

KENTUCKY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

Recognizing that the future of Kentucky is dependent upon the complete education of its youth, that in unity there is strength, and that exchange of ideas is important at all times; that coordination of effort on the part of all educational forces interested in the betterment of education is necessary; and also recognizing that school boards are in a strategic position to bring about needed improvement in public education, we believe a Kentucky School Boards Association will aid in accomplishing these ends.

ARTICLE I

The name of this Association shall be Kentucky School Boards Association.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The general purpose of all Association activities is to promote the improvement of public education in Kentucky.

To advance that purpose, the goals of the Association shall be:

- SECTION 1. To enhance the ability of boards of education to best meet the educational needs of the children of their communities, set the direction, and oversee the general management of their school districts.
- SECTION 2. To encourage increased support of public schools.
- SECTION 3. To provide opportunities for school board members to develop skills and acquire information which will maximize their effectiveness.
- SECTION 4. To facilitate communication and the interchange of information and ideas between Kentucky school districts.
- SECTION 5. To serve as an advocate for boards of education with the General Assembly, State Board of Education, and other governmental agencies which affect public schools.
- SECTION 6. To provide services which further the efficient and effective operation of public schools.
- SECTION 7. To cooperate with those individuals and organizations that seek to preserve local governmental discretion and choice in relation to mandated collective bargaining, to oppose unfunded mandates, and to work with those of like mind who seek to strengthen locally elected representative government.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership in the Association is open to all serving members of local public boards for elementary and secondary education within the Commonwealth. Membership is obtained by the payment of the annual district membership dues as fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to grant non-voting membership to various individuals or organizations, if those individuals or organizations share the goals of the Association and desire to work with the Association to achieve those goals. If non-voting membership is granted, the Board of Directors shall record such action in the minutes of the Board. The Board of Directors shall fix annual membership dues, if any, for non-voting membership and may specify other conditions or limitations.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President and President-elect.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association and to perform all other duties incident to the office. The President shall annually appoint such committees as may be designated by the Board of Directors and shall include at least a nominating committee.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee & Board of Directors

SECTION 1. There shall be a body known as the Executive Committee which consists of the President, President-elect and the Immediate Past President.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or a majority of its members.

SECTION 3. There shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, Directors-at-Large and the Chairperson(s) of the Regions.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President, a majority of the Executive Committee, or a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. All powers granted to the Board of Directors herein shall be exercised for it by the Executive Committee when the Board of Directors is not in session.

ARTICLE VI

Annual Conference

- SECTION 1. There shall be at least one annual State Conference to be held at a time and place to be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall make provisions for a Business Session to be held during the State Conference. A process for electing officers or Directors-at-Large, or conducting such other business as the Board of Directors may bring before the Business Session, shall be developed by the Board of Directors and made available to the membership. The process shall provide that each board member present, who belongs to a public board of education that is current in its Association dues, may participate and vote in any election or action that comes before the Business Session.
- SECTION 2. Between conferences of the membership, the business of the Association shall be overseen by the Board of Directors.
- SECTION 3. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, the business of the Association shall be overseen by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Director

- SECTION 1. An Executive Director shall be employed by the Board of Directors who shall be an ex-officio member of said Board without voting power. His salary and duties shall be fixed and determined by the Board of Directors. It shall be his duty to keep all records of the Association and perform such other duties as may be required by the President and the Board of Directors.
- SECTION 2. The Executive Director shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Officers and Directors:

Qualifications, Elections, Terms and Vacancies

- SECTION 1. General Qualifications
- (1) At the time of nomination, all candidates for officer or director positions shall be members in good standing of a school board which is a member of this Association; and
Officers and directors shall remain members in good standing of a school board, which is a member of this Association, during their term as an officer or director.
 - (2) With the exception of the office of past President, should an officer or director cease to hold membership on a local board, for any reason, then his or her position as an officer or director shall immediately be deemed vacant and shall be filled as provided within this Article.
 - (3) Any nominee for the office of President or President-elect shall be a current member of the Association Board of Directors.
- SECTION 2. Regional Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer
Regions

- (1) The State of Kentucky shall be divided into regions. The number, boundaries and sizes of which shall be fixed or altered by the Board of Directors and until changed by said authority, said regions shall be known as follows:

First Region	Central Kentucky Region
Second Region	Eastern Kentucky (North) Region
Third Region	Eastern Kentucky (South) Region
Fourth Region	Upper Kentucky River Region
Fifth Region	Middle Cumberland Region
Northern KY Region	Upper Cumberland Region

with all boundaries and territories presently applicable to said named regions.

- (2) Each region shall have a Chairperson and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Terms

Regional Chairperson

- (3) The Chairperson shall be elected for a three-year term of office, and shall serve until a successor is elected and installed. No Chairperson shall serve two (2) consecutive three-year terms, nor shall a chairperson be elected from the same district for two (2) consecutive three-year terms. The Chairperson must be a member of a board of education within the region, which is a member of the Association, and shall take office upon his or her election. A Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of school board members present at the annual meeting for the region.

Regional Secretary-Treasurer

- (4) The term of the Secretary-Treasurer shall run concurrently with the term of the Chairperson. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Superintendent of the Chairperson's board of education in that region, or the designee of the superintendent.

Vacancies: Regional Chairperson

- (5) In the event any region as defined in Article VIII, Section 2(1), shall fail to select a Chairperson or if the Office of Chairperson becomes vacant, the President shall appoint a qualified board member to fill the position until the next regional meeting where an election shall be held to fill the remaining term, if any, or to elect a Chairman to a full term if the prior term has expired. If at the time of a vacancy, there is one (1) year or less remaining in the current term, the individual appointed Chairman by the President may seek a full two (2) year term at the election held at the next regional meeting.

Nominating Committee: Election Procedures for Regional Chairperson(s)

- (6) The First, Third, Fifth, Central Kentucky, Upper Kentucky River, and Eastern Kentucky (North) Regions shall elect their

Chairperson in the manner prescribed in this Article, beginning in 2007 and each third year thereafter.

The Second, Fourth, Middle Cumberland, Northern Kentucky, Upper Cumberland and Eastern Kentucky (South) Regions shall elect their Chairperson in the manner prescribed in this Article, beginning in 2008 and each third year thereafter.

(7) A. The current regional Chairperson shall appoint, no later than September 1 of each year, a nominating committee for each region in which a Chairperson is to be elected. If however, the current regional Chairman is eligible to seek a full two (2) year term, as permitted in the paragraph above entitled Vacancies – Regional Chairman, then the nominating committee shall be appointed by the President. In that event, the President shall name another board member to act as chair of the nominating committee and the regional Chairman shall not serve as a member of the nominating committee.

Each nominating committee shall consist of the current Chairperson, who shall serve as Chairperson of the nominating committee, and four school board members from member boards in the region. No more than two members of the nominating committee shall be members of the same board of education.

B. Each nominating committee shall confer and shall choose one or more nominees for the office of Chairperson. The report of each nominating committee shall be provided to the President no later than September 15.

C. The names of the nominees selected by the nominating committees shall be published prior to the regional meeting at which the election shall be conducted.

(8) Any member of a member board of education of that region may place the name of a qualified person in nomination for the office of Chairperson at the time of election.

(9) The Chairperson and the Secretary-Treasurer shall assist in planning regional meetings for the region they represent. They shall assist the State Association in carrying on the programs of the Association in that region.

(10) The names of the Regional Chairperson(s) shall be certified by said regions to the President who shall announce their selection annually at the Annual State Conference.

SECTION 3. Officers and Directors-at-Large

Election

(1) The President, President-elect and Directors-at-Large shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the regular State Conference Business Session.

Terms: Officers and Directors-at-Large

(2) A. There shall be twelve (12) Director-at-Large seats. Directors-at-Large shall serve three-year terms with all Director-at-Large terms staggered, so that in any one (1) year no more

than four (4) full three-year Director-at-Large terms shall be subject to regular election. This provision shall not limit the ability of the members present at the State Conference

Business Session to fill unexpired terms caused by a vacancy in a Director-at-Large position.

- B. The President and President-elect shall be elected for one (1) two-year term and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The President and President-elect shall serve only one (1) full two-year term in their respective office, and shall be ineligible to serve a second consecutive two-year term in the same office.
- C. When there is a vacancy in the office of President and the President-elect succeeds to the office of President, as provided for in these By-laws, the President-elect may run for a full two-year term as President following the completion of the partial term.
- D. No Director-at-Large shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) three-year terms as a Director-at-Large; however, an individual appointed to a vacancy in a Director-at-Large position may serve the remainder of the partial term and if elected, may serve two (2) full three-year terms following the partial term.

Vacancies: Officers and Directors-at-Large

- (3) A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-elect or in a Director-at-Large position, the President shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy until the next Association State Conference, where the members present at the State Conference Business Session shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, if any, or to serve a full term if the prior term has expired.
- B. If there is a vacancy in the office of President, the President-elect shall succeed to the office and serve the remaining term of the President. A President-elect who thus succeeds to the office of President shall have all powers to perform the duties of the office.
- C. If there is a vacancy in the office of President-elect or in a Director-at-Large position and the State Conference Business Session is unable or fails to elect a qualified individual to fill the vacancy, the President shall appoint a qualified board member to fill the position until the next State Conference Business Session where an election shall be held to fill the remaining term, if any, or to elect an individual to a full term if the prior term has expired.

Nominating Committee: Officers and Directors-at-Large

- (4) A. A nominating committee named by the President shall present a slate of nominees for the officer or Director-at-

Large positions to be filled no later than forty-five (45) days before the date of the Annual Conference.

- B. Any member board of the Association may place in nomination a qualified person for any position to be filled by providing, in writing, to the Executive Director the name(s) of that person no later than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the Annual Conference.
- C. The Executive Director shall mail the names of the individuals nominated for the positions to be filled to each local board member holding active board membership, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual Conference.

ARTICLE IX

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the official parliamentary guide for all business sessions of the Association.

ARTICLE X

Amendment

The By-Laws of the Association may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors after thirty (30) days notice to all member boards by publication in an official Association journal or other written notice.

ARTICLE XI

The Association may be terminated following a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors and by a majority vote of those present at a regular State Conference Business Session after thirty (30) days notice of such intention to all member boards by publication in an official Association journal or other official written publication of the Association. Upon termination, the Board of Directors shall pay all obligations of the Association and distribute any remaining surplus to the local public school district member boards of education of the Association in proportion to the most recent dues payment made by each member local board of education.

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