

SkillsUSA Washington
Secondary Division Constitution



SkillsUSA Washington, Incorporated

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Recommended Changes approved by the Board of Directors
To incorporate needed updates

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ARTICLE III—ORGANIZATION

Section 2 – The administration and authority in SkillsUSA Washington affairs will be vested in the Board of Directors of SkillsUSA Washington, Inc. and OSPI Skilled and Technical Sciences and STEM programs supervisor.

Change: The administration and authority in SkillsUSA Washington affairs will be vested in the Board of Directors of SkillsUSA Washington and OSPI Skilled and Technical Sciences program supervisor.

ARTICLE V—STATE OFFICER TEAM

Section 2 – The State Executive Council shall consist of all officers, and includes the titles of State President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Historian/ Reporter, and Sergeant at Arms.

Change: The State Executive Council shall consist of all officers, and includes the titles of State President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian, Reporter, and Sergeant at Arms.

Section 3 – The state officer team will be elected at the Spring State Conference by the delegates at the State Delegate Session. No more than two (2) officers can be elected from a single region.

Change: The state officer team will be elected at the Spring State Conference by the delegates at the State Delegate Session. Preference will be given to elect two (2) officers from each region. Two (2) officers may be elected from each region.

Section 4 New section

Appointments to the State Officer team may be made if positions are not filled at the state conference. Selection should be made prior to officer training. Students must complete officer application process and interview by SkillsUSA Washington State designated committee.

Section 4 – During the time period between state officer elections and training, vacancies in any state office shall be filled by appointment by State Executive Director and officer advisors. If a state officer-elect fails to attend state officer training, the officer will forfeit the privileges of being a state officer for that year. Replacements for state offices will continue to follow the set guidelines, but only before state officer training. Priority will be given to seek a candidate from the under-represented region. Vacancies occurring after state officer training will not be filled. If an elected officer resigns his/her position, he/she will not be allowed to run for any office at the next scheduled election.

Change to Section 5

Section 5 – State Executive Council and other Officer titles will be elected from the core state officer team during State Officer training. Officers, advisors and trainers will all have a single vote.

Change: Officers, advisors and trainers may all have a single vote.

Change to Section 6

Section 6 – To be a candidate for President an individual must have been a member of the state officer team for a full SkillsUSA Washington term and must be enrolled in a career and technical education class with a SkillsUSA Washington chapter in the year of his/her presidency term. If there is no returning state officer desiring to be a candidate for the office of President, an individual who is an active SkillsUSA participant in the Fall, has his/her SkillsUSA Washington dues paid by the December 1st deadline of the State Conference year, and will be enrolled in a career and technical education class with a SkillsUSA Washington chapter the year of his/her term may run for the office.

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Change to Section 7 and – change deadline to March 1st.

ARTICLE VI—QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE OFFICE

Section 1 – Candidates for state office shall have:

- a. Active membership status
- b. Endorsement of their Regional Coordinators
- c. At least one full school year remaining in a High School preparatory career-technical program.
- d. Been elected by their state delegates as a state officer candidate
- e. 2.5 or better GPA

Change: Add: f. Completed state officer application process including endorsement by interview team. Also remove S in coordinators section B.

ARTICLE VII—ELECTIONS

Section 1 – All chapter must register their membership with the State Executive Director or designee. Officer candidates must be official members at time of election. Voting delegates will be allocated based on the previous year’s membership for Fall Leadership Conference and on the current year membership for Spring State Conference.

Change: Add s in Chapters. All chapters must register their membership with www.skillsusa.org. Officer candidates must be official members at time of election. Voting delegates will be selected based on March 1st membership deadline.

Section 2 – The Executive Director shall appoint a nominations/elections committee consisting of two officer advisors and two state officers. This committee shall review officer applications to assure compliance with officer requirements and conduct the election of officers at the state conference.

Change: The Executive Director shall appoint a nominations/selection committee consisting of officer advisors, state officers and officer trainers. This committee shall review officer applications to assure compliance with officer requirements and conduct the election of officers at the state conference.

ARTICLE XI—LOCAL CHAPTER CHARTERS

Section 1 – A local chapter must submit a copy of their Constitution, **By-Laws** and application to the State Executive Director. Upon approval by the State Executive Director, SkillsUSA Washington shall grant the local chapter a charter.

Change: A local chapter must submit a copy of their Constitution or By-laws and application to the State Executive Director. Upon approval by the State Executive Director, SkillsUSA Washington shall grant the local chapter a charter.

ARTICLE XIII—HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 2 – Each chapter shall elect delegates. The number of delegates shall be one for every eleven paid active members of fraction thereof, up to a maximum of six delegates per chapter. The delegates shall represent the local chapter at Regional and State Leadership Conferences.

Change: Each chapter shall select delegates. The number of delegates shall be two per chartered school plus one for each 50 active members above the first 50, plus one for 100% of the total possible membership.

ARTICLE XV—FINANCES

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Section 3 – Annual dues shall be established and determined by the state board of directors, with the proviso that increases shall be no more than \$0.50 increments for student dues and no more than \$1 professional dues and documented by actual “proof of need.”

Change: Annual dues shall be established and determined by the SkillsUSA Washington Board of Directors.