

# CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTVILLE (INDIANA) HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Adopted May 15 1937*

## SECTION I

(Name)

The name of this association shall be "The Westville (Indiana) High School Alumni Association."

## SECTION II

(Purpose)

Said Association shall be maintained for the following purposes, to-wit:

- A. To keep alive, in the hearts and minds of each and every alumnus, the best traditions of Westville High School
- B. To provide a time and place for a reunion of graduates, once each year.
- C. To provide a time and place for public induction into said Alumni Association, of the Senior Class Students following the graduation. **Note: This must not be taken to mean that public initiation is necessary as graduation automatically makes each student a member. (See Secion III)**

## SECTION III

(Eligibility)

Any person who has or shall have graduated from Westville High School shall be eligible to membership in this Alumni Association and automatically becomes a member at the time of the annual meeting thereof.

## SECTION IV

(Annual Meeting)

The annual meeting of the Westville Alumni Association shall occur, if possible, on the first Saturday evening following the closing day of the school year, and shall be held at Westville, Indiana. **Note: This section has been modified see 2011 annual meeting notes.**

- A. At this meeting, officers for the ensuing year shall be elected.
- B. A Banquet shall be served.
- C. Any entertainment deemed advisable by the committee in charge shall be provided.

## **SECTION V**

(Officials)

The Executive Officials of the Westville Alumni Association shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary-Treasurer

Said officials shall be elected by members present by majority vote, each of which officers must be an Alumnus of Westville High School. They shall take office immediately following the annual meeting.

## **SECTION VI**

(Officers Duties)

- A. It shall be the duty and power of the President to call necessary meetings, appoint committees and superintend their functioning, and preside at the annual meeting if possible.
- B. The Vice-President shall assist the President the President and Secretary-Treasurer in every respect and in the absence of the President he shall assume charge and proceed according to paragraph (A) of this section.
- C. The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail notices of meetings to last known addresses of Alumni, collect any fees for whatever purposes authorized and levied, pay any expenses incurred in behalf of said Association, keep records of transactions and election of members, and record minutes of the annual meetings.
- D. Said executive committee is empowered to use its own discretion in contracting for banquets and entertainment with respect to caterers therefore and prices charged the Alumni.

## **SECTION VII**

(Guests)

The Secretary-Treasurer shall invite as Honorary Guests of the Annual Meetings, the following Ex-officio members:

- A. Mr. and Mrs. Scott C. Knoll.
- B. The incumbent Trustee of New Durham Township and his wife.
- C. The incumbent Principal of Westville High School and his wife.
- D. The members of the Graduating Class.
- E. And others the executive committee may deem necessary or advisable.

## **SECTION VIII**

(Emeritus)

Scott C. Knoll, in consideration of his excellent and untiring efforts in formulating, encouraging and perpetuating the Westville High School Alumni Association shall be known by the Honorary Title of: **“Sponsor Emeritus”**

**1982** – A motion was made by Carol Warnock and seconded by Shelby Baske to automatically donate \$50.00 each year from the Alumni Fund to the Scott C. Knoll Scholarship Fund.

**1987** – A motion was made and carried to combine the two present scholarship funds (the Scott C. Knoll Scholarship Fund and the Westville Alumni Association Fund) into one scholarship, the Scott C. Knoll Westville Alumni Scholarship. There was also a motion made to change the classes being honored. The following years will now be honored: the current graduating class, and the 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 year classes. Also anyone attending being over a 50 year alumnus will be recognized.

**1988** – A motion was made and carried that Mr. Richard Fagg be an Honorary member of the Westvill High School Alumni Association. There was also a motion made and carried to add all past and present educators to the list of invitees at each annual Alumni Banquet.

**1992** – All elementary and high School teachers will be invited.

**1992** – Scholarships will be raised to two \$500 ones.

**1995** – A motion was made and carried acknowledging the Alumni Committee officers resume responsibility of selection and presentation of the Scott C. Knoll Scholarship.

**2000** – Ms. Pat Bengert was made an Honorary Alumni Member.

**2011** – Motion was made to create a permanent five (5) member committee. Please refer to the Westville Alumni Scholarship Committee bylaws for more information.

**2011** – Motion was made to amend **Section IV** of the **Constitution of the Westville (Indiana) High School Alumni Association**. The motion states that due to difficulty of reserving banquet facilities as well as a later graduation date, the Association no longer must adhere to the banquet occurring within two (2) weeks of the graduation date. The Banquet and required meeting should still occur annually (give or take a few weeks) and while not required it is recommended the date be as close to graduation as possible.