

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF
WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 1- NAME

This Association shall be known as West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be primarily to keep alive the alumni's love for, an interest in, their Alma Mater; to look after the welfare of the West Virginia School for the Deaf's students and alumni, and to promote worthy endeavor and social intercourse among the students, graduates, and former pupils of the School.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any graduate or former pupil of the West Virginia School for the Deaf may become an active member of the Association upon payment of dues as provided in Article 1 of the By-Laws. Not a former student of WVSD, one can be a member of this Association if he/she pays due.

Section 2: Any deaf person who is connected with, or has had connection with the said School in any official capacity, and the wives or husbands of active members and any deaf persons actively interested in the School and/or Association may be admitted as associate members of the Association upon payment of dues as provided in Article 1 of the By-laws. They shall enjoy all privileges of active membership, except in voting and holding office.

Section 3: No person, who dues are in arrears, shall enjoy the privileges of membership, voting, or of participating in the affairs of the Association, until he/she shall have paid his/her dues up to date and be restored to good standing.

Section 4: All students, upon being graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf, shall be accorded honorary memberships in the Association for a period of two years. Thereafter, if they desire to retain their membership, they shall be required to pay dues as provided in Article 1 of the By-Laws.

Section 5: At all regular meetings, registration cards shall designate the active members in good standing.

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one (1) Head Trustee and two (2) Trustees who shall be elected at each two years meeting in even year, said meeting to be known as Homecoming Day.

Section 2: One who wants to run for the office must have attended to Homecoming first.

Section 3: Previous to the two years meeting, the President shall call for nominations from the floor. When the nominations are closed, three tellers shall be appointed by the President, ballots shall be distributed, the vote shall be taken and tallied by the tellers, and the results of should be announced.

ARTICLE V- DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall cast the deciding vote on all questions where there is an equal division. He/she shall enforce the observance of the Constitution and By-Laws; call all meetings of the Association through the Secretary and perform such other duties as may belong to his/her office. He/she shall also appoint an auditing committee of three members to audit the Treasurer's records and finances of each 2 years meeting.

Section 2: The Vice President shall discharge all the duties of the President in his/her absence. The Vice President shall be responsible for any entertainment on Homecoming.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct all general correspondence of the Association and to prepare and distribute notices of said meetings of the Association, to keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and its various meetings; to keep a full and correct list of officers and members.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all dues, to issue membership cards and to keep a full list of members of the Association. He or she shall receive and pay out all monies, keeping a record of same and making a report of such receipts and expenditures at each meeting of the Association. He or she shall pay no money unless countersigned by the President.

Section 5: The Head Trustee shall be in charge two trustees. The Head Trustee shall run for four (4) years and shall assist the Treasurer in sorting monies for maintenance on homecoming. The Head Trustee must request for the President's approval to distribute monies for the prizes, entertainment, and etc.

Section 6: The Trustees shall assist the Head Trustee in keeping the equipment that the West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association has bought after entertainment has ended, to double check the monies distributed after the President's approval.

ARTICLE VI- HOMECOMING

This Association shall sponsor a Homecoming Day at the West Virginia School for the Deaf each year on the 1st or 2nd week on Saturday in October, in which the school open for one Saturday to encourage and keep alive the interest of the Alumni in the Alma Mater, every even year as Homecoming Day. On which to transact the business of the Association and to elect its officers and odd years will be WVSD Hall of Fame. Every fifth years, there will be a celebration at Homecoming Day. Any events at the West Virginia School for the Deaf must be hosted by the West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I- FEES & DUES

The membership dues shall be free for each member.

ARTICLE II- MEETINGS

Section 1: This Association shall meet regularly every year each in Romney, WV in the Alumni's office, for the transactions of its business and other affairs, the time to be determined by the President. Such meeting shall be known as Homecoming Day. If the attendance is over 20, chapel of the Elementary School for the Deaf will be used.

Section 2: No disturbance, or anything productive of evil, shall be allowed at any of the meetings. All proceeding shall be conducted according to parliamentary usage. Any person may be excluded from a meeting for improper conduct by a two-thirds vote of the members present, always allowing the said person ample opportunity to explain.

ARTICLE III- QUORUMS

Section 1: The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President: Membership, Finance, and Constitute and By-laws.

Section 2: The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3: All standing committees shall consist of at least three (3) members, exclusive of the president.

Section 4: The Constitution and By-Laws committee shall investigate and report all proposed changes in, or additions to, the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall initiate such changes when, in their judgment, necessary. However, all such changes or additions shall be subject to the approval of the Association as provided in Article VII.

ARTICLE VI- AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS

Any article or section in this Constitution and By-Laws may be amended or repealed, and any addition thereto be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association after the proposed amendment or revocation or addition shall have been fully and satisfactorily explained and discussed. The revilement would be officially a By-Law after two readings at Homecoming.

ARTICLE VII- FUNDINGS

In the Memory of Marsha Ries Award: Awarded to the Salutatorian of the West Virginia School for the Deaf graduation by the president of the West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association. Joe W. James Scholarship: Awarded to the Valedictorian of the West Virginia School for the Deaf graduated by the president of the West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association.

ARTICLE VIII- OATH

I solemnly promise to the West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association to do my duty and do my best from (year to year) terms as officers.