

TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

REGION 1 CONSTITUTION

Preamble

The Region 1 member of the Texas Junior College Government Association (TJCSGA), in order to promote good will and unity among Junior Colleges, do establish this Constitution.

Article I NAME

The name of this organization shall be: REGION 1 of the Texas JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.

Article II PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be:

- Section 1. To give Junior College students an active role within the American Democracy.
- Section 2. To attempt to solve problems and provide means for discussing problems of the membership pertaining to student government and student activities.
- Section 3. To promote better relationships between the Junior Colleges of the region.
- Section 4. To provide a region-wide association to promote and to protect the best interest of the colleges and of the students.
- Section 5. To provide for ways and means of uniting the leadership represented by the colleges in such a way that their influence may be felt in the state of their local community.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. The student government or designated representative of student government of any junior college or two year collegiate institution in the State of Texas, listed in the directory of the American Association of Junior College, upon payment of all required membership dues, may become a member of the region as appointed by Texas JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.

Section 2. All members in all business matters that arise within the region shall have four votes. Proxy votes are accepted if in a letter form and sealed.

Article IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be: (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary, (4) Parliamentarian, (5) Host, (6) Bulletin School, (7) Region Advisor.

Section 2. Duties of Officers

A. The duties of the President shall be:

1. To preside over all meetings in the region.
2. To appoint all committees.
3. To vote only in the case of a tie.
4. To attend all meetings of the Executive Board.
5. To call meetings of the Executive Board when necessary.
6. To enforce and see that all member colleges uphold the purpose of the region.
7. To enforce and see that all member colleges uphold the purpose of the association.

B. The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

1. To execute the duties of the President in his or her absence.
2. To attend all meetings of the Executive Board.
3. To make all arrangements for discussion groups at the Region 1 Conference pertinent to problems affecting student government and appoint members to reside over each group.
4. The Vice-President shall be ex-officio member of all standing committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

C. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

1. To keep an accurate record of the Regional proceedings and send a copy to the Host School.
2. To call the roll at the conference and make necessary announcements.
3. To keep current records of the Region.
4. To attend all meetings of the Executive Board.
5. To keep a dual set of records, one to be kept by the Secretary, the other shall be placed in the school's records. The out-going Secretary shall turn the records over to the in-coming Secretary.
6. To act as corresponding agent of the Executive Board.

D. The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be:

1. To act as an advisor to the chair on a question of the parliamentary procedure.
 2. To attend all meetings of the Executive Board.
 3. To prepare and distribute a current constitution to all the members of the region before each regional convention.
 4. To have a copy of Robert's Rules of Order, this constitution and any bylaws the region may adopt with him or her at all meetings.
- E. The duties of the Host shall be:
1. To attend all the meetings of the Executive Board.
 2. To be responsible for all duties listed in Article IV.
 3. To present to all member colleges a complete a completed agenda of the conference activities at least two weeks prior to the convening date of the conference.
 4. To form the Conference Committee.
 5. To furnish office materials and reproduction equipment to colleges at the Regional Conference.
 6. To provide member colleges all information concerning the conference thirty days prior to the convention. This shall be done in conjunction with the Secretary.
- F. The duties of Bulletin School shall be:
1. To attend all meetings of the Executive Board.
 2. To prepare and distribute to each member of the region at least one bulletin per semester carrying the articles about the region.
 3. To solicit newspapers from various colleges of the Region.
 4. To publish any article of interest to other member colleges in bulletin.
 5. Inform state bulletin school.
 6. To act as liaison between the regional association and the state bulletin school.
- G. The Duties of the Region Advisor shall be:
1. To assist the executive board in completion of their duties.
 2. To attend all meetings of the Executive Board.
 3. To have a copy of the Region One Constitution at all meetings.
 4. To maintain lines of communication between advisors and the Executive Board.

Section 3. Removal from office

- A. Officer schools who fail to perform the prescribed duties by the date set forth by the Executive Board of this constitution can be removed from their office and a replacement appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Board.

- B. A member of the Executive Board should submit recommendations for removal from office; however, any member school can recommend that an officer school do so. Removal of office requires a 2/3-majority vote of the Executive Board at a regular meeting or special session.
- C. The membership may by, 2/3-majority vote, suspend this rule in the case of extenuating circumstances.
- D. In the event that the President school is removed from office, the Vice-President school shall resume the office of the President. The Executive Board shall appoint a new Vice-President by 2/3-majority vote.

Article V MEETINGS

- Section 1. Regional Meetings
 - A. The general business sessions of the Region 1 will be held at the annual Region 1 Conference.
 - B. Other Region 1 meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the Executive Board.
 - C. Regional meetings may be called upon the discretion of a majority of the Region.
- Section 2. Executive Board Meetings
 - A. Shall be called by the President or by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The members of the Executive Board shall be the officers of Region1.
 - A. Voting members will be: (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary, (4) Parliamentarian, (5) Host, (6) Bulletin School.
- Section 2. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:
 - A. Preside over Region 1 meetings.
 - B. To determine and enforce the policies of Region 1.
 - C. To act as liaison between member schools of the TJCSGA.

Article VII COMMITTEES

- Section 1. All committees shall be appointed by the President of the Region, with each delegate having one vote.
- Section 2. Committee Guidelines
 - A. A committee shall be composed of one appointed delegate from each college with each delegate having one vote.

- B. Chairman shall be elected by a majority vote of the committee members present.
- C. A committee exists until completion of duty or until State Convention.
- D. The secretary will be appointed by the Chairman.
- E. Committee findings will be ratified or rejected by the Executive Board, or the Region 1 General Assembly when possible.

Article VIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Region 1 in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules of order Region 1 may adopt.

Article IX AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular or called meeting of Region 1 by a two-thirds vote of members providing that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the members of the Executive Board at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

Article X STATE OFFICES

- Section 1. No more than one school in Region 1 will run for the same state office at state convention.
- Section 2. Candidates should be decided at the spring regional meetings before state convention.
- Section 3. If multiple schools are interested in running for the same state office, the region will vote by secret ballot, with each school having 4 votes.
- Section 4. Each candidate will present case to the region before voting.

Article XI RESOLUTIONS

- Section 1. Written resolutions may be submitted by any delegate from a member school of Region 1.
- Section 2. Resolutions must be submitted to the Executive Board prior to the meeting at which they will be introduced.
- Section 3. Unless otherwise state in the body of the resolution, resolutions are binding and will constitute the official position of the Region 1 Association when adopted.

Article XII CONFERENCE

- Section 1. There shall be a conference set by the Host.
- Section 2. Purpose of the conference is to enact the purpose of the region as stated in Article II of the Constitution.

Article XIII DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- Section 1. Disciplinary proceedings shall be carried out according to the Parliamentary Authority.
- Section 2. Any member, against whom disciplinary proceedings are brought, may request a review committee made of one representative from each Region 1 school.
- Section 3. The Executive Board shall decide who or what requires disciplinary action.

Article XIV RATIFICATION

Upon ratification by two-thirds of the members present at the Region 1 Convention of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association Region 1, this Constitution shall become a governing document of the TJCSGA Region 1, subordinate to the Texas Junior College Student Government Association Constitution.