

**West Virginia  
Technology Student Association (WV TSA)  
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**ARTICLE I- Name**

This organization shall be known as the West Virginia Technology Student Association, and may be referred to as WV TSA.

**ARTICLE II- Purposes**

- To provide the students with opportunities for the development of leadership in social, civic, school, and community activities.
- To develop through group action, the ability of members to plan together, organize and carry out worthy activities and projects.
- To promote high standards of artisanship, scholarship, and safety.
- To foster a deep respect for the dignity of work.
- To instill patriotic habits and attitudes toward the American way of life.

**ARTICLE III- Organization**

Section 1: The West Virginia Technology Student Association is an organization of locally chartered chapters operating in accordance with a charter granted by both national TSA and WV TSA.

Section 2: Each local chapter is directly responsible to WV TSA and national TSA.

Section 3: Each local chapter of WV TSA will be responsible for all activities within that local chapter. Each local chapter must have elected officers and hold regular meetings.

Section 4.: The administration of WV TSA will be vested in the WV TSA Executive Board.

**ARTICLE IV- Membership**

Section 1: The membership in this organization shall be of six kinds: (1) Active, (2) Associate, (3) Advisor, (4) Alumni, (5) Honorary, (6) Professional.

- (a) **Active membership** shall consist of any student who is currently or previously enrolled in a technology related course that has paid dues as set forth by the WV TSA Executive Board and National TSA. Active members have voting privileges and may hold office.
- (b) **Associate membership** shall be students who are enrolled in related fields of instruction with emphasis in technology education. An associate member shall pay dues. Associate members shall not vote or hold office.
- (c) **Advisor membership** shall consist of any technology related instructor and is exempt from annual dues. Advisors shall not have the right to vote or hold office.
- (d) **Alumni membership** shall consist of former active WV TSA members and present and former WV TSA advisors. Alumni members are exempt from WV TSA dues but are subject to National TSA dues if they choose to affiliate with the National Alumni Association. Alumni members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

(e) **Honorary Lifetime membership** shall consist of any person whom the WV TSA Executive Board feels has contributed to the prosperity of WV TSA. Honorary Lifetime members are exempt from all dues and shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

(f) **Professional membership** shall consist of any person engaged in education, business, or industry, who has an interest in TSA and the welfare of technology education. Professional members shall pay dues as established by the WV TSA Executive Board and National TSA. Professional members shall not have the right to vote or hold office

Section 2: Each local chapter and WV TSA shall be open to students regardless of race, color, creed, sex, physical limitations, or national origin.

Section 3: Before a local chapter can be affiliated with WV TSA, there must be at least ten (10) active members on the roll.

Section 4: WV TSA shall establish annual membership dues separate of national TSA.

Section 5: A local chapter must affiliate with WV TSA before becoming affiliated with National TSA. Any WV TSA member **must** also affiliate with National TSA.

#### **ARTICLE V- Officers**

Section 1: The officers of WV TSA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

**President:** The President presides over and conducts all meetings in accordance with parliamentary procedure; keeps the members and the discussion to the subject at hand and within the time limits; appoints committee chairs and serves on committees as an ex-officio member; represents the chapter at special school events and at out-of-school functions; coordinates the activities of the chapter by keeping in touch with the other officers, the membership, and the advisor; and keeps him/herself informed to ensure that the chapter is moving according to the chapter's program of work.

**Vice President:** It shall be the duty of the vice-president to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to accept the responsibility of the President as the occasion may demand; and to make him/herself available, when necessary, in promoting the general welfare of WV TSA.

**Secretary:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to record proceedings of all meetings; and to make him/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of WV TSA.

**Treasurer:** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to keep records and membership reports as necessary, and to make him/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of WV TSA.

(e) **Reporter:** It shall be the duty of the reporter to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to accumulate and keep up to date information on the history of the association; to prepare articles for publication in WV TSA publications, professional magazines, journals, newspapers and other news media; to contact other association members concerning new items for publication; and to make him/herself available, if necessary, in promoting the general welfare of WV TSA.

(f) **Sergeant-at-Arms:** It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to serve in any capacity as directed by the President; to assist in the preparation and control of the meeting place; to assist in conducting all meetings according to parliamentary procedure as set forth by Robert's Rules of Orders, Newly Revised; and to make him/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of WV TSA.

Section 2: **Eligibility for State Office**

- (a) To be eligible to serve as an officer, a student must submit the WV TSA Official Officer Candidate form (1) month prior to the annual State Spring Conference.
- (b) Candidates must obtain written approval from their chapter advisor, school principal, county superintendent, county vocational director, and parents.
- (c) Candidates must have 2.5 GPA. If elected, officers must maintain a 2.5 GPA throughout their term.
- (d) Candidates must have attended at least one WV TSA Conference before running for office.
- (e) Candidates must run for the office they have indicated on the state officer form unless the Executive Board approves a move to fill a vacant office.

Section 3: Any state officer who fails to maintain the requirements set forth by the WV TSA by-laws shall come before the Executive Board Review Committee and may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the WV TSA Executive Board, excluding the officer in question.

Section 4: **A local chapter may nominate a maximum of three (3) candidates for WV TSA state office per year.** No more than one (1) candidate from a chapter can be nominated for each state office.

Section 5: **State officers shall be elected by majority vote of individual members** and installed during the Annual State Conference of WV TSA, and will serve for the following year. Their term takes place immediately after the National conference ends.

Section 6: **Voting will be done by individual secret ballot. Each active member attending the WV TSA Annual State Conference will receive one vote.**

Section 7: The Executive Board must fill, by appointment, any vacancy except the office of President, which will be filled by the vice-president for the remainder of term.

Section 8: A WV TSA State Officer may not be elected to the same state office more than one time.

**ARTICLE VI- Meetings**

Section 1: An annual State Spring Conference will be held each year, with time and place to be determined by the WV TSA Executive Board. The Executive Board shall establish a Fall Leadership Conference, if desired, setting the time and the place of the conference.

Section 2: The only WV TSA regular business meetings will be held during the Fall Leadership Conference and the Annual Spring Conference.

Section 3: All active members are expected to attend all regular chapter and state delegation meetings.

Section 4: A member **must** have attended the current WV TSA State Spring Conference to be able to attend the National TSA Conference, unless extenuating circumstances exist. All final decisions will be made by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VII- Executive Board**

- Section 1: The WV TSA Executive Board will consist of all the WV TSA state officers and the WV TSA State advisor. Each state officer's chapter advisor, the WV TSA immediate past president and any current National advisor or National officers from WV will serve as ex-officio members of the WV TSA Executive Board.
- Section 2: Meetings can be requested by the WV TSA State Advisor
- Section 3: A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum
- Section 4: The TSA Executive Board shall appoint standing and special committees as deemed necessary.
- Section 5: All state officers must attend all Executive Board meetings and any other WV TSA activities. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. Excused absences could be illness, death in the family, or hazardous weather conditions. In the event an officer or representative is going to be absent, the state advisor is to be notified as soon as possible in advance of the meeting.

Actions to be taken upon unexcused absences are as follows:

- (a) First offense: A letter will be written from the state advisor informing parent, teacher, principal, superintendent, and vocational director, of the unexcused absence and of the penalty for another unexcused absence.
- (b) Second offense: Possible expulsion from office. Decision of expulsion ultimately rests with the Executive Board and the State Advisor.

## **ARTICLE VIII- Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern WV TSA in all regular and special meetings.

## **ARTICLE IX- Motto and Creed**

Section 1: The Motto of WV TSA will be : "Learning to Live in a Technical World."

Section 2: The creed of WV TSA will be:

I believe that Technology Education holds an important place in my life in the technical world. I believe there is a need for the development of good attitudes concerning work, tools, materials, experimentation and processes of industry.

Guided by my teachers, artisans from industry, and my own initiative, I will strive to do my best in making my school, community, state, and nation better places in which to live.

I will accept the responsibilities that are mine. I will accept the theories that are supported by proper evidence. I will explore on my own for safer, more effective methods of working and living.

I will strive to develop a cooperative attitude and will exercise tact and respect for other individuals.

Through the work of my hands and mind, I will express my ideas to the best of my

ability.

I will make it my goal to do better each day the task before me, and to be steadfast in my belief in my God, and my fellow Americans.

#### **ARTICLE X- Official Colors and Dress**

Section 1: The Official Colors of TSA are:

**Scarlet:** Represents the strength and determination of the technology education students and teachers to obtain their goals.

**White:** Represents the high standards, morals, and religious beliefs we hold.

**Navy Blue:** Represents the sincerity of the technology education students and teachers in obtaining a greater knowledge of our technical world.

Section 2: Official Dress of TSA or business-like attire shall be worn at all Business Meetings and General Assemblies of WVTSA.

#### **ARTICLE XI- Amending the Constitution**

Section 1: To amend this constitution or by-laws, the proposed amendment(s) must be presented in writing by the local chapter proposing the amendment(s) to all local chapters of WV TSA and the WV TSA President at least thirty (30) days prior to an annual WV TSA meeting.

Section 2: The WV TSA President must then present the proposed amendment to the Executive Board.

Section 3: If approved by the Executive Board, the proposed amendment, together with the actions recommended by the Executive Board, will be presented at the next scheduled annual meeting of WV TSA. The proposed amendment may be adopted by two-thirds majority approval of the voting members present at this annual meeting.

Section 4: If adopted, the amendment will take effect upon adjournment of the annual meeting at which it is presented for approval.