

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
ONEONTA HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I-Name

The name of the Association shall be the Oneonta High School Alumni Association.

ARTICLE II-Mission

The mission of the Association is to effectively promote interest, pride and awareness of Oneonta High School and its alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends.

In pursuance of this mission, the Association at its discretion will seek, but not limit itself, to:

- A. Encourage and support local and regional activities;
- B. Recognize and reward faculty and student academic excellence and achievement through awards and scholarships;
- C. Enhance Oneonta High School through educational, cultural and enrichment programs;
- D. Recognize the achievements of alumni, faculty and friends who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or their service to Oneonta High School, the Association or their community;
- E. Foster community support for Oneonta High School;
- F. Maintain communication and contacts between Oneonta High School and its alumni and other constituent groups;
- G. Facilitate the growth, organization and maintenance of the school's archival material.

ARTICLE III-Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1-June 30. The Board shall approve an operating budget for the Association.

ARTICLE IV-Membership

All people who have attended Oneonta High School as students or whose employment has included service to Oneonta High School are eligible for membership in the Association. In addition, the Association will be authorized to offer membership to individuals who have had a special connection with, or made a special contribution to, Oneonta High School.

ARTICLE V-Board of Directors and Officers

The Board of Directors of the Association shall be the governing body and shall carry out its mission and policies. It shall consist of twenty (20) members: The Officers of the Association (5), and fifteen (15) at-large members. To the extent feasible, the Board shall be representative of the diversity of its membership.

The Officers of the Association shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Past-President (will serve for one year following his/her term)
6. President-Elect (will serve for one year preceding his/her term)

A. Nomination, Election and Terms of Officers

Nomination of Officers will be brought forth by the Nominating Committee which will be chaired by the Secretary of the Association. Election of Officers requires a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Election of Officers will be conducted at the June meeting. The terms for Officers shall be two (2) years except for the Past-President and the President-Elect who have alternate terms of one (1) year. Officers may, if nominated, be considered for election to two (2) consecutive terms.

B. Nomination, Election and Terms of At-Large Members

Nominations for elections of At-Large Board Members will be brought forth by the Nominating Committee which will be chaired by the Secretary of the Association. Election to the Board of Directors for At-Large Members requires a majority vote of the Board at the June meeting. Terms of office for At-Large Members shall be three (3) years except for the first elected Board which will have five (5) of its members elected to two (2) year terms and five (5) to a one (1) year term. At-Large Members may, if nominated, be considered for election to two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI-Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held four (4) times per year-in the summer, fall, winter and spring. Notice of each meeting shall be given at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the meeting. All meetings will be open to the entire membership. Additional meetings can be called as needed.

ARTICLE VII-Committees

Alumni Association Board members shall be appointed by the President to serve on one or more committees of the Association. However, it is expected that most committees will also include members of the Association who do not serve on the Board. Committees include, but are not limited to:

1. Finance Committee
2. Membership Committee
3. Alumni Programs Committee
4. Nominating and Election Committee
5. Awards/Scholarship Committee
6. Newsletter Committee
7. Archives Committee

Ad Hoc committees may be created as needed by the President.

ARTICLE VIII-Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any Meeting of the Board of Directors by a 2/3 majority vote of the full Board of Directors.