

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be:

Big Four Retired School Personnel Association

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- I. To cooperate with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association (IRSPA)
- II. To cooperate with the NRTA Division of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
- III. To promote the social and economic welfare of the members
- IV. To cultivate friendship and disseminate information to members and their communities.

Article III - Membership

- I. Membership shall be open to any retired school personnel who has been employed in the field of education.
- II. Associate membership shall be open to any person interested in the aims and goals of the association upon the payment of the regular dues. An associate member shall have all membership rights and privileges except the right to hold office or to represent the association.

Article IV - Affiliation

- I. The Big Four Retired School Personnel Association shall be affiliated with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association and with the National Retired Teachers Association Division of the American Association of Retired Persons.
- II. The Constitution of this association was adopted and the local association affiliated with the NRTA and the IRSPA on September 16, 1992.

Article V - Dues

- I. The annual dues of the active members of this association shall be four dollars (\$4.00) payable by October 1st of each year. One dollar (\$1.00) of this shall be used to help pay our state lobbyist.
- II. Special assessments may be made by a majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting.
- III. A member whose dues remain unpaid after December 1st shall be dropped from membership.

Article VI - Officers

- I. Officers of this organization shall be president, president elect, secretary and treasurer.
- II. Terms shall be for two years.
- III. The president shall have the power to appoint the chairpersons of the standing committees and the county representatives to the executive council.

Article VII - Executive Council

- I. The executive council shall consist of:
 - A. The elected officers.
 - B. The appointed chairpersons of the standing committees.
 - C. The appointed representatives from the four counties, i.e. Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw and Floyd.

Article VIII - Quorum

Fifteen (15) active members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of the business of this association.

Article IX - Amendments

- I. This constitution shall be amended as required to agree with the constitution and bylaws of the NTRA and IRSPA.
- II. The constitution and bylaws of this association may be amended by a majority vote of the active members present at a regular business meeting.
- III. The proposed amendment must have been read at a regular business meeting one month prior to its consideration and have been placed on the agenda.

Article X - Elections

The officers shall be elected every two (2) years at the May regular business meeting. The nominating committee's report shall be given at this time. Nominations from the floor may be made by any active member for these offices. No nominations shall be made without the consent of the person nominated.

Article XI - Standing Committees

- I. Auditing - The auditing committee shall audit the books and report at the October business meeting.
- II. Membership - The membership committee, as assisted by the treasurer, shall obtain the names of all qualified persons, including associate members and shall contact them for membership.
- III. Legislative - The legislative committee shall be alert to all legislative plans and activities. It shall keep the membership informed and promote action as needed.
- IV. Nominating - The nominating committee shall obtain candidates for all positions which are to be filled. The chairperson shall present the names.
- V. Publicity - The publicity committee shall use all available media to inform members of the activities of the association.
- VI. Social - the social committee shall make arrangements for all meetings.
- VII. Health Care - The health care committee will keep the membership informed about new health information.
- VIII. Supportive Services - this will include informative and protective services and community affairs.
*Special committees may be appointed by the president as needed. They will be considered as part of the executive council.

Article XII - Meetings

- I. The first regular meeting will be held in October. Monthly meetings will be held except in January, February, July and August.
- II. Members will be notified of time and place of meetings.
- III. Special meetings of the association or the executive council may be called by the president.

Article XIII - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin on October 1st and end on September 30th of the succeeding year.

Article XIV - Effective Date

This constitution and bylaws shall become effective on October 1st 1992.

*The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern this organization when applicable.

