

By-Laws

Texas School for the Deaf Alumni Association

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ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this association shall be the Texas School for the Deaf Alumni and it is abbreviated form shall be recognized as TSDAA.

ARTICLE II. CORPORATE PURPOSE

TSDAA will serve as the liaison between the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) and its Alumni.

The specific objectives and purpose of this organization shall be:

- to help coordinating facilitate planning of various majors events held by TSD;
- to keep tracking of the whereabouts of our alumni;
- to recognize their accomplishment service to the community..

TSDAA will also serve current students at TSD who will become our future Alumni.

- to promoting leadership development;
- to providing and fostering a sense of TSD pride which will enable us to produced future members suitable to continue the function of TSDAA.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership

Active membership shall be open to any deaf person who has graduated from or attended the Texas School for the Deaf for any length of time. Any staff has been employed by TSD for a minimum of 10 years.

Association membership shall be open to spouses of any alumni of the Texas School for the Deaf or to any deaf person who supports the objectives of this association.

Associate members will be allowed to service on the TSDAA board with voting rights and/or on committees.

Honorary members shall be elected by a majority of active members present at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Annual Dues

The members at their annual meeting shall set the dues, and shall be effective from annual meeting to annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings

An annual meeting of the Association shall be in Austin, Texas in the fall to coincide with the observation of homecoming at the Texas School for the Deaf.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings

The Board shall have the power to change the date and place of the annual meeting if deemed prudent and necessary.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS & APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers

Its Officers, Board members, and Directors shall manage the affairs of the Corporation. The Executive Board shall have control of and be responsible for the management of the affairs and property of the Corporation.

Section 2. Qualifications

The officers of this Association shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and three Board members to be elected biennially meeting.

The Executive Board shall appoint vacancies in office during the biennial term of service.

All officers, board members, and directors must be active members. Any officer of Executive Board must be an alumnus of TSD and any board members must have either a minimum of 10 years service at TSD or be an alumnus of TSD.

Scholarship, and Hall of Fame directors will be appointed biennially by the President and approved by majority vote of the board. Heritage Center Director is a lifetime appointment, to be selected by the President and approved by the majority of the board.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Compositing of the Board

The Executive Board shall be composed of elected officers, board member, and directors that are active members of the TSDAA.

Section 2. Authority of the Board

The Executive Board shall have authority to make decision in accordance with the purpose of this Association and as the need any arise.

Section 3. Meeting Requirements

The Executive Board shall have a minimum of two meetings a year.

Section 4. Absences

Any Executive Board member who fails to attend one meeting without excused can be replaced by a majority vote of board members.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. President

The President shall have the following duties:

- Be the Chief Executive Office of the association, have general and active management of the business of the association, and shall see that all orders of resolutions of the Executive Board and the members are carried into effect.
- Appoint active members to serve the role of directors, with the majority vote of approval from the executive board. Removal from their position for any reason

will require 2/3 of executive board.

- Be presiding at all meetings of the members and the Executive Board.
- Act an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall have the following duties:

- Assume the duties of the office of the President and have the authority to exercise the powers of the president, in the absent of the President.
- Be performing such duties and have such other authority as the Executive Board may so delegate from time to time.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall have the following duties:

- Attend all meetings of the Executive Board and all meetings of the members and record all the proceedings in the minute book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required.
- Give notices of all meetings of the member, regular, and special meetings of the Executive Board.
- Keep track of attending members of the Executive Board meetings, general meetings, and/or annual meetings.
- Record an inventory of all properties owned by the association.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasures duties shall have the following duties:

- Have full custody of the Association's funds, accurate accounts, records of receipts, disbursements, and other transactions.
- Deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the association.
- Record financial statements up-to-date and submit a report on the state of association's finances at the board meeting, and when called up on to do so by the Executive Board.
- Turn over to the auditing committee all such books, receipts, and records

following the end of each fiscal period for auditing purpose.

- Be bonded immediately following election. Give the Association a bond of such type, character, and amount as the Executive Board. Be not qualified as treasurer of the Association or sign checks and/or use debit card until such bond has been duly executed, approved, and filed. The Bond premium or so-called crime coverage shall be paid the Association.

Section 5. Regional Board Members

Each board member shall be represented 3 different regions of Texas. Their purposes are to act as a liaison between the Executive Board and members in their respective regions in sharing information on concerns, news, and TSDAA related events.

Section 6. Directors

Each director shall focus on differing aspects under the umbrella of TSDAA. The functions of the Heritage Center Director, Scholarship Director, and Hall of Fame Director are to provide specific service outcomes to meet the goals of TSDAA's purpose as set forth in TSDAA by they have full voting rights.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1.

Standing Committee to be appointed by the President shall be Law, Fundraising, Hall of Fame, Program, TSD Homecoming, and Auditing.

Section 2.

All chairs of standing committees shall be active members.

Section 3.

The President may appoint special committees when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

A two/third vote of these present and voting, provided the amendment was presented, at least one month prior to the meeting, may amend these bylaws at the annual meeting

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In parliamentary procedures, unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall be the parliamentary authority governing deliberations of this organization.

ARTICLE X. LEGAL COMMITMENTS

The Texas School for the Deaf Alumni Association is subject to the provisions of Article 1396-2.1 of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, as amended from time to time (the "Act"), the Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literacy, or for public safety purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1086, as amended (the "Code"), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, which purposes shall include, without limitation, providing educational and charitable services to deaf or hard of hearing and to professionals who provide services to such persons.

The association shall be operated exclusively for such purposes, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officer, and board members of the association, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered by members, officers, and members of committees of the association, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of its activities shall be carrying otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing statements), and political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate for public office. In no event shall the Association carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this organization, after payment of all existing debts and liabilities, all assets shall be distributed among deafness-related 501(c)(3) organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, or scientific purposes.