*Constitution of the Hopewell District*

*2016-2017*

***Article I- Name***

The name of the organization shall be the Hopewell District of the Illinois Association of Student Councils.

***Article II- Purpose***

The purpose of this organization shall be to aid in the development of the new Student Councils and the betterment of established Student Councils; to promote cooperation and communication between District member schools; and to improve participation in the activities of the Hopewell District of the IASC.

***Article III- Membership***

*Section 1* Membership in the Illinois High School Association shall be a prerequisite
 for membership in the Hopewell District of the IASC.

*Section 2* The geographic boundaries of the Hopewell District are established by the IASC Executive Board. All schools within these boundaries will be eligible for membership in the Hopewell District.

*Section 3* The member schools of this organization shall consist of those schools which pay the membership fee.

*Section 4* The membership fee will be determined by the current IASC
 Executive Board and Advisors.

***Article IV- Executive Board***

*Section 1* The Executive Board shall consist of:

 A. Officers

 1. President

 2. First Vice-President

 3. Second Vice-President

 4. Secretary

 5. Treasurer

 6. Convention Secretary

 7. Liaison to the IASC

 B. The Student Council Advisors of each of the following officers:

 1. President

 2. First Vice-President

 3. Second Vice-President

 4. Secretary

 5. Treasurer

 6. Convention Secretary

 7. Liaison to the IASC

 C. Two Advisors-at-Large

*Section 2* The Executive Board shall conduct the business of the District between annual Conventions.

*Section 3* The elected members of the Executive Board shall be the officers. (Art IV, section 1, part A)

A. Officers shall serve in their elected position from the time of their election until the spring convention when new officers are elected.

 1. All candidates must secure their advisor’s permission and submit the proper forms to the Credential Committee before they are allowed to run for this office.

 2. Candidates for an office shall be nominated from the floor and the nomination must be seconded by a member school, other than the nominee’s school.

 3. In case of a tie, those candidates involved in the tie will be called forward. The Credentials Committee Chairperson shall read each candidate’s credentials as they were submitted to the Credentials Committee. Then a second vote will be taken.

 4. If there are no candidates for an office, the position will be filled with an appointment by the Executive Board.

 5. A person may not hold the same Executive Board office for two consecutive years.

*Section 4* The Advisor(s)-at-Large shall be named to a one-year term at the annual district convention. These shall be the retiring President’s advisors and the retiring Convention Secretary’s Advisor unless some conflict arises.

 A. If a vacancy occurs for the Advisor(s)-at-large position, line of succession is:

 1. Retiring President

 2. Convention Secretary

 3. First Vice-President

 4. Second Vice-President

 5. Secretary

 6. Treasurer

 7. Liaison to the IASC

*Section 5* In the event that an officer is unable to complete his/her term, a qualified individual shall be appointed by the Executive Board to fill the vacancy.

*Section 6* In the events that an Advisor-at-Large is unable to complete his/her term, a qualified individual shall be appointed by the Executive Board to fill the vacancy.

 A. If a vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled as defined in Article IV, Section 4, Subsection A.

*Section 7* The basic duties and the powers of all Executive Board members shall be defined in the current edition of the Hopewell District Handbook, and any additional duties or powers shall be established by the Executive Board at any time during the year.

***Article V- Impeachment***

*Section 1* An impeachable offense must be presented in order for consideration of impeachment.

 A. Impeachable offenses are as follows:

 1. He/She has missed three consecutive meetings.

 2. He/She has been suspended or granted expulsion from his/her school.

 3. He/She has been involved in an out of school altercation.

 4. He/She has been found to have violated the Hopewell Constitution or the policies of the Hopewell District Handbook.

 5. He/She has conducted grievous misconduct in front of the Hopewell District board.

*Section 2* Impeachment will be decided by a simple majority vote of the Hopewell Executive Board members.

*Section3* Line of succession

 A. If a Hopewell Executive Board officer is impeached, the remaining officers will be given the choice to assume the duties of the impeached officer. If none of the remaining officers will assume the duties of the impeached officer, then the Executive Board must appoint a replacement with a 2/3 vote within one month of dismissal. Line of succession is as follows:

 1. President

 2. First Vice-President

 3. Second Vice-President

 4. Secretary

 5. Treasurer

 6. Convention Secretary

 7. Liaison to the IASC

 B. It is a responsibility of the Hopewell President to appoint an executive to fill whatever post may be vacant due to the impeachment process if no one assumes the duties.

***Article VI- Qualifications of Officers***

*Section 1* A student must be in his/her freshman, sophomore, or junior year at a member school to be a candidate for office.

*Section 2* A student in his/her freshman year is not eligible to run for the office of President or First Vice-President.

 A. Candidates for the position of Hopewell President must have served at least one year on the Hopewell District Executive Board prior to the election, unless the following criteria are met:

 1. 50 signatures from within the candidate’s school

 2. Signature from the superintendent of the candidate’s school

 3. Signature from the current Hopewell President

 4. Signature of the principal of the candidate’s school

 5. Must be (or have been) a member of their local council’s executive board for at least one year

*Section 3* A student must have written consent of his/her advisor to be a candidate for office.

*Section 4* During his/her term in office, he/she must be a regularly enrolled student in a member school and be a member in good standing (grades/eligibility, participation in local council, service to school and community) of his/her local Student Council. In the event that an elected official no longer attends a member school, but still within Hopewell District boundaries, it will be up to the Executive Board to determine if he/she can fulfill his/her duties, if not, the Executive Board will choose a replacement.

*Section 5* If an officer is not in good standing of his/her local council, he/she will be removed from Hopewell District office and that position will be filled with an appointment following a 2/3 approval vote of the current Hopewell District Executive Board.

***Article VII- Voting***

*Section 1* Each member school in attendance at any business meeting shall constitute a quorum for voting.

*Section 2* Each member school in attendance at any business meeting, not an Executive Board meeting, shall have a vote in any election or motion being declared.

***Article VIII- Fall Workshop/Spring Convention***

*Section 1* The current Executive Board and their advisors will decide upon the date, time, place, and agenda of the Fall Workshop/Spring Convention.

*Section 2* The primary purpose for the Fall Workshop is to provide leadership training, to share ideas, and to propose amendments when applicable.

*Section 3* The primary purpose of the Spring Convention shall be to elect officers and conduct the business of the District.

*Section 4* The Hopewell District will send the current District President to the State Convention and pay for the expenses up to the amount of $100.00.

***Article IX- Committees***

*Section 1* The standing committees shall be:

 A. Constitution Committee

 1. The Constitution Committee shall consist of students chosen by the Executive Board, by application, in representation of member schools.

2. The Constitution Committee shall meet at the Fall Workshop to prepare proposals of Constitutional changes;
 in which, will be voted on at Spring Convention

 B. Credentials Committee

 1. The Credentials Committee shall consist of students chosen by the Executive Board, by application, in representation of member schools.

2. A Hopewell District Executive Board member who is not running for office shall chair this committee. The
 Executive Board shall appoint this chairperson.
 Committee members will be chosen by application.

 3. The Credentials Committee shall meet prior to the annual Convention to review qualifications of possible candidates for the Executive Board and report to the Convention delegates.

*Section 2* The Executive Board shall have the power to establish the ad-hoc committees whenever necessary.

***Article X- Ratification and Amendments***

*Section 1* Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed at the Fall Workshop.

*Section 2* Ratification of this Constitution shall be by 2/3 vote of the schools present at Spring Convention.

***Article XI- Resolutions***

*Section 1* A resolution is a means for the member schools to direct the Hopewell Board.

*Section 2* The Constitution committee shall review resolutions sent in by member schools.

*Section 3* If the member schools approve a resolution, the Hopewell Executive Board must see that it is acted upon as mandated.

*Section 4* The resolutions from individual schools must be submitted to the Hopewell Constitution Committee by the Honor Delegate Workshop.

*Section 5* The sponsoring Student Council President and Student Council Advisor must sign the resolution.

***Article XII- Handbook***

*Section 1* All Hopewell District policies, procedures, and the duties of the Executive Board members shall be defined in the current edition of the Hopewell District Handbook.

*Section 2* The handbook shall be rewritten or revised whenever determined by the Executive Board.

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