

VERMONT DEBATE AND FORENSICS LEAGUE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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I. Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Vermont Debate and Forensics League.
- B. The purpose of this organization shall be
 - I. 1. to stimulate an interest in and expand knowledge of the many oportunities available in interscholastic speech competition;
 - II. 2. to encourage interscholastic debate and individual speaking contests;
 - III. 3. to support workshop activities;
 - IV. 4. to promote school support of debate and forensics activities;
 - V. 5. to foster good fellowship and good sportsmanship among its members.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership shall be open to all Vermont schools offering a secondary education program;
- B. Each member school shall be entitled to one designated director, either a debate or speech coach, who shall have one vote;
- B. Individual associate members shall be welcome to enjoy all privileges, except the right to vote;
- C. Dues shall be payable by November 1 of each year at the fee set by the annual meeting.

Article III. OFFICERS

- A. Officers of this organization shall be the president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer.
 - 1. The president, who shall serve not more than three consecutive terms, shall conduct all meetings and coordinate all information and activities of the association;
 - 2. The vice president shall assume the duties of president when the president is incapacitated or absent.
 - 3. The secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings and collecting and dispensing all monies.
- A. Election of the officers shall be by majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting.

Article IV. MEETINGS

- A. The annual meeting shall be called by the League president in concert with the Vermont Principals' Association Committee and shall be held during the first two weeks of May each year.
- B. The president shall call special meetings at appropriate times.
- C. Members shall have the right to petition for a special meeting, such meeting to be called when at least one-fourth of the members have signed.

Article V. AFFILIATIONS

- A. The VDFL is a recognized affiliate of the Vermont Principals' Association and abides by the policies of the VPA;
- B. With membership approval, the VDFL may partner with organizations to foster the VDFL purposes.

Article VI. AMENDMENTS

- A. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members.
- B. A two-week notice of such amendment must be given before the vote.