

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATIONS OF STUDENT COUNCILS

C O N S T I T U T I O N

Article 1 – NAME

The name of this association shall be the South Central District of the Missouri Association of Student Councils.

Article 2 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this association shall be to bring together members of the Student Councils of South Central Missouri for the purpose of discussing and exchanging ideas of organization and projects, to promote better interschool relations, to provide a means for student expression, and to encourage participation in leadership activities.

Article 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership is open to all public, private, and parochial secondary, middle, and junior high schools within the South Central District having a Student Council and/or similar student government organization. The South Central District is comprised of the following counties in the state of Missouri: Crawford, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Phelps, Pulaski, and Osage.

Section 2: Any secondary or middle/junior high school not included in Article 3, Section 1, is eligible for membership subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Article 4 – MEETINGS

- Section 1: The South Central District shall meet at least once annually at the Fall Convention and at any other times deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2: The presiding officer for the convention shall be selected by the President school of the South Central District.
- Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.

Article 5 – REPRESENTATION

- Section 1: Representation to the South Central District is limited to member schools of the district. The faculty advisor is an ex-officio delegate.
- Section 2: The number of delegates that may attend the South Central District convention/meetings may be determined by the host school (President), subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Article 6 – OFFICERS

- Section 1: The Executive Committee of the South Central District shall consist of the following officers: President, First Vice-President; Second Vice-President, Secretary, and South Central District Board Representative.
- Section 2: To be eligible to run for district office dues must be current. For a school to campaign for an office of the South Central District, the school must be present at the South Central District Convention and have written approval of their school advisor and principal.
- Section 3: A school desiring to campaign for an office shall communicate their interest prior to the date of the Fall Convention. No additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Section 4: Election of officers will be conducted at the Fall Convention. The school receiving the largest number of votes for each office will be elected. The term of office shall begin at the end of the conference in which they were elected. The term shall run for one year or until the end of the next annual conference or until a qualified successor has been elected and acknowledges responsibility of office.

Section 5: If an office remains open after the Fall Convention, the Executive Committee shall appoint a school to fill that position.

Section 6: The President shall preside at the South Central District Convention.

The President shall appoint all standing and special committees subject to the Approval of the Executive Committee.

The President shall prepare an agenda for the Convention in cooperation with the Executive Secretary.

The President shall be the main student representative of the South Central District in its contacts with the public.

The school serving in the office of President shall be a High School.

Section 7: The First Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of all South Central District Committees.

The First Vice-President shall be responsible for the discussion groups offered at the annual Fall Convention.

The school serving in the office of First Vice-President shall be a High School.

Section 8: The Second Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of all South Central District Committees.

The Second Vice-President shall be responsible for the Middle School/Junior High activities and discussion groups at the Fall Convention.

The school serving in the office of Second Vice-President shall be a Middle School or Junior High School.

Section 9: The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of each South Central District Meeting.

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the names of the official delegates to the South Central District Convention.

The Secretary shall maintain all correspondence pertaining to the South Central District and its Executive Secretary.

The school serving in the office of Secretary shall be a High School.

Article 7 – SOUTH CENTRAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

The advisors at the annual State Conference meeting shall elect the South Central Board Representative. The South Central Board Representative shall serve for a period of three years and be allowed to succeed himself/herself one time.

Duties of the South Central Board Representative:

- A. Assume general direction over all activities of the South Central District with the assistance of the Executive Committee.
- B. Attend the Missouri Association of Student Councils Advisory Board meeting in March and July.
- C. Represent the interest of the South Central District and report on District events and activities to the Missouri Advisory Board.
- D. Communicate to the South Central District, decisions made by the Missouri Advisory Board.
- E. Recommend setting policies, guidelines, rules and fees for the South Central District and voted on by the South Central District.
- F. Approve and prepare fiscal expenditures and reports to the South Central District. Maintain fiscal accounts and be responsible for all South Central District expenditures.
- G. Provide guidance to officer schools for hosting the District's annual convention. Serve as a resource person for all member schools.
- H. Call a meeting of the Executive Committee prior to the Fall Conference and at any other time that the need arises.
- I. Perform duties as directed by the Executive Director of the Missouri Association of Student Councils and Missouri Advisory Board.

Article 8 – AMMENDMENTS

- Section 1: All proposed amendments to the South Central District Constitution shall be presented to the Executive Committee at any time, and voted on at the following meeting of the South Central District.
- Section 2: The South Central District Constitution shall be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the official delegates at any South Central District Meeting.

BY-LAWS

- Section 1: All association meetings shall be conducted as stated in the Revised Edition of the Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 2: All official delegates are permitted to have a faculty member from their school at all business meetings of the South Central District.
- Section 3: Annual membership dues shall be \$20 per school payable to the MASC South Central District prior to or on the day of the Fall Convention.
- Section 4: Issues or concerns vital to public education and affecting students may be proposed as resolutions and voted upon at any South Central District Meeting. A simple majority shall be required for the passage of the resolution.