

Alumni Constitution

NOTE: A new University of Oklahoma Association constitution has been written and approved by the executive board. It requires approval of the Association membership. Passages changed from the previous document are printed in italics. A ballot is provided for membership voting.

ARTICLE I — Name

Section 1:

This organization shall be known as the UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II — Purpose

Section 1:

The purpose of this Association is to *cooperate with and assist in the promotion of the goals and purposes of the University of Oklahoma*, to encourage a continuing and increasing interest in the University among *graduates, former students, and friends*, and to foster acquaintance and good fellowship through information, education, and service.

ARTICLE III — Membership

Section 1:

All graduates and former students of The University of Oklahoma are and shall be considered alumni and members of this Association. Active members shall be those who have paid *annual or life dues*, as prescribed in the By-Laws, and only active members shall be eligible to hold office or to vote.

Section 2:

Members of the faculty and staff of The University of Oklahoma shall be eligible to hold active membership in the Association.

Section 3:

Any person who has demonstrated an interest in promoting the objectives and purposes of The University of Oklahoma and the Association may become an active member upon payment of *annual or life dues subject to termination by the Board of Directors*.

Section 4:

Honorary memberships may be granted by either vote of the *Board of Directors* or by *appointment of the Executive Director* to persons who have rendered distinguished and meritorious service to the University of Oklahoma. *A report each six months of complimentary memberships distributed by the Executive Director will be made to the Board of Directors.*

ARTICLE IV — Meetings

Section 1:

Meetings of the Association for the consideration of matters pertaining to the University and the Association may be held at the call

of the *Board of Directors* as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE V — Officers

Section 1:

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, and a *Secretary-Treasurer*. They shall be elected by the *Board of Directors* of the Association at its annual fall meeting. *The officers so elected shall serve a term of one (1) year beginning January 1 of each year. This plan shall be effective January 1, 1972. Any active member of the Association is eligible for election as an officer. Paid members of the Association staff shall not be voting members of the Board of Directors.*

ARTICLE VI — Board of Directors

Section 1:

The *Board of Directors* shall consist of the President, the *Vice President*, and the *Secretary-Treasurer* of the University of Oklahoma Association, the last five past presidents, and the following members elected by active members of the Association by referendum ballot: one member residing in each Alumni District of Oklahoma as specified in the By-Laws; 21 members at large, 14 of whom *must* be residents of Oklahoma and 5 of whom *must* reside outside the State. *The President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall serve in their respective capacities as officers of the Board of Directors.*

Section 2:

Board members shall be elected *each fall* in a manner consistent with the By-Laws. Each Board member shall serve a 3-year term and will *assume office the first day of January immediately following his election of the preceding fall*. One-third of the members shall retire each year and members will not be eligible for re-election to consecutive terms. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by appointment of the *Board of Directors* for the balance of the unexpired term. *Any person appointed to fill a vacant unexpired term shall be eligible for immediate election to the Board when his appointment expires.*

Section 3:

The policy-making authority of the Association shall be vested in the *Board of Directors*.

ARTICLE VII — Amendments

Section 1:

This Constitution may be amended in the following ways:

(1) By a 2/3 vote of the *Board of Directors*. All amendments made by the Board must be published in the next regular edition of the official Association publication.

(2) If a person or a group of persons shall

present a petition bearing the signatures of 100 active members of the Association to the Board of Directors requesting adoption of an amendment to this Constitution, the *Board of Directors shall within 90 days submit this amendment to a vote by the entire active membership of the Association. This vote must be conducted by mail ballot and sent to all active members of the Association.*

Section 2:

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the *Board of Directors*, at which a quorum is present, by a vote of 2/3 of Board members present.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I — Rights of Members

Section 1:

All members shall have the right to attend meetings of the Association and to participate in the activities of the *University of Oklahoma Association*. However, only active members of the Association may vote or hold office, and in addition shall be entitled to receive publications and other services as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the *Board of Directors*.

ARTICLE II — Membership

Section 1:

Any person eligible for membership in the Association may become an active member by paying the life or annual dues stipulated by the *Board of Directors*.

Section 2:

Of the amount paid for life membership, the first 30% is to be placed in the current operating fund of the Association, the remaining 70% shall be deposited in the OU Life Membership Trust Fund of the University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc., and subject to the rules thereof.

Section 3:

Husbands and wives are eligible for joint membership on either a life or annual basis.

ARTICLE III — Board of Directors

Section 1:

One member of the *Board of Directors* shall be elected from each of the following Alumni Districts in Oklahoma.

District 1: Counties of Pawnee, Tulsa, Washington, Nowata, Rogers, Craig, Mayes, Ottawa, Delaware, and Osage.

District 2: Counties of Wagoner, Cherokee, Adair, Okmulgee, Muskogee, Sequoyah, McIntosh, and Haskell.

District 3: Counties of Carter, Love, Marshall, Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain, Pushmataha, Atoka, Pittsburgh, Latimer, and Leflore.

District 4: Counties of Creek, Lincoln, Okfuskee, Hughes, Seminole, Pottawatomie, Pontotoc, Coal and Johnston.

District 5: Counties of Payne, Logan, Oklahoma, Cleveland, McClain, Garvin, and Murray.

District 6: Counties of Blaine, Kingfisher, Canadian, Caddo, Grady, Comanche, Stephens, Cotton, and Jefferson.

District 7: Counties of Ellis, Dewey, Roger Mills, Custer, Beckham, Washita, Harmon, Greer, Kiowa, Jackson, and Tillman.

District 8: Counties of Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woods, Kay, Alfalfa, Grant, Woodward, Major, Garfield, and Noble.

Section 2:

Nominations: A nominating committee of five members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the President of the Association. The nominating committee shall meet each year and select at least two candidates for each district vacancy on the Board of Directors and at least 10 candidates for the 7 at-large vacancies.

Section 3:

Election: In accordance with such provisions as the Board shall make, ballots shall be printed containing the names of all nominees and shall be mailed to each active member of the Association. All ballots shall be returned to the Association and be counted under the direction of the Board. New members of the Board and new officers of the Association shall take office on January 1 after the election of the preceding fall.

Section 4:

Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring, and at such other times and places as may be specified by the President or upon request of any five (5) members of the Board.

Section 5:

Seventeen (17) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6:

Employees: It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to employ an Executive Director and the administrative staff of the Association and to determine the Executive Director's salary. The Executive Director shall determine the administrative staff salaries which shall be submitted to the Board for acceptance or rejection. The Executive Director shall assign the duties and salaries of any other employees he shall find necessary. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the following duties of the Association: The Executive Director shall serve as the chief administrative officer of all the programs of the University of Oklahoma Association. He shall be responsible for determining the staff participation necessary to the development of an effective Association program. He shall recommend to the Board those persons he deems qualified and satisfactory to fill those positions. He shall assign to each member of the staff the specific areas of their responsibility and efforts in the Association. He shall be responsible for the coordination of all aspects of the Association programs and also be held directly responsible to the Board of Directors for the successes and failures of the Association. He shall further be responsible for the

effective development and administration of the alumni fund raising program at the University of Oklahoma.

Section 7:

There shall be an executive committee within the Board of Directors which shall consist of the immediate past president of the Board, the President, the Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two other Board members appointed by the President. Membership of the executive committee shall include at least one person from each of the three-year terms represented in the total Board of Directors. During the interim period between the fall and the spring meetings of the Board, the executive committee of the Association shall have the authority to advise the executive director and in general be empowered with the executive decision-making authority to the total Board. The minutes of all executive committee meetings shall be made available to the entire Board within ten (10) days following a meeting. Executive committee meetings shall be on call of the President.

Section 8:

The officers and staff of the University of Oklahoma Association shall work in close cooperation and coordination with the office of University Relations in determining and effecting the program of the Association.

Section 9:

General Powers: All administrative control of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, and the Board is authorized to act for the Association in all matters not expressly provided in the Constitution. On all matters of general policy the Board shall, at its discretion, submit the question to the members of the Association in a mail ballot.

CONSTITUTION BALLOT

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

_____ I vote to approve the new University of Oklahoma Association constitution.

_____ I vote to not approve the new University of Oklahoma Association constitution.

Name _____

Class and Degree _____

Mail To:

Constitution Ballot
The University of Oklahoma Association
900 Asp Avenue, Mz 3
Norman, Oklahoma 73069

All ballots should be returned no later than Dec. 31, 1970