

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY
OF
HORSESHOE BEND HIGH SCHOOL

WE THE STUDENTS OF HORSESHOE BEND HIGH SCHOOL, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A REPRESENTATIVE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, ENCOURAGE GOOD CITIZENSHIP, FOSTER A COMMON INTEREST IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, CREATE ACTIVE AND USEFUL STUDENT LEADERSHIP, PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND FACULTY, AND TO ASSURE FOR OURSELVES AND SUCCEEDING CLASSES A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELFARE AND GOOD ORDER OF THE SCHOOL, DO HEREBY ESTABLISH THE CONSTITUTION FOR HORSESHOE BEND HIGH SCHOOL OF HORSESHOE BEND, IDAHO.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Student Body of Horseshoe Bend High School.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

All students enrolled at Horseshoe Bend High School, grades 9-12, are members of this organization.

ARTICLE III - ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

Section I - Positions

The officers of the Associated Student Body shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Secretary of Organizations.

Section II - Qualifications for Office

- A. All officers must have and maintain a grade point average of no less than 2.0 (a "C" average) and be enrolled at Horseshoe Bend High School.
- B. The President and Vice President must be seniors during the school year they hold office; the Secretary-Treasurer and the Secretary of Organizations must be either juniors or seniors the year that they hold office. If no senior students run for President and/or Vice President or junior or senior students run for Secretary-Treasurer or

Secretary of Organizations then students from a lower grade level may run.

Section III - Duties of Officers

A. President. The President shall:

1. Preside at meetings of the Student Council.
2. Preside at school assemblies.
3. Appoint Student Council committee members.
4. Represent the Student Body before the Board of Trustees, other schools, and community organizations.
5. Serve as the executive officer of the Student Council.

B. Vice President. The Vice President shall:

1. Preside at Student Council meetings and perform duties of the President when the President is absent.
2. Assume the office of President when that office becomes vacant.
3. Supervise Student Council committees and serve as an official member of all committees.

C. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

1. Prepare and publish the minutes of the Student Council meetings in a timely fashion.
2. Keep files of the minutes of the Student Council meetings.
3. Handle correspondence for Student Council.
4. Keep record of Student Council funds.

D. Secretary of Organizations. The Secretary of Organizations shall:

1. Conduct liaison with student clubs and activities.
2. Organize Associated Student Body fund raisers.
3. Chair the Student Council Committee on Organizations.

Section IV - Term of Office

All Student Body Officers shall serve a one year term, commencing with the last Student Council meeting of the school year and upon taking the oath of office: I do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the office

of (the office held) of Horseshoe Bend High School, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve and protect the constitution of Horseshoe Bend High School." The Secretary-Treasurer and the Secretary of Organizations may be re-elected for a second term.

ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY

Section I - Student Council

- A. Student Council shall consist of the ASB officers, plus two representatives elected from each grade level class.
- B. The duties and powers of the Student Council are:
 - 1. Approve student club charter applications.
 - 2. Propose and pass motions regarding the student body of Horseshoe Bend High School and all matters of funding, activities, and any other item affecting the student body.
 - 3. Establish an ASB calendar of activities.

Section II - Committees

- A. Elections Committee. This committee is composed of the Vice President, the Secretary of Organizations, and two Student Council members appointed by the President. It is responsible for organizing and conducting all ASB elections.
- B. Activities Committee. This committee is composed of the Secretary of Organizations and one representative from each grade level. These representatives may be a Student Council member or another student who is selected by the class. This committee reviews and recommends approval or disapproval of club charter applications and club applications for fundraisers (subject to the principal's approval) and organizes and conducts Student Council activities.
- C. Committees appointed by the President for specific tasks.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

Section I - Dates

The Student Council will set the dates for elections in the

first two weeks of April, as the school calendar and activities allow for maximum participation. In the fall of 1990, upon ratification of this constitution, elections will be held as soon as possible.

Section II - Nominating Petitions

Petitions for nomination to a Student Council office shall bear the valid signatures of at least 20% of the student body and shall be turned in to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than three days before the election.

Section III - Primary and General Elections

There shall be a primary election whenever there are three or more qualified candidates for any office. The general election will follow the primary within one week.

Section IV - Qualification of Candidates

All candidates must meet the qualifications for office as set forth in Article III, Section II.

Section V - Balloting

- A. Polls will be open from ten minutes before homeroom until the end of the lunch period.
- B. Absentee ballots may be obtained in the office the day before the election and must be turned into the Secretary-Treasurer by the end of that school day. Such ballots are only for those who know they will be absent on Election Day.

ARTICLE VI - ORGANIZATIONS

Section I - Grade Level Governments

Each grade level shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two Student Council representatives in the fall of the school year. These elected officials must be members of their grade level, students of Horseshoe Bend High School, and have no less than a 2.0 (C) grade point average.

Section II - Clubs

Clubs must receive a charter from the Student Council and submit an application for that purpose. The application should state the name, purpose, and membership

qualifications for the club. Clubs must provide a copy of their by-laws to the Student Council within one month of receiving their charter or the charter may be revoked.

Section III - Cheerleaders

- A. Tryouts for cheerleading shall be organized by the Cheerleader Advisor and held in the spring of the year so that the election of cheerleaders will coincide with Student Body elections.
- B. The election will be done by all the students and teachers of the high school. The candidates with the most votes will be elected in accordance with how many positions need to be filled on the cheerleading squad.
- C. In the event of a vacancy in the cheerleading squad the runners up, in order of the number of votes they received, shall be offered the position on the squad.

ARTICLE VII - RECALL OF OFFICERS

Section I - Petitions

Students may call for an election for the recall of an ASB officer by presenting a recall petition bearing the signatures of at least 20% of the student body. The Student Council must validate or deny a recall petition based upon these criteria.

Section II - Recall Election

The Elections Committee shall organize a recall election within one week of the receipt and validation of a recall petition. Students shall vote to retain or recall the officer in question. A simple majority shall be sufficient to recall an officer.

Section III - Filling Vacated Office

A recalled officer may run for the position vacated. If the position is that of President then if the recalled officer is re-elected he or she resumes that office. If not re-elected then the Vice President becomes President and the winner of the election becomes Vice President.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section I - Proposals for Amendments

Thirty percent of the Student Council or the Student Body shall be sufficient for proposing an amendment to this constitution.

Section II - Ratification

Approval by two thirds of those voting on the amendment shall be sufficient to adopt it.

ARTICLE IX - TRADITIONS

The following are established as traditions of Horseshoe Bend High School:

- Seniors shall have a senior sneak, subject annually to conditions set by and approval of the Board of Trustees.
- Seniors shall paint the Spirit Rock to represent their graduating class. Juniors may re-paint it for their class anytime after graduation.
- School colors, subject to Board approval, shall be silver and black.
- The school mascot shall be the Mustangs.

ARTICLE X - RATIFICATION

This shall become the Constitution of the Associated Students of Horseshoe Bend High School upon the approval of a majority of the student body members voting in the ratification election.