ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Arkansas Association of Secondary School Principals.

ARTICLE II Purposes

The purpose of the Association shall be: (1) to promote positive educational leadership; (2) to serve as the spokesman for secondary school principals; (3) to enhance the image of the secondary school principal as an educational leader and to promote greater recognition of the professional skill and performance demanded by the position; and (4) to cooperate with other groups in areas of common interest.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. Individual Membership: Individual membership shall be open to all persons engaged in any phase of school administration, directly or indirectly, and those persons who serve in both public and/or private educational institutions having instructional responsibilities in the field of educational administration, the Arkansas Department of Education, and the Department of Higher Education. Individual membership shall be a dual membership in both the AAEA and the AASSP.

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

Section 3. Associate Membership: Associate membership shall be open to any person not employed as a school administrator who is actively pursuing a graduate program in educational administration.

Section 4. Emeritus membership: Emeritus membership shall be open to individuals having completed their careers in educational administration or in a related field.

Section 5. The membership year shall be from July 1 to June 30. Membership is open at any time, but it shall expire at the end of the membership year.

Section 6. Only active members holding administrative positions in secondary education shall be eligible to hold office in the association.

Section 7. The annual membership fee for each type of membership will be established by the membership of the AAEA as described in the AAEA constitution.

Section 8. The Executive Committee shall have the power to pass upon the qualifications of all applicants for membership.
ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall consist of the following: President, President-elect, Secretary, elected for one year terms, and a Coordinator, elected for not more than two three-year terms. (Under normal conditions when a member is elected secretary the member will move up each year to President-Elect and President.)

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the above officers, the immediate Past President, and zone directors from each of the state’s educational cooperatives, including one zone director from Pulaski County.

In the event a vacancy occurs in a zone, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member from the same zone to serve the unexpired term. Members of the Executive Committee may have their office declared vacant by the board and their successor appointed by the executive committee to fill the unexpired term if they are: (1) no longer employed as a secondary principal, (2) absent from three consecutive meetings without contacting the board regarding the absences, (3) convicted of a felony, and (4) no longer an active member of the association. The executive committee shall have at least one assistant secondary school principal and one junior high or middle school principal.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall employ an Executive Director for the Association. It shall be the Executive Director's responsibility to receive dues, pay bills, and furnish the Executive Committee with reports of these activities. The Executive Director shall be authorized to carry out other duties as outlined by the President of the Association and the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The President Elect of the Association shall appoint a Nominating Committee to make recommendations for officers and board members at the Summer meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 5. The Officers and Zone Directors shall be elected at the Summer meeting and assume their offices immediately.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times a year to conduct the business of the association. The President or a majority of the Executive Committee shall determine the time and place of the meetings. Due notice of all meetings shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of its members.

Section 2. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the President of the Executive Committee, or on petition duly filed with the Director signed by ten percent of the membership, such meeting to be called by the President not less than one month from the filing of such petition.
ARTICLE VI Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds of those present at any meeting PROVIDED such amendment has (1) been proposed by the Executive Committee; or (2) been submitted in advance by at least ten percent of the membership to the Executive Committee at one of its regularly scheduled meetings; (3) and further provided that such proposed amendment shall have been submitted to all the members of the Association no later than two weeks before the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to submit such proposed amendments in writing to all the members of the Association not later than two weeks before the meeting. An amendment shall be effective at the beginning of the new membership year.

ARTICLE VII Committees

The following standing committees shall be in effect and shall be appointed by the President.

1. Program Committee: The Program Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Executive Committee. It shall plan the program for the regular meetings of the Association with the approval of the Executive Committee.

2. Status and Welfare Committee: The Status and Welfare Committee will review situations presented to it which affect the status and welfare of the membership of the Association. It will make recommendations to the Executive Committee for action resulting from its deliberations.

3. Legislative Committee: The Legislative Committee will review proposed legislation affecting public education and recommend to the Executive Committee positions to be taken on such legislation. The Committee will also recommend legislation to the Executive Committee which will improve public education and will improve the position of the secondary principal.

4. Constitution Committee: The Constitution Committee will study proposed changes in the constitution and make recommendations for changes to the Executive Committee for submission to the membership. In the event the need arises for a new constitution, it shall be the duty of the Constitution Committee to submit a proposed constitution to the Executive Committee for submission to the membership.

5. Audit Committee: The Audit Committee shall make provisions for auditing all of the Associations financial transactions.

6. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will function as set forth in Article IV, Section IV, of the constitution.

In addition to the above named committees, other committees may be authorized from time to time by the Executive Committee or the Association.