

Constitution of the Alamo Association of Student Councils

(Amended October 2015)

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Alamo Association of Student Councils, District XV of the Texas Association of Student Councils.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote student leadership, good citizenship, and a spirit of cooperation among schools.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

The membership of District XV of the Texas Association of Student Councils shall consist of public, parochial, and private senior high schools and middle schools in District XV who meet membership requirements.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP

Any senior high school or middle school located outside District XV that expresses a desire to become a member of District XV may do so by receiving a majority vote within the Executive Board and by meeting membership requirements.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

A member of District XV shall pay an annual fee, set by the Executive Board, to the Secretary-Treasurer school prior to participation in any District XV activity and shall be a current member of the Texas Association of Student Councils.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: DISTRICT CALENDAR

The new Executive Board shall decide the proposed calendar of District XV meeting and convention dates. This calendar shall be mailed to all members prior to the beginning of the school year.

SECTION 2: DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Executive Board shall select the site of the District Convention.

SECTION 3: QUORUM

A quorum is necessary to conduct business of District XV. A quorum shall consist of one-half or more of the membership of District XV.

SECTION 4: VOTING

Each delegate to an all-district meeting shall cast one vote, with the total per school vote not exceeding three when conducting regular business of the district.

SECTION 5: ADVISOR

All students must be accompanied to all District XV functions by their advisor or an adult representative with a letter of approval from the principal.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected officers of District XV shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Historian-Reporter.

SECTION 2: APPOINTED OFFICE

The office of Treasurer shall be a two-year term and shall be voted on by the new Executive Board during their first meeting after the District Convention.

SECTION 3: OFFICER SCHOOL DELEGATE

Each officer school shall select a delegate to represent the office to which that school has been elected.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT

The district president shall preside over all meetings of District XV and shall appoint, with Executive Board approval, all the committees necessary for the smooth operation of the district.

SECTION 2: FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The district first vice-president shall be responsible for social and recreational activities and shall act with presidential authority in the absence of the president. The district vice-president shall also aid in the smooth operation of the district.

SECTION 3: SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The district second vice-president shall be responsible for leading the pledges to the United States and Texas flags when called for at district meetings. The district second vice-president shall also make sure that a United States flag and a Texas flag are displayed at all district general meetings.

SECTION 4: SECRETARY

The district secretary shall record the minutes of all district meetings and report said minutes at every district meeting.

SECTION 5: TREASURER

The treasurer shall also prepare a financial report to be given at every district meeting. The treasurer shall also be responsible for providing adequate facilities for the annual District XV Convention. The district treasurer and advisor shall be bonded for the term of office at district expense.

SECTION 6: PARLIAMENTARIAN

The district parliamentarian shall render decisions in all matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Revised* and shall see that all business is carried out in accordance with the provisions of this constitution. The parliamentarian shall provide to all members of the district the names of officer candidate schools at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the election.

SECTION 7: HISTORIAN-REPORTER

The district historian-reporter shall be in charge of the district video presentation of district activities and of the newsletter/publicity of the district.

ARTICLE VII: DISTRICT CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1: PETITION

Any school seeking an office of District XV must have the written permission of the advisor and the principal of the school. This statement must be submitted to the parliamentarian school forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the election date.

SECTION 2: CONSECUTIVE OFFICES

A school seeking office shall not have held that same office for more than two (2) years consecutively.

SECTION 3: NUMBER OF OFFICES

No school may hold more than one office in any one year.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: ELECTION DATE

The election of officers of District XV shall be held at the District Convention in the spring.

SECTION 2: MAJORITY RULE

A majority vote of all voting delegates at the District Convention shall be required for election to office.

SECTION 3: ELECTION VOTING

In the election of district officers, each delegate shall cast one vote, with the total per school vote not exceeding five (5). If a school delegation has fewer than 5, then that shall be the number of votes assigned to it.

SECTION 4: VACANT OFFICES

If for any reason an office of District XV is not filled at the District Convention, or if for any reason an officer school is unable to fulfill its duties or resigns its elected office, a school which has shown interest may be appointed by the Executive Board to fill the office.

SECTION 5: INSTALLATION

Newly elected officer schools will be installed after election results are announced at the District Convention.

SECTION 6: TREASURER OFFICE

The newly elected Executive Board will meet within their (30) days of the District Convention and vote on the treasurer school. (This will occur only every other year, since the office is for a two-year term.)

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of District XV shall consist of District XV officers and their advisors. The past president school shall have one non-voting sponsor on the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall enforce the provisions of this constitution and carry out all duties necessary and proper for the smooth operation of District XV.

SECTION 2: AUDITING COMMITTEE

The auditing committee, appointed by the president at the Advanced Leadership Workshop, shall consist of three (3) advisors and three (3) students from other than the treasurer school. The auditing committee shall conduct a complete audit of the treasurer's financial transactions after the District Convention. The committee shall report its findings at the next Executive Board meeting, and this report shall be filed in the minutes of District XV.

SECTION 3: ADVISOR COMMITTEE

The advisor committee shall consist of all advisors of District XV member schools. This committee shall aid the new advisors and disseminate information. The chairman of this committee shall be the district advisor, who shall call meetings of the advisory committee when deemed necessary.

SECTION 4: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Executive Board shall create any committee it feels necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this constitution.

ARTICLE X: ADVISORS

SECTION 1: DISTRICT ADVISOR

District XV shall have a district advisor who shall attend all district-wide and Executive Board meetings and shall enjoy full voting privileges on the Executive Board. The

district advisor shall also meet the guidelines set by the Texas Association of Student Councils. The said advisor shall be selected from and by the members of the advisors' committee and shall retain that position for two years.

SECTION 2: HONORARY ADVISOR

Miss Belle Woodall, founding advisor, shall be the honorary advisor, posthumously.

SECTION 3: MEMBER SCHOOL ADVISOR

Member school advisors shall advise and counsel but shall not vote.

**ARTICLE XI: REPRESENTATION AT THE TASC SUMMER AND THE TASC
ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS**

The student representatives from the officer-elect schools shall, together as a group representing AASC, attend a TASC Summer Workshop. The AASC Officer School student representatives shall also attend one of the TASC Advanced Leadership workshops. One of the advisors from the officer-elect schools shall be selected by the Executive Board to attend these workshops with the student representatives. District XV shall pay all related workshop costs for the mentioned attendees.

ARTICLE XII: ENFORCEMENT

The constitution is binding to all members, students, and advisors of District XV.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the parliamentarian school. The parliamentarian school to each member school shall send a copy of all proposed amendments at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to an all-district meeting.

SECTION 2: RATIFICATION

A proposed amendment to this constitution must be ratified by two-thirds vote of the members present at an all-district meeting.

ARTICLE XIV: RATIFICATION

SECTION 1: RATIFICATION

A vote of two-thirds of all schools present at an all-district meeting shall be required for ratification.

SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE

This constitution shall become effective immediately following the elections at the first District Convention following its ratification.