

Federal Way Education Association

In order to recognize the merger of FWEA and FWESP, the following are guiding principles that reflect the shared vision and direction of the larger corporate organization.

- All voices are represented in all aspects of Association business.
- Equal representation of all members (e.g. ESP and Ethnic Minority).

The reasons for the merger are:

- Shared goals for the advancement of public education.
- There is strength in numbers.
- Contributions of all members fosters the success of the Association.

Constitution

Article I—Name and Incorporation

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Federal Way Education Association hereafter referred to as the Association.

Section 2. The Association shall be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Washington.

Article II—Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote public education and to provide services and mutual protection for members through representation of all members in bargaining, grievances, and in all matters relating to terms and conditions of employment with the Federal Way School District.

Article III—Affiliation

The Association shall affiliate with the Washington Education Association and the National Education Association.

Article IV—Membership

Section 1. All classified and certificated (but not administrative) employees as defined in our contracts who meet the active membership requirements of the Washington Education Association and National Education Association may, upon payment of dues as herein provided, become active Members of this Association with full rights and privileges of membership.

- 49 Section 2. Active Members of this Association shall also be members of the Washington
50 Education Association and the National Education Association.
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- 52 Section 3. Except for nonpayment of dues and assessments, no Member shall be fined,
53 censured, suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined, except as provided in
54 the WEA Constitution and Bylaws.
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- 56 Section 4. All Members of the Association shall have equal rights and privileges within the
57 Association which include:
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- 59 a. to nominate candidates,
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 - 61 b. to vote in elections or on referenda of this Association,
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 - 63 c. to hold office,
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 - 65 d. to participate in the deliberations of the organization and to vote on
66 contract ratification, and
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 - 68 e. to attend Building Representative meetings.
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70 **Article V—Dues, Fees, and Assessments**

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- 72 Section 1. Association Members shall pay dues/fees as established in the Bylaws.
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- 74 Section 2. The Association may levy special assessments on its membership as provided in
75 the Bylaws.
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77 **Article VI—Officers**

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- 79 Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a president, a vice-president/
80 treasurer, and secretary.
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- 82 Section 2. Nominations of officers shall be closed at the meeting following notice to all
83 Members and an open period for nominations. Specific requirements concerning
84 this notice and this open period shall be contained in the Bylaws.
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- 86 Section 3. The term of office for officers shall be two years, beginning at the close of the
87 National Education Association Representative Assembly. There is no limitation
88 on successive terms.
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- 90 Section 4. The duties of officers shall be as provided in the Bylaws.
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- 92 Section 5. The Executive Board may request a recall election after a 75% vote of its
93 members, or;
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- 95 An elected officer may be removed from office for cause by a recall election that
96 may be initiated by petition, signed by one third of the General Membership.
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98 The Executive Board shall notify in writing any officer who has been
99 recommended for recall.
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101 Formal notice of the recall election shall be given to the General Membership two
102 weeks after completion of the initiative and the validation of signatures.
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104 The recall election shall be by secret ballot of the General Membership. Voting
105 shall be conducted by Association Representatives.
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107 A simple majority of ballots cast shall be necessary for recall, provided that
108 quorum requirements are met.
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110 **Article VII—Executive Board**

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112 Section 1. The Executive Board shall be comprised of:

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114 The officers: president, vice-president/treasurer, and secretary elected in even
115 numbered years.
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117 One educational support professional representative, one elementary
118 representative, one high school representative, and one ethnic minority
119 representative elected in even numbered years.
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121 One elementary representative, one middle school representative, one itinerant
122 & special services representative, one special education representative, and one
123 athletic coach elected in odd numbered years.
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125 The political action chairperson(s) and the chief bargainer as appointed by the
126 president.
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128 Section 2. The Executive Board shall be the body through which the general administrative
129 and executive functions of the Association shall be carried out.
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131 Section 3. All Executive Board members shall be elected as set forth in the Bylaws.
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133 Section 4. The specific duties of the Executive Board shall be provided in the Bylaws.
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135 Section 5. Vacancies on the Executive Board shall be filled as follows: a) if six (6) months
136 or more remain in the term, then by special election; b) if the special election is
137 uncontested, the Representative Assembly shall be allowed to fill the vacancy by
138 acclamation; and c) if less than six (6) months remains, then by appointment of
139 the Executive Board.
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141 **Article VIII—Association Representative Assembly**

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143 Section 1. The Association Representative Assembly shall be the legislative and policy
144 making body of the Association.
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- 146 Section 2. The Association Representative Assembly shall consist of the Executive Board
147 and one or more representatives from each site. (A school site shall be
148 considered any facility used for the purpose of education or educational support.)
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- 150 Section 3. Members at each site may elect one Association Representative Assembly
151 member for each ten members or major fraction thereof. There shall be at least
152 one Representative per site. An Association Representative Assembly quorum
153 will be based on Association Representatives.
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- 155 Section 4. Each term of service shall be for one year. Sites with fewer than ten (10)
156 members may consolidate with a nearby site.
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- 158 Section 5. Members of the Association Representative Assembly shall be elected as set
159 forth in the Bylaws.
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- 161 Section 6. The specific duties of the Association Representative(s) shall be provided in the
162 Bylaws.
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164 **Article IX—Guiding Document Review**

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166 The Constitution and Bylaws and the Annual Standing Rules shall be
167 reviewed regularly.
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169 **Article X—Parliamentary Authority**

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171 The current edition of Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure
172 governs this organization in all parliamentary situations that are not provided for
173 in the law or in its charter, constitution, bylaws, or written policies.
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175 **Article XI—Amendments**

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177 Proposals to amend this Constitution may be made by the Executive Board or by
178 petition of the Membership.
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180 Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) secret ballot
181 vote of the members voting. Notice of this election and the proposed
182 amendment(s) shall be available to each member at least ten (10) days in
183 advance. Voting, at the discretion of the Executive Board, may be a part of an
184 annual or special meeting or through other established election procedures.
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Federal Way Education Association

Bylaws

Article I—Membership

All members of the recognized bargaining unit are eligible for local Association membership.

Article II—Dues and Assessments

Section 1. Annual dues shall be paid by monthly payroll deduction for Classified and Certificated members.

Certificated Association members shall pay dues/fees up to the amount of .55 of one percent (.0055) of Step 0 on the certificated salary schedule for the previous school year.

Classified Association members shall pay dues/fees up to the amount of .55 of one percent (.0055) of a Level 4, Step 1 on the classified salary schedule for the previous school year, hourly salary times 8 hours per day times 180 days per year, ex. $\$23.65 \times 8 \text{ hours} = \$189.20 \times 180 \text{ days} = \$34,056.00$.

Section 2. Special assessments may be levied by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Association Representative Assembly, provided they include a termination of the special assessment in either dollar amounts or a specific date.

Article III—Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Board shall meet regularly.

The Executive Board may meet at other times on the call of the president or on written petition of two-thirds of the voting members of the Executive Board.

Executive Board meetings minutes are available to the general membership upon request.

A majority of the membership of the Executive Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Meetings of the Association Representative Assembly shall be held regularly.

Section 3. Special meetings of the General Membership may be called by the president and/or the Executive Board or upon receipt of a petition to the president signed by two-thirds of the Association Representatives.

Section 4. All meetings of the General Membership, except emergency meetings, shall be announced to each Member at least two weeks in advance.

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50 Section 5. The Executive Board and/or Association Representative Assembly, by a majority
51 vote, may call an emergency meeting of any governance body at any time.
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53 **Article IV—Duties of Officers**
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55 Section 1. The president shall:
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- 57 a. oversee the day-to-day operation of the Association, including routine
58 decisions not requiring Executive Board or Association Representative
59 Assembly action, and coordinating with the Association office manager.
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- 61 b. work with Membership and Management on grievance, disciplinary, and
62 contract issues.
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- 64 c. preside at meetings of the Association Representative Assembly and the
65 Executive Board.
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- 67 d. appoint and/or discharge all committee members, PSUC
68 Representatives, MAC Chair and Chief Bargainer with the approval of the
69 Executive Board and/or Association Representative Assembly and serve
70 as an ex-officio member of all committees or designate someone to do
71 so.
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- 73 e. delegate such duties, responsibilities, and assignments to members of
74 the Executive Board and other committees that they deems necessary
75 and proper for the efficient administration of the Association.
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- 77 f. represent the Association at the Washington Education Association
78 Representative Assembly, National Education Association Convention,
79 meetings of the Federal Way School Board, and, if possible, other
80 activities the Executive Council deems necessary, and report applicable
81 information to the Association.
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- 83 g. In bargaining years, remain in office until ratification of new contract.
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85 Section 2. The vice-president shall assist the president and, in the event of the president's
86 absence, perform all the duties of the president. The vice-president shall also
87 assume the role of Association treasurer.
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89 The vice-president/treasurer shall:
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- 91 a. communicate budget information to Association Representatives
92 regularly.
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- 94 b. oversee the receipt, deposit, and disbursement of all funds held by the
95 Association in accordance with policy guidelines.
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- 97 c. present monthly financial reports, the Annual Report, and other reports
98 deemed necessary by the Executive Board and Association
99 Representative Assembly.
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101 d. work with the Association office manager to facilitate the bookkeeping
102 and yearly audit of the Association's financial activities.
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104 Section 3. The secretary shall:

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106 a. be responsible for keeping and presenting records of Executive Board
107 and Association Representative Assembly.
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109 **Article V—Duties of the Association Representative Assembly**
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111 Section 1. The duties of the Association Representative Assembly shall consist of the
112 following:

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114 a. establish Association policies and objectives,
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116 b. establish guidelines and hear continuing reports on bargaining,
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118 c. adopt the annual budget,
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120 d. approve or ratify the establishment of committees not established in the
121 Bylaws,
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123 e. adopt rules and agenda for its meetings.
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125 f. enact such other measures as may be necessary to achieve the goals
126 and objectives of the Association that are not in conflict with this
127 Constitution and the Bylaws.
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129 Section 2. The duties of the Association Representative at each site shall consist of the
130 following:

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132 a. call meetings regularly of the Members to discuss Association business.
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134 b. appoint such committees or committee members as the Association may
135 require.
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137 c. organize and oversee the Association elections and surveys, subsequent
138 elections of Building Representative Assembly members, and the
139 enrollment of new Members.
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141 d. maintain two-way Association communication at each site.
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143 e. be custodians of the contract and knowledgeable of the content of the
144 Constitution and Bylaws.
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147 **Article VI—Duties of the Executive Board**

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149 Section 1. Between meetings of the Association Representative Assembly, the Executive
150 Board shall conduct and manage the affairs and business of the Association,
151 including interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws.

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153 Section 2. The Executive Board shall see that the budget is prepared and submitted for
154 approval by the Association Representative Assembly.

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156 Section 3. The Executive Board shall implement motions and resolutions approved by the
157 Membership and/or Association Representative Assembly and put into operation
158 other measures consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standard
159 Operating Procedures of the Association.

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161 Section 4. The Executive Board shall approve the appointment and discharge of all
162 standing and special committees.

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164 Section 5. Authorize the execution of contracts and other agreements necessary to conduct
165 the business of the Association.

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167 Section 6. With the approval of the Association Representative Assembly, authorize
168 expenditures and/or transfer of funds for any purpose not contained in the
169 budget or set forth in the Standard Operating Procedures.

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171 Section 7. Arrange for the training of Association Representatives.

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173 Section 8. Attend meetings of the Association Representative Assembly as non-voting
174 members.

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176 Section 9. Serve as liaison with designated school sites and Association Representatives.

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178 **Article VII—Education Support Professional and Categorical Representatives on**
179 **the Executive Board**

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181 Section 1. Categorical and Educational Support Professional representatives shall be
182 elected by the General Membership.

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184 Section 2. Except for the office of the president, which would be assumed by the vice-
185 president/treasurer, vacancies on the Executive Board shall be filled as follows:
186 a) if six (6) months or more remain in the term, then by special election; b) if
187 uncontested, the Representative Assembly shall be allowed to elect by
188 acclamation; and c) if less than six (6) months remains, then by appointment of
189 the Executive Board.

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191 Section 3. Executive Board members shall be elected for two-year terms as set forth in the
192 Standard Operating Procedures.

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194 The officers: president, vice-president/treasurer, and secretary shall be elected
195 in even numbered years.
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197 One educational support professional representative, one elementary
198 representative, one high school representative, and one ethnic minority
199 representative shall be elected in even numbered years.

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201 One elementary representative, one middle school representative, one itinerant
202 & special services representative, one special education representative, and one
203 athletic coach shall be elected in odd numbered years.

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205 Section 4. The special education representative will represent PTs, OTs, Adaptive PE,
206 Speech Therapists, Mobility & Vision Specialists, Psychologists, and Special
207 Education educators.

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209 The special education representative will attend Special Education Advisory
210 Council meetings.

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212 Section 5. The itinerant & special services representative will represent Nurses, PE
213 Specialists, Itinerant Music Teachers, Librarians, Counselors, GATE, and other
214 itinerant educators.

215 216 **Article VIII —Puget Sound UniServ Council Delegates**

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218 Section 1. PSUC Representatives shall be appointed by the president with the approval of
219 the Executive Board.

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221 Section 2. UniServ Council Delegates will include the current Association president, political
222 action chairperson (PAC), and appointed members. The number of Delegates
223 will be based on a delegate to membership ratio prescribed by the PSUC.

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225 Section 3. The composition of the PSUC Delegation must reflect ethnic-minority
226 representation at least proportionate to the total ethnic-minority membership of
227 the Association and Educational Support Professionals.

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229 Section 4. Each Delegate shall attend regular meetings and recommended training of the
230 Puget Sound UniServ Council.

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232 Section 5. It will be the responsibility of the Delegation to maintain two-way communication
233 between the FWEA Executive Board and PSUC.

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235 Section 6. Whenever a Delegate is unable to attend a meeting, the president shall appoint
236 an alternate.

237 238 **Article IX—Nominations and Election of Officers, Executive Board Members, and** 239 **WEA and NEA Delegates**

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241 Section 1. Nominations shall be opened at an upcoming Association Representative
242 Assembly meeting following procedures outlined in the Standard Operating
243 Procedures.

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245 Section 2. Nominations from the floor shall be called for and received at the March Building
246 Representative Assembly meeting. At the close of the March meeting,
247 nominations shall be considered closed.
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249 Section 3. Each nominee must be a Member and give his/her written consent to appear on
250 the ballot.
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252 Section 4. The slate of officers shall include candidates for all Association offices.
253 Delegates to WEA, whenever possible, and NEA Representative Assemblies
254 shall be conducted in conjunction with the election of Association officers and
255 Executive Board members. All shall be elected by the General Membership in
256 accordance with Association policy.
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258 Section 5. The election shall be by secret ballot, observing the one (1) person, one (1) vote
259 principle.
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261 Section 6. To win, a candidate must receive a majority (50%+1) of the votes cast. In the
262 event of a plurality or a tie, the Executive Board shall authorize a run-off election
263 within fifteen (15) days between the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes.
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265 Section 7. The election of WEA and NEA Representative delegates shall follow the election
266 procedures outlined by WEA and NEA. These delegates shall be elected at-
267 large.
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269 Section 8. An elected officer may be removed from office for cause by a recall election that
270 may be initiated by the Executive Board or the general membership in one of the
271 following manners:
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- 273 a. The Executive Board may request a recall election after a three-fourths
274 (3/4) majority vote of its members, or;
- 275 b. The general membership may request a recall election by petition
276 containing the signatures of thirty percent (30%) of the active members of
277 this Association.
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279 The Executive Board shall notify in writing any officer who has been
280 recommended for recall.
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282 A general membership meeting will be scheduled for the recall election within 30
283 days after receipt of either the Executive Board's recall motion or the
284 membership's recall petition. This election shall be determined by a majority of
285 those casting valid ballots.
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287 **Article X—Committees** 288

289 Section 1. Based on necessity, committees are authorized by the Bylaws or Standard
290 Operating Procedures. Committee members shall be appointed by the president
291 with the approval of the Executive Board. Committee members shall serve until
292 the end of the year for which they are appointed or until discharged by the
293 president with the approval of the Executive Board.
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- 295 Section 2. Committees may include but shall not be limited to:
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297 a. Bargaining Team: The president shall appoint a bargaining chairperson.
298 Team members shall be appointed by and serve until discharged by the
299 president.
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301 b. Labor Management Team: The team shall be appointed by the president
302 and will meet with FWPS Management representatives regularly to
303 discuss and attempt to resolve issues that arise.
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305 c. Advocacy Team: Trained Association members as appointed by the
306 president will advocate for members' professional and contractual rights.
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308 d. Crisis Team: Members appointed by the president will serve as
309 coordinators and leaders in the event of a job action or threat of job
310 action.
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312 Section 3. Bargaining Support Team: Appointed Members shall develop and conduct
313 preliminary interviews, develop and conduct a paper survey, and conduct
314 additional research to support the Negotiations Committee.
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316 Section 4. Colleague Assistance Team and Mentor Team: The president shall appoint
317 member educators to provide guidance, support or advocacy for (FWEA)
318 members in evaluation, professional excellence, plans of improvement, or
319 instructional issues.
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321 Section 5. Committee chairpersons will report regularly to the president.
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323 **Article XI—Membership and Fiscal Year**
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325 The Membership and fiscal year shall be September 1 through August 31.
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327 **Article XII—Ratification of Agreement and Authorization for Strikes**
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329 Section 1. The president and the chairperson of the Negotiation Committee shall be
330 authorized to sign a legal, binding, yearly or multi-year agreement with the
331 employing board only after completion of the following procedure at a general
332 Membership meeting:
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- 334 a. a report and recommendation by the Bargaining Team,
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336 b. a report and recommendation by the Executive Board and/or Association
337 Representative Assembly,
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339 c. a written digest of the proposed agreement or changes provided to all
340 Members in attendance at the ratification meeting,
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342 d. discussion by the Membership, and
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344 e. a majority affirmative vote by secret ballot of the total active Membership
345 present and voting.

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347 Section 2. Ratification of amendments to the negotiated agreement shall occur at a Building
348 Representative Assembly meeting.

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350 Section 3. Except when already engaged in a work stoppage situation, at least a twenty-
351 four (24) hour notice of the ratification meeting is required. The notice shall
352 specify the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.

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354 Section 4. Strike action must be authorized by a 75% affirmative vote of any General
355 Membership Meeting that has reached quorum.

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357 Voting for any strike action will be done in person, by secret ballot. Ballots will
358 be counted by a panel of no less than five (5) willing members, randomly
359 selected by the General Membership meeting. Results will be made available to
360 all members upon validation by the Executive Board.

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362 **Article XIII—Quorum**

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364 Section 1. A quorum for any General Membership Meeting shall consist of 50% of the total
365 active Membership.

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367 Section 2. A quorum at any duly authorized meeting of the Executive Board, Association
368 Representative Assembly, or any committee shall be a majority of its members.

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370 Section 3. The Association Representative Assembly quorum will be based on member
371 Representatives, not school site entitlements as determined by the membership
372 to representative ratio at a given school site. Members of the Executive Board
373 are considered non-voting members of the Association Representative
374 Assembly.

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376 **Article XIV—Amendments**

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378 Proposals to amend these Bylaws may be made by the Executive Board or by
379 petition of the Membership. These Bylaws shall be amended by a two-thirds
380 majority vote at any regular meeting of the Association Representative
381 Assembly.

Federal Way Education Association

Standard Operating Procedures

A Standing Rule can be adopted or suspended (temporarily tabled) by a majority vote at any business meeting without previous notice. A Standing Rule can be amended or rescinded (permanently deleted) by a majority vote at any Executive Board meeting provided notice has been given.

Article I - Inclusion Goals

It is the priority of the Association to include ethnic minority members and ESP members in all Association activities and appointed committees. The goal is that ethnic minority and ESP representation be at least proportionate to the total ethnic minority and ESP membership of the Association.

Article II - Executive Board

Section 1. All meetings will be set and published by September.

Section 2. A published agenda should be available to Executive Board members as soon as possible.

Section 3. Prepare and submit an annual report outlining Association activities.

Section 4. The budget year shall be from September 1st through August 31st.

Section 5. A member of the Executive Board should be designated as parliamentarian.

Section 6. Appoint and remove all agents and employees of the Association, determine their compensation, prescribe their duties, and require such agreements and bonds as may be necessary.

Section 7. Election of Executive Board members:

a. The officers: president, vice-president/treasurer, and secretary shall be elected in even numbered years.

b. Representatives shall be elected for two year terms as set forth in the Standard Operating Procedures.

One educational support personnel representative, one elementary representative, one high school representative, and one ethnic minority representative shall be elected in even numbered years.

One elementary representative, one middle school representative, one itinerant & special services representative, one special education representative, and one athletic coach shall be elected in odd numbered years.

51 c. The special education representative will represent PT's, OT's, Adaptive
52 PE, Speech Therapists, Mobility and Vision Specialists, Psychologists,
53 and Special Education educators.

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55 The special education representative will attend Special Education
56 Advisory Council meetings.

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58 d. The itinerant & special services representative will represent Nurses, PE
59 Specialists, Itinerant Music Teachers, Librarians, Counselors, GATE, and
60 other itinerant educators.

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62 **Article III - Disbursement of Funds**

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64 The vice-president/treasurer shall disburse funds in accordance with the following guidelines:

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66 1. All checks shall be signed by the vice-president/treasurer with either the president and/or
67 secretary.
68 2. All reimbursement of expenditures shall require appropriate payment voucher and vender
69 receipt(s).
70 3. All expenditures over \$100 not specified by the Executive Board as operating funds will
71 require prior approval:
72 treasurer/president: \$100 +
73 officers (president, vice-president, secretary): \$250 +
74 executive council: \$500 +
75 4. Cell phone and credit card payments shall be made on Association-owned accounts only.

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77 **Article IV - Association Representative Assembly**

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79 Section 1. A site is a building, workplace, or school. Sites with fewer than ten members
80 may consolidate with a nearby site.

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82 Section 2. Each year, the Executive Board will determine how to best to encourage
83 attendance of Association Representatives. Assembly Representatives who fail
84 to attend two consecutive meetings shall be named in the minutes and a notice
85 will be sent to the school site that s/he represents.

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87 Section 3. The composition of the Association Representative Assembly should reflect
88 ethnic-minority representation at least proportionate to the total ethnic-minority
89 membership of the Association.

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91 Section 4. General membership participation in an Association Representative Assembly
92 meeting: Members who are not Association Representatives that would like to
93 speak to an item on the agenda of an Association Representative Assembly
94 meeting must inform the president of their intention to speak 23 hours in
95 advance.

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97 Section 5. Meeting dates will be set and published by September.

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99 Section 6. A published agenda should be available to Association Representatives as soon
100 as possible.

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102 Section 7. Utilization of Building Association Teams (BAT) is strongly encouraged for
103 distribution of all materials and communication with members.
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105 **Article V - Making of Motions**
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107 Section 1. Motions that do not require the input of the General Membership need to be
108 indicated as an item for discussion at the time the agenda is approved. Requests
109 for additions and corrections to the agenda are asked for by the president at the
110 beginning of each meeting. Any items not added at that time will be considered
111 out of order and may be submitted for consideration at the next Building
112 Representative Assembly.
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114 Section 2. All motions shall be made in writing by the maker of the motion and submitted to
115 the secretary at the time the motion is made.
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117 Section 3. Motions requiring General Membership input must be submitted in writing prior to
118 the Executive Council meeting generally held prior to the Association
119 Representative Assembly.
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121 **Article VI - Full-Time Release President**
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123 Section 1. The president shall be paid at the highest step of the certificated salary schedule
124 in accordance with RCW-A 41.32.267 Service Credit for Paid Leave of Absence
125 – Applications to Elected Officials of Labor Organizations.
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127 In addition, the president shall receive pay for any supplemental contracts
128 available to all staff under the operating Collective Bargaining Agreement as
129 stipulated in RCW-A 41.32.267 Service Credit for Paid Leave of Absence -
130 Applications to Elected Officials of Labor Organizations.
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132 Retirement will be claimed in compliance with RCW-A 41.32.267 Service Credit
133 for Paid Leave of Absence - Applications to Elected Officials of Labor
134 Organizations.
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136 The president will be compensated for an additional 27 days, equivalent to a
137 220-day contract, paid at per diem which shall also be based on the highest step
138 of the certificated salary schedule with the understanding that the additional 27
139 days not necessarily represent only calendar days but shall include stacking of
140 overtime hours.
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142 Additional costs to the Federal Way Education Association shall include all other
143 benefits normally paid by the Federal Way School District.
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146 **Article VII - Conducting Elections/Surveys**
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148 Section 1. Nominations should be opened at an Association Representative Assembly
149 meeting two months prior to a published deadline. Nominations can be made at
150 the Association Representative meeting, or by calling or emailing the Association
151 office. Each nominee must be a member and give his/her consent to appear on
152 the ballot.
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154 Section 2. When two or more candidates are in contest for the same office, the name will
155 appear in alphabetical order. For WEA-RA and NEA-RA elections, alphabetical
156 listing will be printed in reverse order every other year. Election instructions will
157 be provided to the Association Representative conducting the election.

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159 Association Representatives will be responsible for conducting elections for their
160 constituents. They will comply with all procedures set forth.

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162 Election instructions shall include the following:

- 163 a. Procedures for distributing and collecting ballots.
- 164 b. In order for ballots to be considered valid, ballots must be received in the
165 office at or before the time designed.
- 166 c. The number of signatures must coincide with the number of ballots
167 received from the given school site. If there is a discrepancy, all ballots
168 from that school site will be considered invalid.
- 169 d. Any other instructions deemed necessary to the election process.
- 170 e. Buildings will be notified if and why ballots were not validated.

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176 Section 3. Ballots received at the Association office at the stated deadline will be
177 handled in the following manner:

- 178 a. Ballots will be counted by Association member volunteers. Member
179 volunteers will initial each tally sheet they count, accepting responsibility
180 for accuracy.
- 181 b. Member volunteers will sign a confidentiality agreement; they agree not
182 to disclose the outcome of an election until the results have been made
183 public.
- 184 c. The number of ballots and the number of valid signatures must match. If
185 they do not match, the entire site's ballots will be declared null and void
186 and will not be counted.
- 187 d. To win, a candidate must receive a majority (50%+1) of the votes cast. In
188 the event of a plurality or a tie, the Executive Board shall authorize a run-
189 off election within fifteen (15) days between the two (2) candidates
190 receiving the most votes. If, at the outcome of any election the margin of
191 difference is one percent (1%) or less, the entire election in question will
192 be recounted immediately before the election is deemed official by the
193 committee.
- 194 e. When the election is declared official, the results will be delivered to the
195 president. All candidates will be notified of the results as soon as
196 possible. All ballots will remain in the possession of the Executive Board
197 for the remainder of the current school year, after the election is verified
198 as official.

- 206 f. Buildings will be notified if and why ballots were not validated.
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 208 g. Each candidate or their designee will have access to the official count,
 209 and may monitor all aspects of the committee's procedures. Monitors will
 210 limit their participation to observation only.
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 212 h. Candidates will have the power to challenge the outcome of any election
 213 if they can show evidence that a volunteer erred in the procedures set
 214 forth, and that the outcome of the election may have been affected.
 215 Challenges will be made in writing to the Executive Board after the
 216 election has been verified by the volunteers within ten (10) days. It will be
 217 the responsibility of all Association members to bring to the attention of
 218 the committee any irregularities found as soon as possible.
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 220 i. Challenges must be responded to, in writing, by the Executive Board
 221 within five (5) work days after the challenge has been submitted. The
 222 Executive Board will rule upon any challenges. If the challenge is upheld,
 223 the election will be declared void. The Executive Board will then resubmit
 224 the ballot to the entire membership.
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 226 j. Should any procedural problem arise that is not specifically spoken to
 227 above, the Executive Board will rule on the matter.
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229 **Article VIII - Delegate Responsibilities**

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 231 Section 1. WEARA, WEALA, and all other conference delegates/representatives shall sign
 232 a letter of agreement:
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234 Section 2. As a duly elected delegate to the **National Education Association's**
 235 **Representative Assembly**, delegates shall agree to the following:
 236

- 237 a. Mandatory attendance at all WEA State Delegation meetings
 238 prior to the business sessions
 239 b. Attend all business sessions for all of the days of the Representative
 240 Assembly. (If it becomes necessary to leave the floor, departures should
 241 be a brief [10 to 15 minutes] in length.)
 242 c. If you are a first-time delegate, attend the New Delegate Orientation
 243 conducted prior to the first session.
 244 d. Vote in all elections at the designated voting time for the Washington
 245 Delegation.
 246 e. Delegates will receive a check to cover the cost of airfare, meals, lodging,
 247 and incidentals. Rooms are based on double occupancy. Delegates are
 248 responsible for any costs that exceed that dollar amount.
 249 f. Delegates unable to fulfill their obligation will be held liable for any and all
 250 costs already paid by the Federal Way Education Association including,
 251 but not limited to airfare, hotel, and stipends for meals and incidental
 252 expenses.
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254 Section 3. As a duly elected delegate to the **Washington Education Association's**
 255 **Representative Assembly**, delegates shall agree to the following:
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- 257 a. Attendance at PSUC Mock RA held during the month prior to the
- 258 Representative Assembly.
- 259 b. Attendance at PSUC Caucus Meetings held each morning prior to the
- 260 business sessions for the purpose of discussing business that will be
- 261 conducted that day.
- 262 c. Attend all business session for all of the days of the Representative
- 263 Assembly. Be certain that you have an alternate seated if it becomes
- 264 necessary for you to leave the floor. If no alternates are available,
- 265 departures should be brief (10 to 15 minutes) in length.
- 266 d. Vote in all elections at designated voting times.
- 267 e. If you are a first-time delegate, attend the New Delegate Orientation.
- 268 f. Delegates will receive a check to cover the cost of airfare, meals, and
- 269 lodging. This amount will be based on the actual cost of the airfare, room
- 270 plus tax, and a set dollar amount for meals each day. Rooms are based
- 271 on double occupancy. Delegates are responsible for any costs that
- 272 exceed that dollar amount.
- 273 g. Delegates unable to fulfill their obligation will be held liable for any and all
- 274 costs already paid by the Federal Way Education Association including,
- 275 but not limited to airfare, hotel, and stipends for meals.
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277 Section 4. As an attendee to the **Washington Education Association's Leadership**

278 **Academy (WEA-LA)**, attendees shall agree to the following:

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- 280 a. Attendance at all assigned classes for each day of the Leadership
- 281 Academy.
- 282 b. The cost of meals and lodging will be paid by FWEA. Rooms are based
- 283 on double occupancy. You are responsible for any additional costs.
- 284 c. Attendees unable to fulfill their obligation will be held liable for any and all
- 285 costs already paid by the Federal Way Education Association.
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