

**CONSTITUTION  
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA  
IDAHO ASSOCIATION**

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Preamble

With the identification of business and office occupations as an area of vocational education, it has become necessary to provide leadership development experiences for students enrolled in business and office education programs.

Leadership development through student groups can be effective in strengthening vocational education for business and office occupations. It is deemed essential that:

1. There be established a vocational student group to serve the needs of those students enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business education programs.
2. This organization be an integral part of the vocational education curriculum preparing students for business and office occupations.
3. The organizational pattern facilitates the use of existing student groups as an integral part of the educational pattern for business and office occupations as established in law and regulation.
4. This organization provides a means for Idaho to organize its student groups and to participate as members of a state and a national student group serving the vocational education needs of students enrolled in business and office occupations.

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "Business Professionals of America, Idaho Association."

ARTICLE II - Purposes

The purposes of this organization are:

To assist local chapter members in the growth and development of their purposes.

To unite in a common professional bond without regard to race, creed, or national origin of students involved in classes with business employment as their objective.

To develop leadership abilities through participation in vocational education, civic, recreational, and social activities.

To assist students in establishing realistic employment objectives.

To create enthusiasm for learning.

To promote high standards in ethics, workmanship, and scholarship.

## Article II - Purposes (Continued)

To develop the ability of students to plan together, organize and carry out worthy activities and projects through the use of the democratic processes.

To foster an understanding of the functions of labor, entrepreneurial, and management organizations in the American free enterprise system.

To develop competent, aggressive leaders in business and office education.

To develop and strengthen members' confidence in themselves and their work.

To provide satisfactory social and recreational activities.

To foster practical application of business and office education skills through competition.

## ARTICLE III - Organization

Section 1. Annual state leadership conference will be held at a designated time and place. All chapters will receive written notice of this conference at least two months prior, along with a tentative agenda.

Section 2. Business Professionals of America is an organization of Idaho chapters, each operating in accordance with a charter granted by Business Professionals of America in Idaho.

## ARTICLE IV - Membership

Section 1. Membership is unified on chapter, state and national levels, and is established by the payment of dues. The initial deadline for memberships is November 1. Dues will be accepted throughout the year until the final deadline of February 15. The February 15 deadline is the cutoff date for eligibility to participate at the State Conference. Exceptions for dues received after the deadline will be handled in accordance with National guidelines.

Section 2. The state association will consist of the chapters located within the State of Idaho, with each chapter consisting of student and/or honorary members.

Section 3. Active members shall be students enrolled in a secondary business and office education program as approved by the state. An active member must pay dues as established by Business Professionals of America, and will be eligible to hold state office, participate in national award programs, serve as a voting delegate, or to otherwise represent his/her chapter in Business Professionals of America affairs.

Professional members may be persons or businesses associated with or participating in the professional development of Business Professionals of America. Such members may include advisors, teacher coordinators, teacher educators, and Business and Office Education Supervisors, employers and/or training station sponsors of Business and Office Education students, advisory committee members, and others willing to contribute to Business Professionals of America growth and development.

## Article IV - Membership (Continued)

Professional members will pay dues as established by Business Professionals of America, but will be ineligible to serve as a voting delegate or hold office.

Honorary life members may be individuals who have given support to Business Professionals of America. Nominations may be made by local chapters to the Executive Committee who in turn will review such nominations and award such honors as they deem advisable.

#### ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 1. There shall be four elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Historian/Parliamentarian. Election shall be held at the annual state leadership conference.

Section 2. Duties of State Officers:

President - The President shall preside over all state meetings, state activities, and shall represent Idaho whenever possible.

Vice-President - The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

Secretary - The Secretary will keep the minutes of all state meetings, keep an accurate record of events during the year, be responsible for all necessary correspondence, and edit the state newsletter.

Historian/Parliamentarian - The Parliamentarian should be well versed on parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian monitors the meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3. Expulsion of Officers: If an officer(s) fails in the performance of duties, or misuses the powers of office, the Idaho Business Professionals of America proper may form a petition consisting of accusations whereupon the accused officer(s) shall come before a committee consisting of the chapter advisor, the Executive Committee, and the spokesman of the accusers. The officer(s) is entitled to bring any and all documentation relating to the accusation(s) and any spokesperson(s). If the officer is found innocent of the accusations, full duties of the office will be returned. If the officer is found guilty of the accusations, full rights of the office are terminated and a successor will be appointed by the State Officers together with the Idaho State Advisor.

#### ARTICLE VI - Installation

At the conclusion of the annual state leadership conference, the new State Officers will be installed.

#### ARTICLE VII - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the four elected officers, the regional vice-presidents, the post-secondary and secondary CEAC representatives, and the state advisor.

## ARTICLE VIII - Amending the Constitution

This constitution may be amended by the recommendation of the Executive Committee and ratification by the Executive Committee with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

## ARTICLE VIII - Dues

Dues for state membership and for national membership shall be for each membership year, September through May (per person).

## ARTICLE IX - Emblem and Colors

Section 1. The Business Professionals of America colors shall be navy blue, tan and red.

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

It has a profound and significant meaning. The four points of the shield stand for Ambition (bottom), Leadership (top, left), Sociability (top, center), and Poise (top, right). The shield itself stands for the honor and dignity of the office profession. The quill and inkwell represent the stability of the office through the ages. The stripes represent direction and the torch symbolizes the ambition of our members as they strive to achieve goals which bring recognition to themselves, to their local chapter, and to the State Association.