

By-Laws of the Greater Oregon Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, Inc.
Adopted January 15, 1991; revised December 7, 2006

Article I– NAME

The name of this nonprofit professional organization shall be the Greater Oregon Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, Inc. (PRSA).

Article II- OBJECTIVES

In accordance with the objectives of the Public Relations Society of America, the objectives of this Chapter shall be to advance the art and science of public relations in the public interest; encourage research, discussion and study of the problems and techniques of the public relations profession; to strengthen and maintain the highest standards of service and ethical conduct by all members of the profession; promote professional development through by the exchange of ideas and experiences and the collection and dissemination of information that may enhance or improve the professional knowledge, standards, ethics and standing of the membership and to promote fraternalism within the profession.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. To be eligible for membership in the Chapter a person must be a Member in good standing of the Society. Any such Member of the Society is eligible for membership in the Chapter.

Section 2. Admission to Membership. Admission to membership in the Society shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Bylaws of the Society. Any person admitted to membership in the Society shall become a member of the chapter, if eligible, upon payment of Chapter dues.

Section 3. Retirement Status. Any member of the Chapter who has been a member of PRSA in good standing for at least five years and is gainfully employed for less than 50 percent of the time is eligible for retirement status. Members on retirement status shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership.

Section 4. Termination of Chapter Membership. Any member who for any reason ceases to be a Member of the Society or is dropped from the Society's roll for nonpayment of dues shall cease to be a member of the chapter and shall be dropped from the Chapter roll.

Section 5. Rights and Privileges of Membership. Subject to the Bylaws of the Society, the right to serve as an Assembly Delegate or Alternate Delegate or as professional advisor to a PRSSA chapter shall be limited to Members in good standing.

Article IV- DUES

Section 1. Amount. The amount of the Chapter dues shall be fixed annually by the Chapter's board of directors and shall be payable in accordance with Chapter fiscal policies.

Section 2. Nonpayment of Dues. Any member whose chapter dues are unpaid for three months shall be considered not in good standing and shall not be entitled to vote, hold office or enjoy other privileges of Chapter membership, provided such member shall have been duly notified.

Section 3. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be the calendar year.

Article V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The governing body of the Chapter shall be a board of directors consisting of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, and three Directors-at-large. If for any reason, any of the officer positions becomes vacant, an at-large position may be added in place of the officer position until all the officer positions can be filled.

Section 2. Directors-at-large. Directors shall be elected each year by the Chapter membership at its Annual Meeting to serve a term of three years beginning January first and until his/her successor is elected and installed.

Section 3. Vacancies. In the event of death, resignation, removal or expulsion of any officer, director or Assembly Delegate, the board of directors shall elect a successor who shall take office immediately and serve for the balance of the unexpired term or until the next annual election.

Section 4. Removal. Any director who misses more than three consecutive board meetings without an excuse acceptable to the board may be given written notice of dismissal by the Chapter President and replaced in accordance with Section 4 above.

Section 5. Board Meetings. There shall be at least four meetings each year of the board of directors at such times and places as it may determine. It shall meet at the call of the President or upon call of any three members of the board of directors. Notice of each meeting of the board shall be given to each director personally or by mail or email at least seven days in advance.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the board.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. Chapter Officers. The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, President-Elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the Chapter membership at its Annual Meeting for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 2. President. The President shall issue notices and preside at all meetings of the chapter and of the board of directors. He/she shall appoint all committees with the approval of the board of directors and shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He/she shall perform all other duties incident to the office.

Section 3. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall, in the absence or disability of the President, exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. He/she also shall assist the President and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the board of directors.

Section 4. Secretary. The secretary shall keep records of all meetings of the Chapter and of the board of directors, send copies of such minutes to Society Headquarters, and perform all other duties customarily pertaining to the office.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all chapter funds in a bank or trust company selected and approved by the board of directors. He/she shall issue receipts and make authorized disbursements by check after proper approval by the President or board of directors. The Treasurer shall prepare the Chapter's budget, make regular financial reports to the board of directors, render an annual financial statement to the Chapter membership and perform all other duties incident to the office.

Section 6. Compensation and Reimbursement. No elected officer of the Chapter shall be entitled to any salary or other compensation. The board of directors may reimburse elected officers or committee members of appointees their expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties or assignments.

[Article 6, Section 1 amended Dec. 4, 2008]

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three Members, appointed by the president with approval of the board of directors, at least 60 days prior to the Annual meeting of the Chapter.

Section 2. Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall name a qualified nominee of each office and for the Assembly Delegate and director whose term is expiring. It shall ensure that each nominee has been contacted and agrees to serve if elected. Additional nomination, if any, shall be accepted from the Members at the Annual Meeting provided the nominees have been contacted and agree to serve if elected.

Section 3. Notice of Membership. At least 30 days before the Annual Meeting of the Chapter, the Board shall provide notice to all Chapter members the list of nominees prepared by the Nominating Committee. E-mail and/or a posting on the Chapter's web site shall be considered adequate notice.

Section 4. Elections. Officers, directors and the Assembly Delegate shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the greater Oregon Chapter of PRSA. Election shall be by majority vote of the Members in good standing present and voting. Balloting in contested elections shall be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE VIII- COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. In addition to the Nominating Committee, there shall be standing committees on Program, Membership, Accreditation, Public Relations and It shall be the responsibility of the Membership Committee Chair to maintain or cause to be maintained the roll of membership,

Section 2. Special Committee. Special committees may be established and appointed by the President with approval of the board of directors, as needed. These may include Eligibility, Professional Development, Awards and Foundation Academy Member, among others.

Section 3. Appointees. The Assembly Delegate shall serve as the Chapter's representative at meetings of the PRSA Assembly. The Student Chapter Liaison shall serve as the liaison to the local Chapter of the Public Relations Society Student Association.

Section 4. Committee Reports. The chair of each committee shall report its activities regularly to the Board of Directors. All committee activities shall be subject to approval by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX – CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. There shall be an Annual meeting in November or December of each year at such time and place as may be designated by the board of directors.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. In addition to the Annual Meeting, there shall be regular monthly meetings at least 9 times a year at such times and places as may be designated by the board of directors.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meeting of the Chapter may be called by the President, the board of directors or on written request by 25 percent of the Chapter members.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each member at least 30 days in advance. Notice of a regular meeting or special meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each member at least 10 days in advance.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, provided such proposed amendment(s) has been approved by the Chapter's board of directors and at least 30 days notice of any proposed amendment(s) has been given to all members. Amendments adopted in accordance with this provision become effective only after approval by the Society's National Board of Directors.