



## OREGON ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICTS

### CONSTITUTION (Approved 11/14/04)

#### Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts, hereby referred to as the Association in this document.

#### Article II - The Purposes of the Association

**Section 1.** To foster and promote those activities that will provide as nearly equal educational opportunities for all children of this state as is feasible under optimum local control.

**Section 2.** To improve the general education, leadership, instruction, and specialized educational services in the Oregon Public Schools.

**Section 3.** To promote adequate financial support for the efficient and economical operation of those services necessary to improve instruction.

**Section 4.** To cooperate in dissemination of educational information among public and educationally related agencies and organizations.

**Section 5.** To share with the state in the development and implementation of the Education Service District role in Oregon education.

**Section 6.** To promote the statewide goals of the Association, as referenced in the "Mission" and "Guiding Principles" sections of the adopted Oregon Association of Education Service Districts' Mission, Guiding Principles, and the Role of Education Service Districts, with and among the Oregon legislature, the Governor, the Oregon Department of Education, the State Superintendent, other state-level partners, and OAESD members.

#### Article III - Membership

Any Oregon education service district that provides education services to Oregon public school districts may become a member of the Association. Personnel designated locally as members of the Education Service District's Board and Administrative Team are eligible for participation.

## Article IV - Officers, Elections, and Executive Committee

**Section 1.** The officers of the Association shall be the President, President-Elect, and Past President, *Vice-President, Vice-President-elect and Past Vice-President. of the Board Members' Section and President, President-Elect, and Past President of the Superintendents' Section of the OAESD.* ***The President shall be elected by the Superintendents and the Vice-President shall be elected by Board members.***

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall consist of sixteen members:

The six officers of the Association as described in Article IV, Section 1;

Two representatives from each of the four zones elected pursuant to the Bylaws; an at-large representative from each section, ***with an elected Superintendent and an elected Board member from each Zone. Two At-Large Zone Representatives shall be elected, one by the Superintendents and one by the Board members.***

**Section 3.** The Director of Government Relations ***and the Executive Secretary*** shall be selected by the Executive Committee and shall have such duties as assigned by the Executive Committee

**Section 4.** The officers and at-large representatives shall be elected at the Spring Conference by a simple majority of the member districts present and voting. Officers and representatives shall be elected by a simple majority of member districts. In the event 50% is not reached, a run-off shall be conducted between the top two candidates receiving the most votes and ballots shall continue until a single candidate is selected.

New officers shall be introduced and installed at the Spring Conference and shall take office July 1, immediately following.

Each member district shall have one vote per section. ***Each member ESD shall have one vote per elected position.***

**Section 5.** The term of office for the officers and at-large representatives shall be two years. Any officer or at-large representative may be elected to succeed self once except, as otherwise provided. The President-Elect succeeds to the presidency. ***The Vice-President-Elect succeeds to the Vice-Presidency.*** The term of office shall be from July 1 through June 30.

**Section 6.** The term of office for the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

The six officers of the Association as described in Article IV, Section 1, and the at-large representatives shall be two years;

The representatives from each of the four zones elected by Superintendent

members from the zone shall be two years;

The representatives from each of the four zones elected by Board members from the zone shall be two years.

The term expiration for Board member and Superintendent representatives shall be rotated. The section at-large representatives shall be elected and assume office in the alternate years from the President-Elect. ***The President-Elect and Board Member At-Large positions shall be elected at the same time, and the Vice-President-Elect and Superintendent At-Large Positions shall be elected in alternate years.***

**Section 7.** Succession in Office. In the event of any ***officer*** vacancy in office, except that of the President, that section's that Sections the Executive Committee officers and zone representative shall appoint a replacement to the office until the next Spring Conference.

In the event of a simultaneous vacancy in both the President and President-Elect positions in a section, that section's zone members shall select a President Pro Tem from its section of the Executive Committee.

**Section 8.** Vacancy in Office. A vacancy in an office shall immediately exist whenever the holder thereof ceases to be eligible for participation under Article III ***or through resignation.***

**Section 9.** Vacancies in zones shall be filled by appointment of the section members of that zone.

When a vacancy occurs in the position of at-large representative, the remaining members of the Executive Committee who are from the same section shall appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

***Section 10: A vote must be cast by a member present in person or through electronic audio and/or video. There will be no proxy votes.***

## Article V - Meetings

The chair ***President*** and/or the Executive Committee shall call the Spring Conference and/or other meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair ***President, the Vice-President*** may assume that authority.

## Article VI - Provisions for Amending the Constitution and/or Bylaws

**Section 1.** The Constitution may be amended in one of three ways:

1. The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the member districts present at the Spring, Fall, or special meetings, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of amending the constitution.
2. The Constitution may be amended by a majority of the member districts of record voting by mail 30 days after an amendment is proposed and submitted in writing as part of a regular or special meeting of the Association.

3. The Constitution may be amended by a majority of the member districts of record voting by mail within 30 days after an amendment is proposed and submitted by mail to such member districts of record.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee, in accordance with Section 1 of this Article, shall be responsible for submitting the amendments in writing to the membership for its information at least 30 days prior to either the fall or spring meetings or to a special meeting called for that purpose, or 30 days prior to a vote by mail.

**Section 3.** The Bylaws may be amended by the member districts present at any meeting called in accordance with Article V with such business being properly brought to a vote, and a simple majority vote authorizing such change.

The Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the member districts of record voting by mail 30 days after an amendment is proposed and submitted by mail to such member districts of record.

*The OAESD Restructuring Committee: Chair Paul Zastrow, Rick Howell and Jim Mabbot*