



ALASKA
**BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS**
of AMERICA

Giving Purpose to Potential

Constitution & Bylaws

Article 1.0 Name

- 1.1** The official name of this organization shall be "Business Professionals of America, Alaska Association".

Article 2.0 Purposes

- 2.1** To develop student leadership in the field of career and technical education.
- 2.2** To help the students improve in social intelligence, personality, and attitude formation and development.
- 2.3** To develop a respect and increased interest in career and technical education.
- 2.4** To unite the state association members in a common bond without regard to race, creed, or national origin of students enrolled in classes with career and technical education employment as their objective.
- 2.5** To develop an appreciation of civic and social obligations of those engaged in career and technical education occupations.
- 2.6** To improve the students' knowledge of the career and technical education through co-curricular association activities.
- 2.7** To develop in the students an understanding of ethics in business.
- 2.8** To encourage student growth and poise.
- 2.9** To promote for useful purposes the ambition of the students.
- 2.10** To promote Business Professionals of America as a useful and helpful organization for students enrolled in career and technical education.
- 2.11** To develop an increased interest in good citizenship.
- 2.12** To help weld the state into a useful and gainful whole as Business Professionals of America, Alaska Association.
- 2.13** To prepare students for college and career readiness.

Article 3.0 Emblem, Colors, and Tagline

- 3.1 The emblem of the state and local chapters in Alaska shall be the official insignia authorized by the National Business Professionals of America.
- 3.2 The colors of the State Association shall be those used by the National Business Professionals of America.
- 3.3 All students who are members in good standing in their career and technical education classes and whose state and national dues are paid in full shall be eligible to wear the association emblem.
- 3.4 Organization blazers, uniforms, emblems and colors of the state organization shall follow those prescribed by the National Business Professionals of America.
- 3.5 Alaska shall use the national tagline:
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Article 4.0 Organization

- 4.1 Business Professionals of America, Alaska Association, is an association of chartered local chapters. Students shall be members in local, regional, state and national levels of Business Professionals of America as required.
- 4.2 The State Advisor(s) of Business Professionals of America, Alaska Association or its appointed representative shall act as official treasurers for their respective divisions of the Alaska Association.
- 4.5 The structure of the Alaska Association shall be composed of regions consisting of local chapters. The structure shall also provide for divisions of middle level, secondary, and postsecondary and any other nationally and state sanctioned divisions that may evolve in the future. Any modifications or expansions shall be the responsibility of the State Advisor(s).

Article 5.0 Membership

- 5.1 The membership of the Alaska Association shall be the chartered local chapters and their individual members. Members must pay both state and national dues.
- 5.2 Active members are students who are or have been enrolled in a middle level, secondary, post-secondary, or special programs of career and technical education as approved by the Alaska Public Education Department. Official delegates to association meetings shall be chosen from active members.

- 5.3** Alumni are former members who have paid members' state dues as established by the Alaska Association, but shall be ineligible to be voting delegates or to participate in contests.
- 5.4** Professional members may be persons associated with or participating in the professional development of Business Professionals of America as approved by the State Association. Such members may include teachers, teacher-coordinators, teacher educators, supervisors, persons enrolled in pre-service teacher-education programs, employers and/or training station sponsors, advisory committee members, business and industry personnel, and others willing to contribute to the growth and development of the organization. Professional membership will be an honorary-type membership and they will not be active in voting or participation in contests or other events.
- 5.5** Honorary members will be chosen leaders from the fields of education, business, and government. These members may be chosen by the state advisor or by a vote of the membership.

Article 6.0 Voting

- 6.1** All chapters that have paid their dues may vote through their voting delegates.
- 6.2** In voting for state officers or in other state voting, each chapter will be allowed one vote for every three members who are present at the state conference.

Article 7.0 Officers

- 7.1** Qualified candidates for state offices for each division shall be selected by majority vote of the voting delegates of that division at the state conference. The offices shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Parliamentarian.
- 7.2** Officers' terms of office shall be from the end of the National Conference in the year which they are elected until the close of the following National Conference.
- 7.3** The officer contract outlines eligibility, attendance, committee and behavior requirements.
- 7.4** Replacement of an officer will not be made.

Article 8.0 Meetings

- 8.1 A state conference (competitive events) may be held each year.
- 8.2 Parliamentary procedure of all meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- 8.3 Planning meetings for state conference may be held each year.
- 8.4 Quorum defined as—simple majority (one half plus one)

Article 9.0 Dues

- 9.1 The membership year shall be from September 1 to August 31.
- 9.3 Dues shall be paid before participation in any official activity of the Association.
- 9.4 Dues shall be payable on or before the deadline date(s) stated in the Policy and Procedures.

Article 10.0 Amendments

- 10.1 Proposed amendments must be presented, in writing by a local chapter to the State Advisor(s). If the Advisor(s) votes in favor of the proposed amendment, it will be submitted to the membership at large for a vote at a time and place determined by the State Advisor(s) or designee. A two-thirds majority of voting delegates (or chapters) will be required to amend the Constitution.

Article 11.0 Rules, Regulations, and Policies

- 11.1 Rules, regulations, and policies will be adopted as deemed necessary in the proper conduct of this organization--so long as they are not contrary to this Constitution or its stated purposes.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE OFFICE

Only active and eligible members will be eligible for office in the Alaska Association.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF STUDENT OFFICERS

Section 1: *President*. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all business meetings; to preside over officer meetings; to make all necessary committee appointments including the designation of committee chairmen; to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Business Professionals of America.

Section 2: *Vice President*. It shall be the duty of the vice president to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; to serve as chairman of the committees; to accept the responsibilities of the president as occasions may demand; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Business Professionals of America.

Section 3: *Secretary*. It shall be the duty of the secretary to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; to record the proceedings of all business and officer meetings; to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Business Professionals of America.

Section 4: *Treasurer*. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; to present any financial membership reports necessary for the division; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Business Professionals of America.

Section 5: *Historian*. It shall be the duty of the historian to maintain the Business Professionals of America Alaska Association historical documents; the history of Business Professionals of America, Alaska Association; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Business Professionals of America.

Section 6: *Parliamentarian*. It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to be responsible for the general conduct at the meeting; to rule on rules of order, should the occasion arise, during the business meetings of Business Professionals of America, Alaska Association; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of Business Professionals of America.

ARTICLE III - DUES

The membership year shall be September 1 through August 31. Annual state and national dues shall be established by the state and national associations, respectively. It will be the responsibility of the local chapter for the submission of these dues within the deadline. Local dues will be established and handled locally.

ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

To amend these bylaws, the proposed amendment must be presented in writing by a member or advisor to the state president and state advisor at least 21 days prior to the next regularly scheduled state meeting. The proposed amendment may be adopted by a majority approval of the voting delegates.