

Capital Region V
Wisconsin Association of School Councils
By-Laws

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be Capital Region (Region V) of the Wisconsin Association of School Councils.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Any organization officially representing the student body of any Wisconsin Public or Private middle school, junior high school, or senior high school, which must include at least two consecutive grade levels between grades 7 and 12, located within the Capital Region (Region V) of the WASC, will, upon acceptance of the WASC Constitution, By-Laws, and Platform, and payment of the required WASC dues, be members of the Capital Region of the WASC.

ARTICLE III – Organization and Management

Section 1. Terminology

In all Articles of these By-Laws, the terms “Chairperson” and “President” shall be used interchangeably.

Section 2. Chairpersons

In this region there shall be four (4) Chairpersons:

- a. Senior High School Student Chairperson
- b. Middle/Junior High School Student Chairperson
- c. Senior High School Advisor Chairperson
- d. Middle/Junior High Advisor Chairperson

Section 3. Duties of the Chairpersons

Each of the four (4) Chairpersons shall chair his/her respective caucus, as provided in the WASC Constitution.

ARTICLE IV – Meetings

Members of the Capital Region shall meet at least two (2) times each school year. These two required meetings should be the Spring Business meeting and the Fall Conference, as provided in the WASC Constitution. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the Regional Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V – Caucuses

Section 1. Students and Advisors

At all business meetings, students (Middle/Junior High/High School) and advisors shall caucus separately, as provided in the WASC Constitution.

ARTICLE VI – Regional Officers

Section 1. WASC Constitution

Officers of the Capital Region shall be those provided for in Article IV, Section 5 of the WASC Constitution.

Section 2. Election

- a) Regional officers will be selected from all candidates running for office who have submitted a properly done election form by the time of the Spring Business Meeting.
- b) In the event that there are not enough candidates to fill the positions, nominations can be made for positions left vacant after voting occurs. A second round of voting will then take place. Any person nominated and elected must submit the proper forms to the WASC State Office ASAP to hold the position.
- c) Each candidate will give a 1-3 minute speech. Two (2) follow-up questions will be asked of each candidate. The same questions will be used for each candidate. Only one candidate at a time will be present in the general assembly when the questions are asked.
- d) Each school present at their respective Spring Business Meeting will have two (2) votes – one (1) advisor and one (1) student delegate. (student delegate cannot be a candidate).
- e) The one-third plus one rule will be put into effect for voting. The number of candidates a voter must choose is determined by taking one-third of the candidates, plus one more vote. This means that if six (6) candidates are running for any position, a voter is required to vote for 1/3 of 6, being two (2), plus one. So the voter must select three (3) candidates. This process is continued until two (2) candidates remain. Then whichever candidate has the majority of the votes is determined the winner.
- f) In the event of an unbreakable tie, a governing board member not from Region V will be called in to cast the tie-breaking vote.
- g) The top three candidates who receive the majority of votes will be the new elected President, Vice-President, and Corresponding Secretary upon their acceptance to the office.
- h) JAM schools are welcome to join the High School Spring Business Meeting. Only JAM schools who have an 8th grader running for a high school office will be allowed to vote for Regional High School Officers. If JAM schools do not have any candidates they will not be allowed to be part of the voting delegation.
- i) Regional Officers shall assume office upon the close of their respective state conferences, and shall serve until the close of the following year's state conference.
- j) Procedure for the election of a Regional Advisor will be the same as that for a student.

Section 3. Responsibilities

- a) Candidates elected to office agree to attend all required Governing Board Meetings
- b) Elected officers must attend all additional Regional and State meetings-
- c) It shall be the duty of the elected officers to obtain articles and information from Regional Schools and to send such materials to the editor of the WASC State Publication (WASC Newsnotes).

ARTICLE VII – Vacancies

Vacancies occurring among the elected officers shall be filled by appointment by the Regional Executive Committee, provided the required forms are filed with the WASC State Office as soon as possible.

ARTICLE VIII- Regional Workshops

Section 1. Selection of Hosts

Any region member school intending on hosting a regional activity should make their own application. The Regional Executive Committee holds the responsibility of selecting the host school from the applications.

Applications for the Fall Region V Conference would be due before the Spring Business meeting, so the Executive Officers can review the applications. The Host School selected would be announced at the Spring Business Meeting.

If no school applied to host, then the new Region V officers and Coordinators will find a host.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments

Section 1. Proposal authority

Any Member School Council, a Regional Assembly, or the Regional Executive Committee may propose amendments to these Regional By-Laws.

Section 2. Submission procedures

Proposed amendments may be submitted at any time in writing to the Regional Executive Committee at least one month prior to a regional business meeting.

Section 3. Executive Committee action

Before consideration by the Regional Assembly, By-Law amendments must be approved for consideration by a simple majority vote of the Regional Executive Committee. Amendments approved by the Regional Executive Committee will be forwarded to member schools in the region before a business meeting is held.

Section 4. Adoption

By-Law amendments shall be effective immediately upon receiving a simple majority of the votes cast in the Regional Assembly of a Regional Business Meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall forward results to the WASC State Office immediately.

ARTICLE X – Ratification

These By-Laws will take effect upon approval of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by Member school representatives attending the Spring Business Meetings of the Capital Regions Assemblies.

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