



# NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL TROJAN CONSUL - CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is the Trojan Consul of Northwestern High School.

## ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Trojan Consul shall be to:

- 1) Provide a democratic forum in which students can address those school-related issues which affect their lives.
- 2) Maintain a continuous communication channel from students to both faculty and administration as well as among the students within the school.
- 3) Offer a year-long program of social functions and community involvement projects for students.
- 4) Train students in the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship using the school environment as the primary training ground.
- 5) Demonstrate morally acceptable behavior.

## ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** One gains membership in the Trojan Consul upon the completion of the nomination procedure as established by the Consul and is elected under the procedures prescribed by these by-laws.

**Section 2.** Any member will be removed if he/she misses three meetings without presenting reasonable excuses to the advisor. Any disagreement between the member and the advisor over the reasonableness of an excuse will be decided by the assembly.

**Section 3.** Any member is subject to removal at the discretion of the C advisors and the principal. Grounds for dismissal would be any action not becoming of a Consul member, suspension from school for a major offense, failure to maintain appropriate grade point average, continuous misconduct and lack of commitment to the organization, or any behavior not deemed appropriate by the Trojan Consul.

**Section 4.** Upon the creation of a vacancy in position of president, the vice president shall assume all duties and responsibilities immediately. If both offices are vacated simultaneously, the Trojan Consul shall open up nominations for both offices, first accepting nominations for the office of president from among its present membership and holding an election within the Trojan Consul, and then following a similar process to fill the position of vice president. All vacancies in elected offices shall be filled within one (1) week by accepting nominations from the Trojan Consul

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## **ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- Section 1.** The elected officers and the standing committee chairpersons are the voting members of the executive committee. The advisors are voting members.
- Section 2.** The executive committee shall meet at least two (2) days prior to the regular scheduled Trojan Consul meeting and plan an agenda, which is to be distributed to the members at the meetings.
- Section 3.** The executive committee shall all be subject to the orders of the representative body of the Trojan Consul and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Consul.
- Section 4.** Special Meetings of the executive committee may be called by the president, advisor, principal, or upon written request of any three (3) members.
- Section 5.** The executive committee shall carry out all duties assigned to it in these by-laws and by Trojan Consul.

## **ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES**

- Section 1.** The Northwestern Trojan Consul Committees are as follows:
- Homecoming and Senior Day Committee
  - Public Relations and Teacher Appreciation Committee
  - Fundraising and Election Committee
  - Dance Committee
  - Spirit and Social Committee
- Section 2.** Unless otherwise directed by the assembly, the minimum and maximum number of members of each committee shall be determined by the executive committee.
- Section 3.** Other committees may be appointed by either the Consul or its president as the Consul from time to time deems it necessary to carry on its work.
- Section 4.** The president shall be ex-officio of all committees.
- Section 5.** Each committee will have a standard set of operating instructions for their committee.

## **ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in \_\_\_\_\_ shall govern the Trojan Consul in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rule of order the Trojan Consul may accept.

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- The student leader may accept free samples of a product of insubstantial value when they are offered as a form of advertising, but not when offered as an inducement to the leader to recommend the product to the student body. Whenever a student leader disagrees with the student body on a particular issue, it is up to the leader to choose to put personal preferences aside and follow the students' wishes. But it is also the leader's responsibility to make sure the student body is as informed as possible to make sound judgments.
  - The Trojan Consul may privately vote on minor decisions affecting the student body. However, meetings
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