

# CONSTITUTION OF WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Unless otherwise specifically designated, "Association" shall refer to the Wesleyan University Alumni Association, "alumni" shall refer to alumnae and alumni of Wesleyan University.

## **Article I. NAME**

The name of this Association shall be "Wesleyan University Alumni Association."

## **Article II. PURPOSE**

The Wesleyan University Alumni Association is dedicated to advancing the University's commitment to intellectual, moral and social development. The Association seeks to promote the lifelong relationship forged among all the members of the Wesleyan community. Through association with one another and the University, Wesleyan alumni can assist in the preservation of a challenging educational setting for succeeding generations of students.

## **Article III. MEMBERSHIP**

All graduates of Wesleyan University, all non-graduates who have attended the University for at least a semester and whose classes have graduated, all persons who have received honorary degrees from the University, and all persons who are or have been Trustees of Wesleyan University shall be members of this Association, and shall be eligible for election to any Association office.

## **Article IV. MEETINGS**

Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at Wesleyan at the conclusion of each academic year.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the Chair, and shall be called by the Chair at a time specified either in a written request of the President of Wesleyan University or the Chair of the Wesleyan University Board of Trustees, or a vote of the majority of the whole Executive Committee.

Section 3. NOTICE OF MEETINGS. The time and place of all meetings and an agenda of resolutions to be voted at such meetings shall be determined by the Chair, and the Secretary shall give due notice thereof at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date of the meeting.

Section 4. QUORUM. At all meetings of the Association, twenty five percent (25%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

**Article V. GOVERNANCE**

Section 1. The governance of the Association is vested in its officers and an Executive Committee.

Section 2. OFFICERS: TERM OF OFFICES. The officers of the Association shall be a chair, a vice-chair, a secretary, and such other officers as shall be authorized by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Association's Bylaws. Such officers shall be elected by the Association at its annual meeting and shall assume office on election. They shall hold their respective offices for three (3) years, or until their successors are elected. No person shall be eligible to election as chair or vice-chair for more than one three-year term.

Section 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee of the Association shall comprise no fewer than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-five (35) persons including the officers, at least six (6) elected or appointed representatives of separate Wesleyan Alumni committees, councils, or networks, and such other persons who may be appointed by the Chair. The terms of office for all members of the Executive Committee shall be provided in the Association's Bylaws.

Section 4. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The duties and functions of the officers, and the duties, functions and composition of the Executive Committee (and committees thereof); and the timing of and procedure for calling and conducting meetings of the Executive Committee shall be provided in the Association's Bylaws.

Section 5. BYLAWS. The Executive Committee is authorized to establish and amend Bylaws for the Association.

**Article VI. WESLEYAN COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, AND NETWORKS**

Section 1. ALUMNI COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, AND NETWORKS. There are hereby authorized certain constituent groups of the Association: within regions of the United States and other countries where Wesleyan alumni reside, local, regional, virtual and other Wesleyan Alumni communities, in a number and representing alumni groups and geographic areas to be authorized by the Executive Committee. Each committee, council, or network shall be governed and operated in accordance with this Constitution, the Association's Bylaws, and by Bylaws adopted by such group and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. LOCAL, REGIONAL, VIRTUAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. Local, regional, virtual and other organizations of Wesleyan alumni may be authorized by the Association's Executive Committee, and shall be governed in accordance with Bylaws adopted by such committees, councils, or networks, and approved by the Executive Committee.

**Article VII. ALUMNI-ELECTED TRUSTEES**

The members of the Association, under rules established by the Association, shall elect annually such number of the members of the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University as the Bylaws of Wesleyan University, as amended from time to time, shall authorize. The term of office of each such Trustee shall be specified in such Bylaws.

**Article VIII. THE BALDWIN MEDAL AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS**

Section 1. The Baldwin Medal pays tribute to Raymond E. Baldwin '16. First awarded September 20, 1981, during the opening convocation of Wesleyan's Sesquicentennial, it is the highest honor Wesleyan's alumni body presents for extraordinary service to Wesleyan or for careers and other activities which have contributed significantly to the public good. Recipients are selected by an ad-hoc committee of the Association consisting of the Chair of the Association, Chair of the Alumni-Elected Trustee Nominating Committee and the President of Wesleyan University.

Section 2. The Association also annually makes awards for Distinguished Alumni in recognition of their service to Wesleyan, the nation or their profession. Recipients are selected by an ad-hoc committee of the Association consisting of the Chair of the Association, Chair of the Alumni-Elected Trustee Nominating Committee, Vice President of Advancement, and reviewed by the President of Wesleyan University.

**Article IX. AMENDMENT**

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present in person or by proxy and voting at any meeting of the Association, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members of the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.