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WISCONSIN KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION
Articles of Association

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this association will be the Wisconsin Kindergarten Association.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the Association shall be to encourage to coordinate and to stimulate the professional growth and enthusiasm of kindergarten teachers in Wisconsin. Our goal is to study, communicate, assess, and act on behalf of the well being of kindergarten children within the state.

2. The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any Wisconsin kindergarten teacher, student enrolled in a kindergarten teacher education program, graduate holding a degree in kindergarten education, or teacher educator is eligible for membership.

2. The rights, which derive from membership, include the following:

- To receive notices of annual meetings.
- To attend the annual conference at reduced rates.
- To attend board meetings.
- To be eligible for election to office.
- To be eligible for appointment to committee membership.

ARTICLE IV. SUPPORTIVE FINANCING

1. Dues will be assessed on an annual basis and go from Sept. 1-August 1.

2. Income from dues will be utilized for communication, publications, and conference expenses.

ARTICLE V. GOVERNANCE

1. The governing body will be the executive board.

2. The board shall consist of eleven members.

3. A simple majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

4. Board members shall serve a two-year term.

5. Board members can be re-elected.

6. The past president shall serve two years on the board.

7. Two board members shall be elected each even year and three shall be elected odd years.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICES

1. Officers of the organization shall be: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership.

2. Officers need to be board members.

3. A board member must have served on the board for a minimum of one year immediately prior to nomination to office.

4. Terms of office for the council shall be two years. President Elect and Treasurer on odd years and Vice President and Secretary on even years.
5. *Officers can be re-elected.*
6. In the event a vacancy shall occur in any office the board could appoint someone from among their membership.
7. *Any supplies that are non-consumable items that an executive board member is reimbursed for must be returned to the association.*
8. *Any information that is contributed to the WKA website/articles become the property of the organization to be used for WKA purposes only.*

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Association shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the purpose of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Board shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT (* formerly President-elect duties)

- To preside at all general or convention meetings.
- To preside at all executive board meetings.
- To prepare an agenda for each meeting and carry it out.
- To set up any committees as needed.
- To delegate tasks to other executive board members.
- To act as a member on executive board for two years following regular term of office.

* To contact speakers and make arrangements for the WKA annual meeting.

DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

- * To preside at any meeting the president is unable to attend.
- * To assume duties of president in the event the president is unable to continue in that capacity.
- To fill in whenever another officer is absent from his/her position.
- * To perform duties assigned by the president and assist in carrying out association business.
- To be responsible for organizing and preparing a slate of officers for the annual meeting.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-HISTORIAN

- To keep notes of all general meetings and executive meetings.
- To send out reports of such meetings to all board members.

- To keep a secretaries book up to date.
- To read the secretary's report at meetings.
- To handle all correspondence.
- To retain current materials that may be of later historical interest.
- To advise the executive board of past actions of the association.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

- To pay all bills promptly.
- To keep the treasurer's books up to date.
- To help prepare budgets based on past experience and membership.
- To arrange for a yearly audit of the ledger books of the treasurer.

DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP (this is a new office, former treasure duties)

- *To maintain a current W.K.A. membership list.*
- *To provide labels and lists to executive board members upon request.*
- *To prepare a registration list for the fall conference.*
- *To prepare names for door prizes based on registrants for the fall conference.*

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- To serve on the executive board along with five elected officers and a total of six members.
 - To meet at least three times a year at a place mutually agreed upon.
 - To attend any special meetings that may be called by the president.
 - To serve a period of two years.
 - To vote on any matters that are brought before the board for action.
 - Members of the executive board shall be reimbursed for meal expenses up to \$15.00. This is in lieu of travel expenses.
 - To serve on committees as the president may call for.
 - To submit articles to the association website quarterly.
 - *To prepare an art display for the fall conference, as agreed upon by the executive board.*
 - *To prepare door prizes for the fall conference, as agreed upon by the executive board.*
 - *Executive Board members that fail to participate actively in the above activities can be relieved from their position on the board by a majority vote of the remaining board members.*
 - Vacancies during the term of office may be filled by the executive board.
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