all schools that hosted district conventions.
- J. Forward the ending balance check along with a balance sheet of all transactions, to the incoming Secretary/Treasurer.
- K. Collect dues and keep an updated list of all member schools.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

- Section 1: The elections shall be held at the last District Convention.
- Section 2: The written permission of the principal of each candidate school shall be required to send to President and Secretary/Treasurer two weeks prior to the last District Convention.
- Section 3: Officer schools shall be elected by the delegates of the schools present by secret ballot and majority rule. Each school shall have only one vote.
- Section 4: In the event there are no candidates for an office, the current president shall appoint a nominating committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to present at least one nominee for each office. The principals of the schools shall give written consent over the telephone or via fax.
- Section 5: No school shall hold the same district office two years in succession.

ARTICLE VIII SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to call special meetings within the district at anytime it deems necessary. Written notice of such meetings and their purposes shall be given to every member school at least two weeks prior to the set date of such meetings.

ARTICLE IX RATIFICATION

This constitution shall go into effect immediately upon ratification of two-thirds of the member schools present at the District Convention.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: This constitution shall be amended at any of the meetings of District Six by a two-thirds vote of the member schools present.
- Section 2: All proposed amendments must be formally typed and must be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer at least three days prior to the meeting at which they will be voted on.
- Section 3: All amendments shall be sent to each member school at least two weeks prior to the District Convention.

ARTICLE XI RESOLUTIONS

Section 1: A resolution committee shall be formed at the first district meeting of District Six. The committee shall be composed of two or more schools as designated by the President.

Section 2: Duties of the resolution committee:

- A. The Vice-President shall:
 - 1. Send a letter to all member schools advising the schools of the purpose of the resolutions.
 - 2. Send examples and the method of writing resolutions to all member schools.
- B. The Secretary/Treasurer shall:
 - 1. Make a copy for every delegate of all resolutions to be voted on at the second district meeting (winter).
 - 2. Forward the passed resolutions from District Six to the FASC Secretary and the Executive Director prior to the FASC Convention.

Section 3: The resolutions submitted must be passed by a majority rule of the schools present at the second District meeting (winter).

ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules in The New Robert’s Rules of Order: 2nd Edition, shall govern District Six in all cases not specifically covered by this constitution.