

**BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA
ALUMNI DIVISION
BYLAWS**

**Article I
Name**

The name of this organization shall be Business Professionals of America Alumni Division.

**Article II
Purpose**

The purpose of this organization is:

- To assist our sister divisions to be better prepared in joining a world-class workforce through the sharing of our business knowledge and experience.
- To help the organization maintain its high standards of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.
- To have the membership add to their personal and professional growth through continued participation with Business Professionals of America.

**Article III
Federation**

Section 1. Structure

The operation of the Business Professionals of America Alumni Division shall be vested in the Business Professionals of America Alumni Division under the direction of the Business Professionals of America, Inc. Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Definition

The Alumni Division shall consist of any former member of our sister divisions or any granted honorary memberships.

**Article IV
Members**

Section 1. Classes of Membership.

There shall be two classes of membership.

- A. Alumni Member.** Alumni Division membership is open to any former member wishing to support the current membership educationally, financially, and professionally. Alumni members shall pay dues as established by the Alumni Division and approved by the Board of Trustees of Business Professionals of America, Inc. Members shall be eligible to hold national Alumni office.

1. **Active Members.** Active members must be registered with the National Center and are eligible to hold a national office and serve as a voting delegate to the Annual Meeting.
2. **Life Members.** Life Members shall be active members who have paid life membership dues. Life members shall pay dues as established by the Business Professionals of America Alumni Division and approved by the Business Professionals of America, Inc. Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Application for Membership.

- A. **State Chartering.** An Alumni Division within a state shall submit a letter to the Business Professionals of America Alumni Division Executive Committee, requesting the issuance of a charter for the Business Professionals of America state association. In order to qualify for a state charter, the state shall include a copy of the bylaws of the state association, have a list of at least ten (10) active or life members, a list of state officers, dues for each member and a charter fee as determined by the Business Professionals of America, Inc. Board of Trustees. Upon Executive Committee approval, the request will be submitted to the Business Professionals of America, Inc. Board of Trustees for final approval.
- B. **Individual Members.** The Alumni Division shall recognize individual memberships through Business Professionals of America.

Section 3. Members in Good Standing

- A. **Alumni Members.** An alumni member shall be considered in good standing if they were a member in good standing in any other division of Business Professionals of America.

Section 4. Dues.

- A. **Dues Payment.** Members shall pay dues as established by the Business Professionals of America, Inc. Board of Trustees.
- B. **Annual Dues**
 1. **Chartered States:** Annual dues shall be submitted to the chartered state association. The chartered state association will then submit it to the National Center.
 2. **Non-chartered States:** Annual dues shall be paid directly to the National Center.
- C. **Membership Year.** The membership year shall be September 1 through August 31.

Article V Officers

- Section 1. Elected Officers.** The elected officers shall be a president, president-elect, and secretary.
- Section 2. Elections.** Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting at the National Leadership Conference of the Alumni Division. Nominations shall be from the floor. Election shall be by ballot unless there is only one nominee for an office in which case the election may be by voice vote. A majority vote is required for election.
- Section 3. Term of Office.** All officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected. No member shall hold more than one Alumni Division office at any one time. The term of office shall begin at the close of the National Leadership Conference at which they are elected.
- Section 4. Vacancy of Office.** In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall serve as President for the remainder of the term. A vacancy in any office other than President shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- Section 5 Duties of Officers.**

The elected officers shall perform the duties provided in this section and such other duties as are prescribed for the office in these by-laws, by the Executive Committee, or in the adopted parliamentary authority.

- A. President.** The president shall:
- preside over all meetings of the Alumni Division;
 - appoint committee chairs;
 - prepare meeting agendas;
 - represent the Alumni Division of Business Professionals of America as deemed necessary;
 - may appoint, with the approval of the executive committee, a Parliamentarian/Historian;
 - be available as necessary for promoting the general welfare of the Business Professionals of America and Business Professionals of America Alumni Division.
- B. President-elect.** The president-elect shall:
- serve in the absence of the president;
 - shall perform such duties as the president may direct;
 - make a financial report at the executive meetings and general meetings;
 - shall assume the office of President at the close of the National Leadership Conference.
- B. Secretary.** The secretary shall:
- issue notices of all official meetings;
 - record the minutes of all executive committee and general membership meetings
- Section 6. Representative to the Board of Trustees.** The Alumni representative shall be elected by the Corporate Body for a three-year term. The Alumni representative shall report to the Alumni Division at the annual meeting at the National Leadership Conference.

Article VI

Meetings

- Section 1. National Leadership Conference.** The annual meeting of the Alumni Division shall be held at the National Leadership Conference. Notice of the annual meeting will be posted at least five (5) days prior on the Business Professionals of America web site.
- Section 2. Summer/Fall Conference.** The Summer/Fall Conference Business Meeting will be held between the dates of July 1 to October 1. Notification of the Summer/Fall Business Meeting will be given at least thirty (30) days prior.
- Section 3. Voting Body.** The voting members of the Alumni Division shall be active and lifetime members in good standing.
- Section 4. Quorum.** Five (5) active or lifetime members will comprise a quorum at any business meeting. At least one elected Alumni Division officer and one other member of the Executive Committee must be present in order to establish a quorum.
- Section 5. Special Meetings.** A special meeting of the Alumni Division may be called upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee when deemed necessary. Five (5) days notice is required in order to hold a Special Meeting.

Article VII Executive Committee

- Section 1. Composition.** The members of the Executive Committee shall be the president, president-elect, secretary, and chairpersons of standing committees.
- Section 2. Duties.** The Executive Committee:
- shall have general supervision of the affairs of the society between its business meetings;
 - shall fix the time and date of meetings;
 - shall act on any unanticipated business that requires action between meetings;
 - shall perform such other duties as are necessary for the welfare of the division;
 - is subject to the orders of the Alumni Division and no action shall be contrary to the instructions of the Business Professionals of America Inc. Board of Trustees.

Article VIII Committees

- Section 1. Standing Committees.** The Standing Committees of the Alumni Division shall be Finance, By-Laws, National Leadership Conference, and Membership.
- A. Finance Committee.** The President-elect shall serve as the chairperson of the Finance Committee. The Committee shall make a financial report at Executive Committee meetings and general membership meetings.
- B. By-Laws Committee.** The By-Laws Committee shall annually review the documents of authority and recommend any changes. They shall submit any amendments to the Alumni Division for consideration. If approved, final approval shall be made by the Board of Trustees. An amendment proposed by any member shall be submitted to the By-Laws Committee for consideration and presented to the membership at the annual meeting at the National Leadership Conference.

C. National Leadership Conference Committee. The National Leadership Conference Committee shall promote the Alumni Division at the National Leadership Conference to its sister divisions. They shall perform other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.

D. Membership. The Membership Committee shall promote membership and communication on a state and national basis. They shall perform other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special Committees. The Executive Committee may create special committees as deemed necessary.

Article IX Electronic Meetings

The Executive Committee, standing and special committees are authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as all the members may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.

Article X Emblem and Colors

Section 1. Colors are navy blue, tan and red.

Section 2. The official Business Professionals of America emblem is the shield which represents the aims and objectives of the organization.

Section 3. The official Alumni tagline shall be: "Yesterday's Students. Today's Business Professionals."

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

Article XII Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates to the Alumni Division at the National Leadership Conference and submitted for final approval to the Business Professionals of America, Inc. Board of Trustees.

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