



CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

PREAMBLE: The mission of the West Point Society of the District of Columbia and the National Capital Region ("WPSDC") is to serve the United States Military Academy at West Point ("USMA," "West Point," or the "Academy") in the National Capital Region by promoting the ideals and mission of the USMA and supporting the Academy and its graduates, cadets, former cadets, and their families throughout the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization is the West Point Society of the District of Columbia and the National Capital Region, an independent but subordinate entity of the West Point Association of Graduates ("WPAOG").

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The WPSDC is organized exclusively as a social club within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, without limitation, the following specific objectives:

- A. to foster camaraderie among Academy graduates in the National Capital Region through social events such as Founders Day, luncheons, and informal social events;
- B. to provide support to Academy graduates with career assistance opportunities, information, and mentoring;
- C. to conduct educational programs and participate in service events that promote the ideals of West Point and enhance community awareness of the USMA to the general public;
- D. to support the USMA admissions' efforts to recruit highly qualified and diverse men and women to USMA; and
- E. to support WPAOG fundraising and organizational efforts through dedicated events and sponsorship.

The WPSDC shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit. No part of the net earnings of the WPSDC shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any private person, except that the WPSDC shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the objectives set forth above. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the WPSDC shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it directly or indirectly engage in any activity that would (1) prevent it from obtaining exemption from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, or (2) cause it to lose such exempt status.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership

Application for Regular membership shall be open to any USMA graduate. In addition, former cadets, members of the USMA staff and faculty, Professors, USMA and Academy Professors who are not USMA graduates, widows/widowers of USMA graduates, and Friends of West Point are eligible for Associate or Friends of West Point membership. Membership shall be granted after completion and receipt of a membership application and payment of dues.

A. Membership Categories

1. Regular – Graduates of the United States Military Academy.
2. Associate – Individuals acknowledged by the West Point AOG as Associate members of the West Point AOG through their formal vetting process. This includes former cadets who served at least one academic semester at USMA and left the Academy for reasons other than conduct contrary to the best interests of the Academy, members of the USMA staff and faculty who did not graduate from West point, Professors, USMA and Academy Professors who are not USMA graduates, and widows and widowers of USMA graduates. All associate membership requests will be verified with WPAOG prior to approving membership into the society.
3. Friends of West Point– Friends of West Point is a membership status conveyed to those individuals who support the mission, goals, and ideals of the United States Military Academy, are graduates of other Service Academies, and who are not otherwise qualified for membership as a Regular or Associate Members. Friends of West Point can be society members in one of two ways. They can first be individuals acknowledged by the West Point AOG as Friends of West Point through their formal vetting process. In that case, membership requests must state they are recognized as Friends of West Point by the WPAOG and will be verified prior to approving membership into the society. In the event an individual is not recognized by WPAOG as a Friend of West Point, but still wishes to become a member of the WPSDC, he/she must submit a brief biography and a letter of request to join that includes reasons the individual desires membership into the WPSDC as a Friend of West Point. The application will be vetted by the Membership Committee and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Dues

Dues will be assessed as specified in the Bylaws. Regular and Associate members must pay dues either every calendar year for annual membership, or one-time dues for lifetime membership, to maintain their membership status. Friends of West Point must pay dues every calendar year.

ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Structure

The affairs of the WPSDC shall be managed by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors (“BoD”), supported by the Advisory Council.

- A. Executive Committee – The Executive Committee, which except for the power to amend the Society’s Bylaws, shall have all the powers and authority of the BoD in the intervals between meetings of the BoD to manage the affairs of the WPSDC. The Executive Committee is subject to the direction and control of the full BoD.
- B. Board of Directors – The business and affairs of the WPSDC shall be managed by or under the direction of its Board of Directors. The BoD shall have control of and be responsible for the management of the funds and property of the Society.

- C. If created, an Advisory Council shall consist of Advisors-at-Large, a Senior Advisory Group, and a Class Advisors Group. Members of the Advisory Council shall possess the desire to serve the community and support the work of the Society by providing expertise and professional knowledge.

Section 2. Officers

The officers of this Society shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the vote of the Regular and Associate members.

Section 3. Governing Rules

Robert's Rules of Order, as may be modified by the BoD, shall guide the WPSDC parliamentary procedures.

ARTICLE V. BYLAWS

Section 1. Content and Adoption

Matters of procedure that require administrative flexibility such as membership dues, the fiscal year of the Association, the establishment of committees, the management of property and finances, and the method of conducting voting by the Society members, BoD, and Executive Committee shall be governed by the Bylaws, provided that these are not in conflict with the Constitution. All matters not explicitly provided for in this Constitution shall be regulated in conformity with the provisions of the Bylaws. The Bylaws for the Society shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of all of the Directors.

Section 2. Review and Amendments

The Bylaws of the Society will be reviewed every two years (in even numbered years). Any amendments to the Bylaws shall require a 2/3 vote of all of the Directors.

ARTICLE VI. CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Adoption and Ratification

This Constitution shall become effective as of a vote of ratification by a simple majority of the Regular and Associate members, and any duly appointed voting representatives of such members, who are present at an annual or special meeting of the Society at which such vote takes place.

Section 2. Amendments

This Constitution will be reviewed every two years (in even numbered years). Any amendments to this Constitution shall require a simple majority vote of the Regular and Associate members, and any duly appointed voting representatives of such members, who are present at an annual or special meeting of the Society at which such vote takes place.

Certificate

The undersigned certifies that he/she is the Secretary of the Society, and that as such he/she is authorized to execute this certificate on the behalf of the Society, and further certifies that the foregoing Constitution constitutes the Constitution of the Society as of this date, duly adopted by the vote of the Regular and Associate members of the Society at the Society's meeting on _____, 2018.

Dated:

[Signature of Secretary]

[Name of Secretary], Secretary