

## BYLAWS

### MEN OF POWER

#### **ARTICLE I NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be MEN OF POWER

[Optional: Include chapter designation if part of a national organization and/or the organization's founding date]

#### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

Section 1 The purpose of this organization is to implement mentoring and peer instruction strategies to help mold young men into the future leaders of America. Men Of Power is preparing young men to successfully apply to colleges and upper education to continue higher learning institutions.

#### **ARTICLE III AUTHORITY**

Section 1 This organization is a Tulsa Public Schools sanctioned student organization and adheres to all rules and obligations put forth by said school district.

Section 2 This organization may establish Standing Rules to govern administrative and procedural matters (such as time and location of meetings, etc.). Standing Rules shall not conflict with these bylaws. Standing Rules may be adopted, amended, or temporarily suspended by a majority vote present at an organization meeting where a quorum is present (advance notice is may be required). quorum refers to the minimum number of members of an assembly or society that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid.

#### **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Membership in the organization shall be open to those regularly-enrolled at a desired school with an established chapter. The membership of the organization will always consist of students from every grade level offered at said school (special exception will be made if this is found impossible.)

Section 2 This organization shall have associated members who are non-students or who do not meet the above criteria. Associated members( such as alumni) shall have all membership privileges except for the right to vote or hold office.

Section 3 Eligibility for membership or appointed or elected student officer positions may not be limited on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability. The organization shall have no rules or policies that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section 4 This organization is a voluntary membership organization at any point a student will be able to join the organization, as long as they uphold the criteria stated for membership. Members are aloud to leave the organization at any point in time.

#### **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

Section 1 The officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, Treasurer, or any other added or needed.

Section 2 Powers and Duties of Officers:

a. The President shall serve as the chief executive officer of the organization. The President shall preside over all meetings of the organization and shall prepare the agenda for meetings.

The President shall be the official spokesperson of the organization, representing the policies, views, and opinions of the organization in its relations with the campus and community at large. The President shall appoint all committees and committee chairs. The President shall have such further powers and duties as may be prescribed by the organization. The President shall be responsible for all organization correspondence and shall keep copies thereof on file

b. The Vice President shall preside over organization meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall perform all duties assigned to the President. The Vice President shall assume the office of President if the office becomes vacant.

c. The Secretary shall take minutes at all meetings of the organization, keep these on file, and submit required copies to all organization members. The Secretary shall maintain membership records for the organization.

Section 3 The Treasurer works in correspondence with sponsor. Duties consist of money management, ordering t shirts and other items, and keeping record of due paying members.

Section 4 Qualifications necessary to hold office in this organization are as follows: Candidates must be in academic and behavioral good standing and must be enrolled students at a school with an established chapters. Additional qualifications may be added as standing.

#### **ARTICLE VI SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Section 1 The president, and vice-president, shall selected selected by the chapters sponsor.

Section 2 Officers shall assume office on [date] and shall serve for the term of the office.

Section 3 Officers may be recalled from office for cause. Concern must be brought up to chapter sponsors, and will be ultimately dealt with by sponsor.

Section 4 If the position of President becomes vacant as the result of resignation, ineligibility or recall, the Vice President shall assume the office of President. Vacancies in any other appointed office shall be filled by a member appointed by the president

#### **ARTICLE VII MEETINGS**

Section 1 Regular meetings shall be scheduled weekly during the academic year.

Section 2 Special meetings may be called by the President or officers. All members should be given a minimum of 24 hours notice prior to the meeting time.

Section 3 Business cannot be conducted unless a quorum of the membership is present.

Section 4 Members must be present to vote. Absentee or proxy voting is not permitted.

#### **ARTICLE VIII ADVISOR(S)**

Section 1 The organization shall appoint at least one individual employed as a faculty or staff member of the chapters school to serve as an advisor to this organization. Student assistants are not eligible to serve as primary advisors. Advisors shall serve on an academic year basis or until their successor has been selected.

Section 2 [Optional] The organization shall also appoint a Community Advisor. [Specify qualifications, such as being an alumni member, a representative of the affiliated organization, etc.]

#### **ARTICLE IX FINANCES**

Section 1 Membership dues are required to be paid yearly and will not exceed \$30 per member.

Section 2 Dues shall be paid by date specified by chapter sponsor.

Section 3 Members who have not paid their dues by specified date set by chapter sponsor lose membership privileges. If you cannot afford dues, there are scholarships available based on need.

Section 4 Dues are to be used explicitly for men of power purposes only.

#### **ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be presented to the membership, in writing, one meeting prior to the meeting where the amendment will be voted upon.

Section 2 Bylaw amendments require approval by two-thirds of the voting members present at a regular meeting. The amendment shall be effective immediately unless otherwise stipulated in the amendment.

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