

**GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**CONSTITUTION**

**PREAMBLE**

The purpose of this Constitution is to establish an alumni organization composed of present and former students of the Governor's Schools of North Carolina. This organization will operate to provide effective alumni support for the Governor's Schools and will be independent from the Governor's Schools proper and any other department of the state of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE 1**

**NAME**

The name of the organization will be the **GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**.

**ARTICLE 2**

**STATEMENT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

This organization is established to:

- Support the Governor's School concept and promote its function.
- Foster a sense of community among individuals who attended Governor's School ~~sessi~~.
- Assist the Foundation for the Governor's Schools of North Carolina in its effort to solicit private funding for the Schools.
- Increase public awareness of the Governor's Schools.
- Promote understanding and support of the Governor's Schools.

**ARTICLE 3**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Individuals who enrolled in any Governor's School of North Carolina session at any campus are automatically granted membership in this alumni organization. Voting membership is limited to individuals supporting the organization financially through the payment of dues.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **OPERATING CALENDAR**

The alumni organization will operate on a fiscal year beginning August 1 and ending the following July 31.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND**

A fund will be established and named the **GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS ALUMNI FUND**. Its purpose will be to support activities of the alumni organization including, but not limited to, maintaining alumni address lists, publishing newsletters and conducting periodic reunions. All dues submitted to the alumni organization by voting members will be paid into the fund. Present and former staff and faculty of the Governor's Schools are also eligible for associate membership which may be secured through payment of annual dues. Associate members are not eligible to vote for officers or amendment to this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNING BODY**

#### **SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A Board of Directors consisting of one representative from each Governor's School campus for each year of the school's operation will be chosen by each class at the annual reunion. In the event a reunion is not held in a given year, the previous year's representative will continue to serve. Officers of the organization as provided for in section 2 will also be voting members of the Board.

The Board of Directors will meet at least once per fiscal year. The annual meeting of the Board will be scheduled to coincide with the Annual reunion. At least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Board membership must be present to conduct business. Business other than an amendment to this Constitution may be transacted by a simple majority vote of the directors present.

#### **SECTION 2: DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board will develop procedures necessary for the effective transaction of business in accordance with this Constitution and the purposes stated herein.

Disbursement from the alumni fund will be made in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the board.

Guidelines for the transaction of business by officers between Board meetings will be developed by the Board.

The Board of Directors will establish the minimum contribution to the alumni fund required for an individual to be a voting member of the organization.

Selection of an Executive Director in accordance with Article 6, Section Duties of the Executive Director will be defined by the Board.

The Board of Directors may at its discretion establish separate activity trust funds to fund specific programs or activities.

### **SECTION 3: SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The elected officers of the organization will consist of a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and one Alumnus-At-Large. The elected officers will appoint committee chairmen and other officers as needed to support the activities of the organization. Appointed officers will serve for one year and may be reappointed.

Each officer will be elected for a one year term and may be re-elected. Elections will be conducted each year at the annual meeting from the voting members present.

In the event the President is unable to complete his/her term of office, the 1st or 2nd Vice President will assume the role of President and a new 1st or 2nd Vice President will be appointed by the Board to serve until the next annual meeting. In the event either Vice President or the Alumnus-At-Large is unable to complete his/her term of office, a replacement will be appointed by the Board to serve until the next annual alumni reunion.

The President will be the official spokesperson for the alumni organization and will preside over all Board meetings and alumni reunions. Other duties of the President will be determined by the Board. Duties of appointed officers will be determined by the elected officers.

### **SECTION 4: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

Any elected or appointed officer may be removed by a majority vote of all members of the Board of Directors. A notarized written proxy will be accepted if a Board member is unable to attend the session at which the removal of the officer is voted on.

**SECTION 5: APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

An Executive Director will be appointed by the Board of Directors to transact daily business of the organization including maintenance of bank accounts and correspondence. The Executive Director may not be a member of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 7**

**AMENDMENT**

Amendment to this Constitution, excluding Articles 3 and 7, may be passed by an affirmative vote of at least 50% of the full membership of the Board of Directors. A notarized written proxy will be accepted for a vote on an amendment if a director is unable to attend the meeting at which the amendment will be voted on.

Any article of this Constitution may also be amended by majority vote of the voting members in attendance at the annual reunion.

**ARTICLE 8**

**DISSOLUTION**

In the event that the Governor's Schools Alumni Association be disbanded or dissolved for any reason, the net assets after satisfaction of all outstanding debts shall be donated to the State of North Carolina for the express purpose of funding current fiscal needs of The Governor's Schools of North Carolina. In the event that the Governor's Schools are no longer in existence, then said net assets shall be donated to the University of North Carolina for use at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

**ADOPTED AT WINSTON-SALEM, JULY 30, 1988**

As amended 1989 and 1995