Chicago
Vocational
Hall of Fame
Bylaws



Statement

The Chicago Vocational Hall of Fame (CVS HOF) aims to utilize its resources to foster a continuous connection with Chicago Vocational High School (CVS), support school pride, and enhance alumni unity through communication, events, and reunions. The CVS HOF recognizes distinguished alumni who contribute significantly to their communities and/or professions, achieve academic or professional excellence, and positively impact society.

CHICAGO VOCATIONAL HALL OF FAME a/k/a CVS OF BYLAWS

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Article I: Name and Purpose

- 1. Name: The organization is called the Chicago Vocational Hall of Fame (CVS HOF).
 - The principal operations will be in Illinois, with changes decided by a majority vote of the Board.
- 2. **Purpose**: The CVS HOF exists to:
 - Embrace alumni, current students, staff, retirees, and friends of Chicago Vocational.
 - o Promote communication, build new friendships, and enhance alumni unity.
 - Recognize CVS graduates who excel professionally or academically and contribute to the community.
 - o Operate exclusively for charitable, educational, and goodwill purposes.

Article II: Board of Directors

- 1. **Role**: The Board governs the affairs of CVS HOF.
- 2. Composition: The Board consists of 5 to 15 members.
- 3. **Term of Office**: Officers are elected annually and hold office until successors are elected or vacancies filled.
- 4. **Meetings**: The Board meets quarterly or as needed. Executive board meetings are closed, and the activities, discussions, and decisions are confidential. Notably, a governing board must be able to discuss sensitive information in private.
- 5. **Members Meetings:** CVS Hall of Fame Members meetings meets as needed. meetings are exclusively for CVS Hall of Fame members only. The activities, discussions, and decisions are confidential. Notably, a members must be able to discuss sensitive information in private.
- 6. **Quorum:** A majority of Board members constitutes a quorum for decision-making.

Article III: Officers

- 1. **Officers**: CVS HOF has a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, elected from among CVS HOF inductee members.
- 2. **Duties**:
 - o **President**: Leads the organization and represents it publicly.
 - o **Vice President**: Assists the President and acts in their absence.
 - Secretary: Maintains records and meeting minutes.
 - o **Treasurer**: Manages finances and records transactions.

Article IV: Committees

- 1. **Standing Committees**: Established by the Board for CVS HOF operations, each with an approved charter.
- 2. **Ad Hoc Committees**: Formed as needed, with chairs and members appointed by the President.

- 3. **Oversight**: The President monitors committee activities.
- 4. **Committee Membership**: At least two members, including Board members, CVS HOF members, or CVS Hall of Fame Advisor.

Article V: Membership

- 1. **Eligibility**: Graduates of CVS are eligible for inductee membership.
- 2. Types of Membership:
 - Active Inductee Member: Eligible graduates nominated and accepted as inductees, paying annual dues.
 - Associate Member: Non-graduates with significant interest in CVS HOF, nominated and accepted by the Board. No voting rights.
 - o **Honorary/Lifetime Member**: Posthumous alumni, teachers, staff, or others who made significant contributions, approved by the Board. No voting rights.
- 3. **Dues**: Set annually by the Board.

Article VI: Inductions

- 1. **Selection Process**: Inductees are selected biennially based on criteria set by the Selection Committee.
- 2. Nomination Process: You must be a CAVALIER (Alumni, or Staff from CVS) to submit the name of another CAVALIER who meets the criteria. No self-nomination accepted.
- 3. **Ceremony**: Held every 2-3 years to honor new inductees.

Article VII: Fiscal Policy

- 1. Fiscal Year: Runs from August 1st to July 31st.
- 2. **Dues**: The President proposes annual membership dues, approved by the Board.
- 3. **Compensation**: Officers, Directors, and members receive no compensation.
- 4. **Monitoring**: Financial transactions over \$500 require signatures from three officials. Payments exceeding \$1,000 require Board approval.



Article VIII: Amendments

- 1. **Process**: Amendments may be made by majority vote at Board meetings, with proposed changes submitted to the Secretary in advance.
- 2. **Feedback**: Changes are presented to CVS HOF inductee members for feedback before approval.

Article IX: Dissolution

- 1. **Approval**: A two-thirds majority of the Board must approve the dissolution, followed by ratification by members.
- 2. **Implementation**: Upon dissolution, assets are offered to CVS, or if not accepted, the Board decides on the transfer of assets to appropriate agencies.

