

SkillsUSA California Constitution

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Constitution changes to include the Middle School division and Regional Officer

Submitted by: Excelsior Academy on December 26, 2016

SkillsUSA Excelsior Academy rationale for motion: To include the Middle School Division and to grant this division to have the opportunity to represent SkillsUSA California as Middle School Ambassadors. Proposal will also include qualifications as an Ambassador

SkillsUSA Excelsior Academy rationale for motion: State Officer slate to include the title of Historian or Sergeant at Arms

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the SkillsUSA California shall consist of the total membership of the chartered local clubs, ~~both secondary and post-secondary divisions~~ including the middle school, secondary and post-secondary divisions in the categories recognized by the national office.

Section 4. SkillsUSA California will recognize members only through a local chapter. Classes of membership which will be recognized are:

- Student Membership – Students enrolled in middle school, secondary, and post-secondary divisions in career technical education training program areas, or exploratory class areas identified by national SkillsUSA and approved by the state association. Active members will pay dues as established by SkillsUSA California and National SkillsUSA, Inc.

ARTICLE V – STATE OFFICERS

Section 4. An Election Committee shall determine which candidate shall fill each position. A full slate of officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Parliamentarian. If additional positions are required, the remaining State Officers shall serve as ~~Regional Vice-Presidents~~ Historian or Sergeant at Arms. Whenever possible this process shall ensure that each region shall have one State Officer representing their region. The Election Committee shall consist of the State Officer Trainers, The State Director, and the Presidents' of both houses or any individual invited and agreed upon by the election committee.

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ARTICLE VI – QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE OFFICE

Section 1. Candidates for a State Office shall have:

- Active student membership status
- Endorsement of their local chapter
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C) in their general education or general academic classes
- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) in their career technical education (CTE) class(es), course(s) or degree(s)
- At least one semester remaining in their career technical education program classes during the SkillsUSA year they will be holding State Office.
- Meet all further requirements as specified in the Officer Application.
- **Must be a member of the secondary or post-secondary division.**

New Article: Regional Officers, Qualifications for Regional Officers, Middle School Ambassador, Middle School Ambassador Qualifications

ARTICLE VII – REGIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. The Regional Officers of SkillsUSA California shall be one representative from each of the six established region, with at least one high school and one post-secondary student, preferred.

Section 2. Regional Officers shall be elected by the House of Delegates at the annual SkillsUSA California Business meeting at the SkillsUSA California State Conference and shall serve from June 1 through May 31.

Section 3. Should any region of either House of Delegates fail to elect a representative, the vacancy shall be filled by a qualified applicant from within their respective region.

Section 4. Regional Officers shall serve as Region Vice-Presidents.

ARTICLE VIII – QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. Candidates for a Regional Office shall have:

- Active student membership status
- Endorsement of their local chapter
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C) in their general education or general academic classes
- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) in their career technical education (CTE) class(es), course(s) or degree(s)
- At least one semester remaining in their career technical education program classes during the SkillsUSA year they will be holding Regional Office.

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- Met all further requirements as specified in the Officer Application.
- Must be a member of the secondary or post-secondary divisions.

Section 2. All candidates for Regional Office must file their candidacy applications for Regional Office with the SkillsUSA California State Director no later than two (2) weeks (14 days) before the first day of the annual SkillsUSA California State Conference. All paperwork must be completely filled out, signed and dated. All Regional Officer Application due dates and deadlines will be enforced.

Section 2a. A maximum of two Regional Officer candidates may be endorsed by a single local chapter.

Section 3. Candidates for Regional Office shall be required to submit the Officer Application Packet.

Section 4. A member who holds an elected position in a local chapter prior to election as a Regional Officer, will vacate the local position during their tenure in Regional Office.

ARTICLE IX - MIDDLE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

Section 1. The Middle School Ambassadors of SkillsUSA California shall be one representative in the middle school division from each of the six established regions.

Section 2. Middle School Ambassadors shall be elected by the House of Delegates at the annual SkillsUSA California Business meeting at the SkillsUSA California State Conference and shall serve from June 1 through May 31.

Section 3. Whenever possible, this process shall ensure that each region shall have one ambassador representing their region. A region may never be represented by more than two ambassadors.

ARTICLE X - QUALIFICATIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

Section 1. Candidates for a Middle School Ambassador Office shall have:

- Active student membership status.
- Endorsement of their local chapter.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C) in their general education or general academic classes.
- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) in their career technical education (CTE) class(es), course(s) or degree(s).
- At least one semester remaining in their career technical education program classes during the SkillsUSA year they will be hold office.
- Met all further requirements as specified in the Officer Application.
- Must be a member of the middle school division.

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Section 2. All candidates for Middle School Ambassadors must file their candidacy applications with the SkillsUSA California State Director no later than two (2) weeks (14 days) before the first day of the annual SkillsUSA California State Conference. All paperwork must be completely filled out, signed and dated. Application due dates and deadlines will be enforced.

Section 2a. A maximum of two Middle School Ambassador candidates may be endorsed by a single local chapter.

Section 3. Candidates for Middle School Ambassadors shall be required to submit the Officer Application Packet.

Section 4. A member who holds an elected position in a local chapter prior to election as an Ambassador, will vacate the local position during their tenure as a Middle School Ambassador.

ARTICLE ~~VII~~ XI – STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ XII – HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 1. There shall be ~~two~~ three divisions of delegates; one middle school, one secondary and one post-secondary. Each House of Delegates shall consist of two voting delegates from each active chartered local chapter, plus an additional delegate for each 15 student members of that chapter. Each delegate shall have one vote and must be present to cast that vote. It shall be the duties and functions of the House of Delegates to:

- Enact the Constitution, rules, and regulations necessary for carrying out the affairs and activities of the organization
- Elect Middle School Ambassadors, Regional Officers, and State Officers and endorse National Officer Candidates for the organization
- Act upon items of business as requested by the SkillsUSA California Board of Directors and Regional Coordinators
- Elect National Voting Delegates

ARTICLE ~~IX~~ XIII – BY-LAWS