

Constitution of the SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania Alumni Division

Article I - Name

The official name of this organization shall be the SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania Alumni Association, Inc. ” which may be abbreviated to SkillsUSA-PA Alumni. ”

Article II - Purposes

The purposes of the alumni organization are to:

1. Provide support for the secondary and post-secondary divisions of SkillsUSA at local, state, and national levels.
2. Further the goals and purposes set forth by SkillsUSA.
3. Promote and create esteem in education, business, technical, and industrial communities at all levels.
4. Assist in the leadership, citizenship, and character development of the individual SkillsUSA members.
5. Foster a deep respect for the dignity of work and provide recognition and prestige for the trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations.
6. Encourage the pursuit of continuous education consistent to the needs of the individual in his or her chosen occupation.
7. Develop citizenship by encouraging active involvement in democratic activities, which affect our work, schools, communities, and, the American way of life.

Article III - Organization

Section 1:

The SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania Alumni Association, Inc. is an organization of former secondary, post-secondary, collegiate, and professional SkillsUSA members affiliating with SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania, Inc. through a chartered local organization or through direct membership.

Section 2:

The SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania Alumni Executive Council will advise and give general direction of policies and procedures concerning the activities of the Alumni Association.

Section 3:

The structure of our organization is as follows:

1. Executive Council
2. General Members

Section 4:

The Executive Council of SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania Alumni Association shall issue charters for local Alumni organizations.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1:

Alumni membership shall be open to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin.

Section 2:

The official membership year shall be from September 1st through August 31st.

Section 3:

Classes of membership, which will be recognized, are as follows:

1. Active membership:
These are former secondary, post-secondary, collegiate, and professional SkillsUSA members. These members shall have all rights and privileges to vote or hold an elected office.
2. Associate membership:
Known as: friends of the SkillsUSA-PA Alumni Association. These members shall not be able to vote or hold an elected office.
3. Honorary Life membership:
These individuals have made significant contributions to SkillsUSA and Vocational Education in the state of Pennsylvania. In order to receive this type of membership you must be nominated by one of your peers. Final decision on the membership is voted on by the Executive Council. This membership does not require the payment of annual dues.
4. Lifetime membership:
This membership is a, one-time, payment that may be purchased by an active member. This membership does not require the payment of annual dues.

Article V Executive Council

Section 1:

The Executive Council shall be comprised of the following members:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Reporter

Section 2:

The requirements for becoming an Executive Council member are as follows:

1. Must be an Active dues paying member of the Alumni Association.
2. Must be a member for at least (1) year before running for office.

Section 2a:

Applications for becoming a member elect must be received no later than January 1st of each year.

Section 3:

The terms of office are as follows:

1. Members are elected to serve (1) year terms.
2. Member s term of service runs from conference to conference.

Section 4:

Election of Executive Council members shall be done each year at the annual state alumni meeting held in conjunction with the SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania Skills competition and Leadership conference.

Section 4a:

Voting of new Executive Council members shall be done each year by mail, e-mail, and Internet locations.

Article VI - Voting

Section 1:

All Alumni members that are eligible to vote may exercise their right during all official Alumni meetings.

Article VII - Meetings

Section 1:

The Annual State Skills Competition and Leadership Conference shall serve as the annual meeting of the SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania Alumni Association.

Article VIII - Finances

Section 1:

All Moines received from dues, donations, corporate sponsors, and fund raising activities shall be forwarded to the Alumni Treasurer for deposit into the Alumni account.

Section 2:

State membership dues shall be set by the Executive Council each year.

Section 3:

The fiscal year for the SkillsUSA-Pennsylvania Alumni Association shall be from September 1st through August 31st of each year.

Section 4:

Lifetime memberships may be purchased at a one-time fee of \$100.00. Lifetime Memberships are offered to members who wish to be billed once rather than pay an annual fee. Life Memberships shall be open to all eligible persons, regardless of race, sex, creed, color, or natural origin.

Money generated through a Lifetime Membership will be used for projects that will be voted on by the Alumni Council. These projects will further the development of the organization. Much advancement can be brought about by project demonstrations.

Our main goal is to promote and provide support for the secondary and post-secondary divisions of Skills-USA at local, state, and national levels.

Section 5:

Upon final dissolution of the Alumni Association and after the discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets shall be turned over to the state of Pennsylvania.

Article IX - Audit

Section 1:

The accounts of the state Alumni Treasurer shall be audited at the end of each fiscal year by the state Board Treasurer.

Article X - Amendments

Section 1:

This constitution may only be amended by a (2/3) majority vote.

Article XI - Rules, Regulations, and By-laws

Section 1:

Such rules, regulations, and by-laws as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of this organization shall be adopted.

Section 1a:

No such rules, regulations, or by-laws shall be adopted which are contrary to this constitution.

Section 2:

In all meetings, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall serve as standard procedure of conducting meetings.