

# **CONSTITUTION**

**BLINN COLLEGE  
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION  
BRENHAM CAMPUS**

**REVISED 2009**

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## **Blinn College Professional Association, Brenham Campus** *(Adopted 1996)*

### **PREAMBLE**

In order to provide a structure for the Blinn College Professional Association to conduct its business, we, the Blinn College Professional Association adopt this constitution.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### *Name and Meetings of the Association*

**SECTION 1:** This Association shall be called the Blinn College Professional Association, Brenham campus.

**SECTION 2:** This organization shall have two regular meetings each year, one at the beginning of each long semester, the exact date and time to be set by the president of the association.

**SECTION 3:** Additional meetings necessary to carry on the prescribed business of the Association shall be called at the discretion of the president of the Association or in response to a petition signed by twenty-five percent of the members.

**SECTION 4:** Those members at a meeting called for the purpose of conducting the business of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### *Membership*

**SECTION 1:** The membership shall consist of those eligible persons who have paid the dues as established by the organization.

**SECTION 2:** Those eligible for membership shall consist of current and retired Blinn College employees who embrace the purposes of the organization.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### *Purposes of the Association*

**SECTION 1:** The Blinn College Professional Association is organized for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**SECTION 2:** The Association may discuss and make recommendations on reports presented by such standing and ad hoc committees as may be appointed to:

- A. work toward professional growth,
- B. administer the scholarship fund (an endowed scholarship fund established by the Professional Association),
- C. administer social events,
- D. elect delegates to attend professional meetings of institution-wide interest as the official representatives of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### *Officers, Their Nomination, Election and Terms*

**SECTION 1:** The officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer.

**SECTION 2:** A slate of officers shall be presented by a nominating committee at the final meeting in the spring semester.

**SECTION 3:** In addition to nominations submitted to the body by the nominating committee, nominations may be made from the floor.

**SECTION 4:** Election of officers for the following will be conducted during the final meeting; election will require a simple majority vote by the members present.

**SECTION 5:** All officers shall serve for an elective term of one year.

**SECTION 6:** Each officer shall be from a different division.

## **ARTICLE V**

### *Duties*

**SECTION 1:** It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Association.

**SECTION 2:** It shall be the duty of the president to call any additional meeting deemed necessary to carry on the prescribed business of the Association. The president shall see that the membership is notified of any such meetings.

**SECTION 3:** It shall be the duty of the president to appoint standing committees as designated in this constitution

**SECTION 4:** It shall be the duty of the president to appoint any special committees unless otherwise directed by the Association.

**SECTION 5:** It shall be the duty of the president of the Association to approve all official communications sent out in the name of the Association.

**SECTIONS 6:** It shall be the duty of the president of the Association to conduct all meetings according to *Robert's Rule of Order*.

**SECTIONS 7:** It shall be the duty of the vice-president, in the absence of the president, to conduct all meetings of the Association and to assume all other duties and functions of the president.

**SECTION 8:** In the event of death or resignation of the president, the vice-president will succeed to the office of the president.

**SECTION 9:** The secretary-treasurer shall record the minutes of proceeding of all meetings.

**SECTION 10:** It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to conduct all correspondence of the Association.

**SECTION 11:** It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to establish and keep a full and accurate account of all monies collected and disbursed by the Association.

**SECTION 12:** It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to sign all checks.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### *Miscellaneous*

**SECTION 1:** Any section of any article of the bylaws of this constitution may be suspended at any business session of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of the members or their proxy.

**SECTION 2:** A proposed amendment to this constitution must be submitted not later than one month prior to a regular meeting and due publicity of the proposed amendment is the responsibility of the officers of the Association. The ratification of a proposed amendment of the constitution requires a vote of two-thirds majority of the members, or their proxy.

**SECTION 3:** Upon the dissolution of the Blinn College Professional Association, Brenham Campus the officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Blinn College Professional Association, Brenham Campus, exclusively for the purposes of the Blinn College Professional Association, Brenham Campus, in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 ( or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the officers shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the appropriate court of Washington County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**SECTION 4: The president shall appoint the following standing committees following the elections:**

- **Scholarship Committee**
- **Charity Committee**
- **Nominating Committee**
- **Social Events Committee**
- **Business Discounts Committee**
- **Gifts and Memorials Committee**

## **ARTICLE VII**

### *Adoption*

**This constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members, or the proxy.**

**All actions taken by this Association determined by the Association and Board of Trustees to be outside of the domain of this constitution are invalid. Any changes in this constitution and bylaws are subject to the approval of the Administration and Board of Trustees.**