Article I Name

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be Arkansas Association of School Administrators. Within the body of this Constitution, the Association shall be referred to as AASA.

Article II Duration

Section 1. The period of its duration is perpetual.

Article III Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of this Association shall be:

1. to maintain and elevate the professional and ethical standards of the educational profession in Arkansas;
2. to improve the educational standards in the schools in the state of Arkansas;
3. to promote the welfare and the professional growth of the members of the Association;
4. to establish and maintain liaison between other professional organizations with like purposes;
5. to develop a favorable relationship with the public and the elected officials of the state of Arkansas;
6. to provide a means for the AASA to have a collective influence on the establishment and execution of educational policies within Arkansas; and
7. to keep the membership informed of state and national events and activities that would promote or adversely affect education in Arkansas.

Article IV Dissolution / Disposition of Assets

Section 1. Whenever, for any reason, the AASA is dissolved or is no longer able to accomplish and carry out the specific purposes for which the AASA was formed, the Board of Directors shall terminate the affairs of the AASA, pay its debts, and after this has been done, any and all of the remaining assets shall be assigned and conveyed, without consideration, to the Permanent School Revolving Loan Fund of the State of Arkansas for the use and benefit of the children of the state, and as such will be a furtherance of the educational purpose to which the AASA is dedicated.

Article V Members

Membership in AASA shall consist of individual, corporate, honorary, associate, and emeritus membership. Only persons holding individual membership will be eligible to vote, hold office, or receive insurance benefits.
Section 1. Individual Membership. Individual membership shall be open to persons engaged in any phase of school administration, directly or indirectly, and those persons who serve in both public and/or private educational institutions; persons having instructional responsibilities in the field of educational administration; the State Department of Education; and the State Department of Higher Education.

Section 2. Corporate Membership. Corporate membership shall be open to any person that derives income in whole or in part through business transactions with public schools, private schools, colleges, universities, or the State Department of Education.

Section 3. Honorary Membership. Honorary membership may be conferred upon an individual by the Association at its annual meeting.

Section 4. Associate Membership. Associate membership shall be open to any person not employed as a school administrator who is certified in school administration or actively pursuing a graduate program in educational administration.

Section 5. Emeritus Membership. Emeritus membership will be made available to individuals having completed their careers in educational administration or in a related field.

Article VI Board of Directors of the Association

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of the president, vice-president/ president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president. The officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting of AASA and shall hold office for a period of one year following their election.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the five officers (president, vice-president/ president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and immediate past president) and ten board members. Two board members shall be elected from each of the congressional districts in the state and two shall be elected at-large at the annual business meeting of AASA and shall hold office for a period of two years following their election. The Board of Directors shall make provisions for staggering the terms of the board members to provide that one member from each congressional district and one member at-large are elected each year.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall govern the affairs of the AASA.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times each year to conduct the business of the Association. The president or a majority of the board shall determine the time and place of the meetings, and due notice of all meetings shall be given to all members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of its members.
Section 6. In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 7. Members of the Board may have their office declared vacant by the Board of Directors if they are (1) no longer eligible for individual membership in the Association, (2) no longer an active member of the Association, or no longer employed in the congressional district they were elected to represent.

Section 8. The AASA president, vice-president/president-elect, and secretary shall serve on the AAEA Board of Directors.

Section 9. At intervals to be determined by the AAEA Board of Directors, AASA shall elect three members to be placed on the AAEA election ballot for the position of AAEA secretary/treasurer. The nominees shall be selected by the AASA Nominating Committee and presented to the AASA membership at the annual fall meeting. Additional nominations may be made by the membership from the floor before the election.

Section 10. The AAEA officer elected from the AASA membership shall serve as an ex officio member of the AASA Board of Directors.

**Article VII Meetings of the Association**

Section 1. There shall be at least one state meeting of AASA each year.

Section 2. Special state or regional meetings of AASA may be called by the president or a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The place and time for the state meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Article VIII Committees of the Association**

Section 1. There shall be six committees of the Association whose membership will consist of individuals nominated by the AASA president and approved by the Board of Directors. These committees shall be:

1. Policies and Resolutions Committee
2. Legislative Committee (State and Federal)
3. Auditing Committee
4. Membership Committee
5. Program Committee
6. Nominating Committee
Section 2. The duties and responsibilities of each committee shall be listed in the Bylaws.

**Article IX Expenditure of Funds**

Section 1. The Board of Directors of AASA shall have the authority to adopt and revise an annual operating budget and to expend any or all funds accrued to AASA.

**Article X Staff**

Section 1. The Board of Directors of AASA shall have the authority to employ staff, to set salaries, and to discharge staff.

**Article XI Authority, Duties, and Responsibilities**

Section 1. Except for the authority, duties, and responsibilities listed in this Constitution, all other authority, duties, and responsibilities of the organization and the officers thereof shall be set forth in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to act on all matters that are not prohibited by this Constitution.

**Article XII Corporation**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to incorporate this Association as a nonprofit organization under the statutes of the state of Arkansas.

**Article XIII Ratification**

Section 1. The constitution shall become effective when it has been ratified by a majority vote of the active membership of AASA at the first annual state meeting.

**Article XIV Rules of Order**

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall guide in all business meetings of this Association.

**Article XV Amendments**

Section 1. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors of AASA at least sixty (60) days prior to the state association meeting in which the vote is to be taken.
Section 2. The Board of Directors may submit the proposed amendment to the membership at an associational meeting. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present at any annual meeting or special meeting of the Association, except that the amendment shall be submitted to the individual membership in writing at least thirty (30) days before being presented.