

Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Changes (Executive Summary)

Constitution

Article II – Purpose

- Language clean-up to purpose clause making the following updates:
 - To advance public education
 - Add current and future school business officials
 - Study, establish and inform efficient methods in the conduct of the business affairs of school districts
 - Encourage collaboration with school district administrators and staff as well as boards of education, state agencies and other state and national school organizations in the advancement of common goals
- Added definitions for terms used throughout the Constitution and Bylaws, including:
 - Defined the meaning of “business affairs”
 - Defined the meaning of “school district” to include city, local, exempted village, cooperative education school districts, joint vocational school districts and others as defined in 3311.01
 - Defined “school business official” as an individual employed in the business affairs of a school district

Article IV – Membership

- Added a statement to clarify that OASBO membership shall consist of professional, associate, auxiliary, retired, student, service affiliate, honorary and lifetime members. Clarified that Professional Members shall be considered the voting members and all other members are nonvoting members.
- Removed redundant language under each membership type related to member benefits and eligibility to vote and serve as on the board. Instead of stating the same information under each membership type, this information is stated once under a new section of Article IV.
- Clarified membership types to reinforce our purpose and mission, as follows:
 - Professional Membership
 - Available to persons employed in the business affairs of school districts in Ohio
 - Associate Membership
 - Cleaned up language to state membership is available to persons employed in the business affairs of school districts in Ohio, including support staff for school district business and fiscal operations, to persons who hold a treasurer or business manager license in Ohio but are not currently employed in a school district and to employees of Ohio state agencies
 - Removed specific reference to members of the Ohio Department of Education and Auditor of State (addressed in auxiliary membership) and full-time students (created a separate membership category for students)

- Removed reference to those persons engaged in non-profit agencies providing educational services (category too broad)
- Retired Membership
 - Clarified they have to retire as a school business official of a school district
- Student Membership
 - New category to allow for full-time students enrolled in a college or university, OASBO approved interns, and individuals officially enrolled in the OASBO Licensure Pathway Program
- Service Affiliate Membership
 - Changed working from “organization” to “company”
- Auxiliary Membership
 - This category is open to persons employed in institutions of higher education in positions related to the field of school business administration; to employees of state agencies and other public institutions in Ohio who are directly concerned with the business operations of Ohio public schools; and to persons who hold a treasurer or business manager license in Ohio but are not currently employed in a school district.
- Honorary and Lifetime Members
 - Removed that the awarding has to take place at the Annual Meeting

Article V – Officers and Board of Directors

- The order of the sections in this Article have been reordered so that the overarching authority and duties of the Board of Directors is stated first.
- In addition, the following updates were made:
 - To Serve on the Board of Directors you must be a professional member (current language) and employed in a school district
 - Added Immediate Past President as an officer of the Board of Directors
 - Added that the President automatically ascends to the position of Immediate Past President
 - Removed Southern Chapter/Committee from Southeast Regional Director (Southeast Chapter/Committee dissolved)
 - Added that no Regional Director or At-Large Director shall be elected to consecutive three-year terms, unless notified by the President that there are no applicants for such position (Recommended by Nominating Committee) Added that an individual must serve one two-year term as secretary/treasurer or one three-year term as a regional or at-large director to qualify for election as vice-president (Recommended by Nominating Committee)

Article VI – Vacancies

- The filling of an unexpired term does not prevent an individual from applying to serve a full three-year term on the Board of Directors, and under such circumstances, would not be considered a “consecutive three-year term”

Article VIII – Professional Registration Program

- Removed from the bylaws. The program no longer exists

Bylaws

Article III – Dues

- Student member dues to be determined by the Board of Directors
- Eliminated multi member discounts (will be addressed in policy)

Article IV – Committees

- Clarifies that the OASBO Board will be responsible for the approval or recommendation of appointments to committees
- Eliminated the specific committees from the bylaws
- Added the following:
 - In addition to the Nominating Committee provided for specifically above in the Constitution, the Board of Directors may, at any time, create committees and task forces and appoint such persons and assign such duties and powers to them, as the Board of Directors may deem desirable in the interest of furthering the purposes or facilitating the administration of OASBO. The Board of Directors, or if it does not act, the committees, shall establish rules and regulations for meetings and shall meet at such times as are deemed necessary.
 - At least one member of the Board of Directors shall serve on every committee and task force. Committees and task forces shall serve the Board of Directors solely in an advisory capacity and shall have no authority to act for the Board of Directors in the management of OASBO.
 - Each committee and task force shall have a chairperson as designated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may select a vice chairperson as they deem necessary. The members of any committee or task force shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Committees and task forces shall have such authority and perform such duties as from time to time may be determined by the Board of Directors.
 - Committee and task force members may voluntarily withdraw from membership of the committee or task force at any time. Notwithstanding any contrary provision, any committee or task force member may be removed from committee/task force membership at any time with or without cause upon the vote

of a majority of the full number of the Board of Directors then serving on the Board.

- Each committee and task force shall keep written recordings of its meetings and actions outlining all topics discussed or considered by the committee or task force and specific action taken by the committee or task force. Such actions and updates shall be provided to the Board of Directors by such member serving on the committee or task force or a designated OASBO employee representative.