

GEORGIA SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, (GSH-PAC) BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Political Action Committee (GSH-PAC).

ARTICLE II: Office

The principal office of the GSH-PAC shall be located with the GSHA Management Office.

ARTICLE III: Organization

The GSH-PAC shall be a voluntary, not-for-profit, unincorporated committee. It may be deemed the political action arm of the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (GSHA).

ARTICLE IV: Purpose

The purpose of the GSH-PAC shall be to promote the improvement of the health care and education of citizens of the State of Georgia by raising funds from GSHA members and others, and by contributing said funds to support candidates for state office who believe in and have demonstrated belief in the legislative objectives of the GSHA.

ARTICLE V: Participation

All citizens of the United States of America are eligible to contribute to GSH-PAC, and the GSH-PAC Board of Trustees is authorized to solicit and accept contributions from any person, or organization, from whom contributions may be solicited lawfully.

ARTICLE VI: Contributions

Section 1. All contributions to GSH-PAC shall be voluntary and no contribution shall be solicited or secured by physical force, job discrimination, financial reprisal, or threat thereof, or as a condition of employment.

Section 2. Basic policies with respect to the receipt, expenditure, or distribution of all contributions to GSH-PAC shall be within the sole discretion of the GSH-PAC Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Contributions shall be solicited, received, and distributed within applicable law.

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Section 4. No contribution shall be accepted and no expenditures shall be made by or on behalf of GSH-PAC at any time there is a vacancy in the office of Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII: Campaign Endorsement

The Board of Trustees shall vote to determine whether to endorse a political candidate.

ARTICLE VIII: Separate Segregated Fund

All contributions to GSH-PAC shall be maintained as a separate segregated fund in one or more designated campaign depositories, and all expenditures by GSH-PAC in support of any candidate or political committee shall be made from the fund.

ARTICLE IX: Board of Trustees

Section 1. The governing body of the GSH-PAC shall be the Board of Trustees composed of six members. Trustees shall be appointed by the Officer's Committee of the GSHA and shall include the President of the GSHA, the Vice President of Professional Practice, the Chair of the Healthcare and Private Practice Committee, the Chair of the Schools Committee, and two members-at-large of the GSHA.

Section 2. Each trustee shall be appointed for a two-year term beginning on July 1 and continuing through June 30 of the second year, except that a trustee who serves due to his or her position as a GSHA officer shall serve as a trustee only during the term of such GSHA office. Members-at-large shall be appointed in staggered calendar years. No trustee shall serve more than two consecutive terms. A trustee appointed to fill an unexpired term who serves more than one-half of the term shall be deemed to have served a full term.

Section 3. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the current GSHA Officer's Committee.

Section 4. Unexcused absences by a trustee from two consecutive meetings of the Board of Trustees shall result in the Trustee's position being declared vacant.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees shall:

- a. Manage the affairs of the GSH-PAC.
- b. Determine or review procedures for collection and distribution of funds to candidates and political committees, and record them in the Chair's and Treasure's notebooks.

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- c. Determine or review procedures for endorsement of candidates, evaluate endorsement of candidates, and record them in the Chair's and Treasurer's notebooks.
- d. Establish committees of the Board of Trustees as necessary.

Section 6. The GSH-PAC Board of Trustees shall report and be accountable to the Officer's Committee, (OC) of the GSHA, via the President. The OC will review GSH-PAC's Treasurer's Report at each meeting.

ARTICLE X: Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer. Officers shall be elected by the Trustees, no later July 15 of each year. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. An officer who succeeds to another office to fill a vacancy and serves more than one-half of a term shall be deemed to have served a full term.

Section 2. The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the GSH-PAC, shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Trustees, and shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer, shall keep the financial records, shall file all financial statements and reports as required by law, or as requested by the Board of Trustees, and shall perform such duties as are customarily performed by the secretary of an organization or as assigned by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI: Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be called on a minimum of fifteen days' written notice by the Chairperson or upon the written request of three members of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Meetings may be held by telephone conference call.

Section 3. Four trustees including the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XII: Amendments to Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Trustees present and voting at a meeting, provided the trustees have been given written notice of the proposed amendment at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.

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ARTICLE XIII: Final Disposition of Funds

If the GSH-PAC is abolished and the treasury contains monies, which have not been distributed according to the terms of the Bylaws, the final disposition of such funds may occur in any of the following ways:

1. A contribution to any charitable organization described in 26 U.S.C. 170 (c) as the federal statute exists on March 1, 1986;
2. Transferal without limitation to any national, state, or local committee of any political party or to any candidate, as determined by a majority decision of the current GSH-PAC Board.
3. Funding completion of any prior campaign obligation, made while the GSH-PAC was in existence.

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