

GATEWAY DISTRICT OF THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATIONS OF STUDENT COUNCILS

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

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Article 1 – NAME

The name of this association shall be the Gateway 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 the St. Louis area for the purpose of discussing and exchanging ideas of organization and projects, to promote better interschool relations, to train for citizenship, to provide a means for student expression, and to encourage participation in leadership activities.

Article 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership is open to all for all public, private, and parochial secondary, middle, junior high schools within the Gateway District (St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and Jefferson County) having a Student Council and/or similar student government organization are eligible for membership in this district association.

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 Gateway 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 shall be selected by the President school of the Gateway District.
- Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.

Article 5 – REPRESENTATION

- Section 1: Representation to the Gateway District shall be vested in two (2) official student delegates and a faculty advisor. Each official student delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The faculty advisor is an ex-officio delegate.
- Section 2: In addition to the two (2) official delegates, the number of delegates that may attend the Gateway District 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 Gateway District shall consist of the following officers: President, First Vice-President; Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Gateway District Board Representative
- Section 2: To be eligible to campaign for an office of the Gateway District, the school must be present at the Gateway District Convention and have written approval of the 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 which time they have been 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: The Executive Committee of this association shall be composed of the Gateway District Board Representative the student officers of the officer schools, and the faculty advisors of the officers' schools. 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 Gateway 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 Gateway 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 Gateway District Committees.

The First Vice-President shall be responsible for the discussion groups or miniversities 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 Gateway District Committees.

The Second Vice-President shall be responsible for the Middle School/Junior High activities and miniversities 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 Gateway District Meeting.

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

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

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

Article 7 – GATEWAY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

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

Duties of the Gateway Board Representative:

- A. Assume general direction over all activities of the Gateway 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 Gateway District and report on District events and activities to the Missouri Advisory Board.
- D. Communicate to the Gateway District, decisions made by the Missouri Advisory Board.
- E. Set policies, guidelines, rules and fees for the Gateway District.
- F. Approve and prepare fiscal expenditures and reports to the Gateway District. Maintain fiscal accounts and be responsible for all Gateway 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 Gateway District Constitution shall be presented to the Executive Committee at any time, and voted on at the following meeting of the Gateway District.
- Section 2: The Gateway District Constitution shall be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the official delegates at any Gateway District Meeting, providing the requirements of Article 7, Section 1 have been met.

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 Gateway District.
- Section 3: Annual membership dues shall be \$20 per school payable to the Gateway Association of Student Councils (GASC) prior to or on the day of the Fall Convention.
- Section 4: Issues or concerns vital to public education and affecting student may be proposed as resolutions and voted upon at any Gateway District Meeting. A simple majority shall be required for the passage of the resolution, subject to the approval of the Gateway District Executive Committee.
- Section 5: The annual Fall Gateway District Convention shall be held in November.