

FAR WEST TEXAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Ratified February 1984

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this association shall be Far West Texas School Boards Association.

ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION

The Far West Texas School Boards Association shall be associated with Education Service Center - Region 19 as a council, and the location of the principal office of the organization shall be in the headquarters of the Education Service Center.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

This organization is established for the following purposes:

- A. To identify current problems of concern to Far West Texas school districts: to disseminate information and analysis to members; and to promote the exchange of information and analysis among members;
- B. To provide a forum for the consideration of problems facing Far West Texas school districts;
- C. To promote quality education in the member school districts;
- D. To provide growth opportunities to all regional school board members and potential school board members. and;
- E. To provide a forum with state legislators and state school board members for the purpose of providing and receiving information and sharing educational concerns.

ARTICLE IV -POLICIES

Section 1. This association shall be educational and shall be developed through conferences, committees, and projects.

Section 2. This association shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan. No commercial enterprise and no candidate shall be endorsed by it. Neither the name of the association nor the names of its officers in their official capacities shall be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or for any purpose other than the regular work of the organization.

Section 3. This association may cooperate with other organizations and agencies active in education and child welfare, such as conference groups and coordinating councils, provided they make no commitments which bind their member groups.

Section 4. This organization shall be advisory and shall not include authority over the internal administration of any group or local board.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Eligibility: Membership is limited to public school districts and the education service center in the Education Service Center - Region 19 geographical region. Those organizations shall become members when the bylaws of the association are ratified by their board at an official meeting of the board.
- B. Renewal of Membership: Member boards will vote each year on their continued participation in the association.
- C. Dues: Any dues for membership shall be determined at the spring meeting of the Association and will be based on an approved budget of the association.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

At least five meetings of the association shall be held each year. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the association or by three member districts of the association as per official action of each respective board.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the spring meeting of the association. Officers shall serve for a term of two years and shall remain in office until their successors are elected. No officer shall be eligible for the same office for more than one term consecutively. The Immediate Past Chairperson shall provide advice and leadership to the newly elected officers regarding past practices and other matters to assist the officers in governing the Association. The Immediate Past Chairperson shall support the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson on an as-needed basis. The Vice-Chairperson will perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence or disability of the Chairperson.

Section 2. Nominations for officers shall be made by members of the Association at least thirty days prior to the election of officers. Nomination forms will be sent to all member districts requesting their candidates for nomination for the specific offices in January of each year. The consent of each candidate must be obtained before his/her name is placed in nomination. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the candidate has been obtained before his/her name is placed in nomination.

Section 3. Each participating local board will nominate by June one representative and alternate to become part of the coordinating committee. The representative chosen by the district may also be a FWTsBA officer. Representatives will serve 2 years as coordinating committee members. As members of the coordinating committee no more than 2 meetings/year may be missed.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Coordinating Committee: This committee shall be composed of the officers of the association and one representative from each of the participating school districts' boards. The coordinating committee shall be responsible for determining the meeting dates and agendas for the association meetings, appointing the Nominating Committee, adopting an annual budget for the association, and setting membership dues. The coordinating committee will meet no less than 5 times per year. The Chairperson has the authority to establish Ad-Hoc Committees as the need arises.

ARTICLE IX - VOTING

Voting shall be one vote for each member of each school district and education service center.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous regular meeting, or provided that copies of the proposed amendment have been sent to member boards at least fifteen days prior to the regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern this association in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

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