

**OIL BELT DISTRICT TWO CONSTITUTION
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS**

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Oil Belt Student Council Association, in order to promote more friendly relations among members of the district; to promote cooperation among local, district, state, and national organizations; to encourage more student councils to participate in district conferences; and to increase the number of student councils within the district, do ordain and establish this constitution of the Oil Belt Student Council Association.

ARTICLE I

SECTION I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Oil Belt Student Council Association, known as District Two.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization shall be extended to middle, junior, and senior high schools which are in the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Jones, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor, and other adjoining counties where convenience is involved.

SECTION 2

DUES

A member school of this organization shall be assessed a membership fee set by the state organization. The district/state dues should be sent to the state association at least by the time the school year begins. This fee is to be spent for district expenses such as postage, stationary, conference speakers, and other necessary or prudent items.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1

ADVISORY BOARD

This organization shall have an advisory board consisting of five members: three sponsors elected by the sponsors for a term of three years, one elected each year; the sponsor of the secretary school shall serve for one year; and the state advisor who is elected for three years by sponsors present at the fall district convention. The principal of the secretary school shall serve as an advisor to the advisory board. The host of the fall district convention shall be the student council sponsor from the secretary school, to serve in this capacity for one year. This committee shall convene during the spring leadership conference, which is

hosted, by the president school. The state advisor shall preside at this meeting. The official address of this organization shall be that of the state advisor and that individual shall maintain its tax-free status.

SECTION 2

DUTIES

The duties of this advisory board shall include responsibility for selecting recipients for all awards, and reviewing the constitution.

SECTION 3

FISCAL MATTERS

The state advisor shall be consulted for all major expenditures for the fall and spring conferences (speakers, travel expenses, etc...). A reasonable sum shall be given to the president school as a reimbursement for the expenses of one student to State Convention.

SECTION 4

BENEVOLENCE & CONGRATULATORY

The Vice-president school shall be in charge of the benevolence and congratulatory committee. This committee will send condolences to any member school in the event of the death of a Student Council member or other tragedy that may effect the Student Council of that school (i.e. death, destruction of school, etc...). Should a school receive outstanding awards from the TASC (id est, election to state office), this committee shall send congratulatory message to the member school. The responsibility of notifying the vice-president school of events of these sorts lies with the member school.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1

OFFICES

The office of this organization shall be president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and parliamentarian. The offices shall be filled by election from and by schools which are current members of the Oil Belt Student Council Association. Election shall be by plurality vote of all votes cast.

SECTION 2

OFFICERS

Schools elected to district offices will locally elect from their councils whomever they see fit to fill the office. The names of the officers should be reported to the president school sponsor after the spring conference.

SECTION 3

QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS

Candidates for officer schools shall be current members of the district and state associations, with dues paid by October 15 of that year. Terms of office shall be one year. Officers shall be elected at the spring conference to take office

immediately following adjournment of the conference. One full year shall have elapsed between elections before a school may hold any district office again with the exception that if on the day of the convention, any office has no petitioned candidates, then, any member school may announce candidacy and run for that office.

SECTION 4 PETITIONS

Each school wishing to run for the office of secretary/treasurer must present a written statement, signed by its principal to the present secretary school to be eligible to run. All other office candidates must present a statement, signed by their sponsor, to the secretary school by February 15. The secretary school shall assume the responsibility of presenting these written statements to the election committee at the spring convention.

SECTION 5 CAMPAIGNING

Each candidate school shall present for approval an outline of its skit to the parliamentarian school two weeks prior to the spring convention. The parliamentarian school shall make this information available to the meeting of the election committee. Skits should be about 3 to 5 minutes in length, and in good taste, not offensive to any district school. An inappropriate or offensive skit can disqualify a candidate school; the election committee shall make such determination before the election is conducted.

SECTION 6 ELECTION COMMITTEE

The election committee shall consist of the student council representatives elected (article IV, section 2) as the officers of the district officer schools and their sponsors of the current year, and shall be supervised by the state advisor of the district. This committee will convene thirty minutes prior to the general session of the spring conference to determine eligibility of all district officer candidates. If any office has no candidate school, this committee shall announce its vacancy pursuant to Article IV, section 3. After the skits, acting on any official complaint written by a member school, this committee will meet to discuss and decide disqualification of a candidate school.

SECTION 7 VOTING

Each member school shall be allowed three votes on all business items. All elections shall be won by plurality vote; other business shall be by majority vote. The president school may vote only in case of a tie.

**SECTION 8
DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the association.
2. Shall appoint all committees.
3. Shall be responsible for the speaker at the fall leadership conference.
4. Shall cast a vote in case of a tie.
5. Shall be 'ex officio' member of all committees.
6. Shall receive reasonable reimbursement for expenses of one student to state convention.
7. Shall serve as host for the spring conference.

VICE-PRESIDENT

1. Shall preside in the absence of the president school.
2. Shall be responsible for topics and leaders for the discussion groups at the fall leadership conference.
3. Shall lead the Pledge of Allegiance at all conferences.
4. Shall make any necessary announcements at all meetings.
5. Shall be in charge of the Benevolence and Congratulatory committee.
6. Shall be in charge of songs and door prizes at all conferences.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

1. Shall keep an accurate record of each association meeting.
2. Shall send a copy of the minutes to each member school of the district following the fall planning meeting, fall leadership conference and the spring election convention.
3. Shall be responsible for keeping all member schools informed of deadlines, planning meetings, and other pertinent information.
4. Shall act as host for the fall leadership conference.
5. Shall be responsible for the program, other than the speaker and the discussion groups at the fall conference. Exempli gratis, entertainment, music, welcome, etc...
6. Shall collect and disburse all funds for the district under guidance of the secretary school sponsor and state advisor.
7. Shall make financial statements and mail them with the minutes of each meeting to member schools.
8. Shall record the roll call for the business session at which time each school has cast its three votes.
9. Shall be in charge of registration at all conferences.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

1. Shall see that the meetings are conducted according to this constitution, and Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Shall organize and time the skits of the spring conference. A warning will be given thirty seconds before the five-minute time limit.
3. Shall give the invocation at the Fall Conference and Spring Conference.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1

NUMBER OF MEETINGS

There will be two general conferences per year.

SECTION 2

FALL CONFERENCE

The school from which the secretary-treasurer is elected shall host the fall conference of this organization, and the date of the conference shall be selected by the member schools to suit the convenience of the host school. This conference shall be preceded by a planning meeting, consisting of AT LEAST three representatives and a sponsor from each member school and shall be called by the secretary school. Registration fees will be determined at this planning meeting.

SECTION 3

SPRING CONFERENCE

The president school shall host the spring conference of this organization, and the date of the conference shall be selected by the officer schools to be no later than mid-March. This conference shall be preceded by a planning meeting, consisting of AT LEAST three representatives and a sponsor from each member school and shall be called by the secretary school. Registration fees will be determined at this planning meeting.

SECTION 4

MAJORITY

One more than half of the CURRENT member schools present at either conference shall have full legislative power to transact any business of the organization, except to amend the constitution. All elections will be by plurality vote.

SECTION 5

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by membership present at a general conference. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the member schools at least one month prior to either general conference.

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