

SOUTH DAKOTA BEADLE CLUB

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Beadle Club of South Dakota. (See the By-laws of this Constitution for the rationale behind the choosing of the club name.)

Section 2. The purpose of this club shall be:

- a. To promote good fellowship among people engaged in educational work in South Dakota.
- b. To emulate the motives and ideals of General W.H.H. Beadle in his support of the public schools of the state.
- c. To safeguard the Educational Permanent School Fund originally provided by the National Congress.
- d. To stimulate a wholesome inter-school spirit among all schools of the state.
- e. To foster the long-view program of education which emphasizes the constitutional provisions for public education and the need for adequate state support.
- f. To study educational problems peculiar to the schools of the state.
- g. To inform the public of the objectives, activities, and the desires of the Beadle Club and to keep the people informed about educational problems.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. All individuals in South Dakota engaged in the teaching profession or other allied educational endeavors are eligible for selection to membership in the Beadle Club.

Section 2. Eligibility for selection to club membership shall be open to all individuals categorized in Section "1," Article II; regardless of gender, race, color, or creed.

Section 3. Each year, each club member shall have the privilege of nominating one individual per Beadle Club meeting to be considered for membership by the Selection Committee.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the President of the Club to send or to have the secretary send a nominating ballot to each Beadle Club member a period of time long enough so that the completed ballot may be returned not later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the Selection Committee.

Section 5. The Selection Committee shall meet and make its choices of new members not more than thirty (30) nor less than ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting of the Club or any other stated meeting at which new members are to be inducted into the club.

- Section 6. Selection of the new members:
- a. To be eligible for election, the nominee must have been chosen by the Selection Committee. To be elected, a nominee must receive a two-thirds favorable vote of the total membership of that committee.
 - b. To be eligible for selection to Club membership, a person must be one who vigorously supports education and has given meritorious service to the cause of public education over a period of at least five (5) years in South Dakota. Such service to have been recent and evidenced by actual accomplishments in the improvement of the conditions of public education in the state.
 - c. A person who is elected to and accepts membership in the Club must subscribe to its purposes and ideals.
- Section 7. No more than sixteen (16) individuals shall be elected in any one year. The constitution does not require that any be selected.
- Section 8. Newly selected members to the Club shall be formally presented by a designated club member and inducted into the Club at the annual meeting or on some other appropriate occasion and will be presented Club membership materials.
- Section 9. The Commissioner of School and Public Lands shall be an ex-officio member of the Beadle Club.

Article III
Officers and Duties

- Section 1. The elected officers shall be five: President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Club and the Executive Committee, assume or delegate responsibilities for programs and activities the club may have; and appoint members of all committees subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 3. In the absence of the President, the President Elect shall fulfill the duties, assume the responsibilities of the President, and shall at all times assist the President when called upon.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall keep records of the proceedings of the club and the Executive committee; shall provide the club members with copies of the minutes of the organization and its Standing Committees.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect all dues or other monies belonging to the Club; be responsible for disbursing all Club funds upon authorization of the Executive Committee or a vote of the club membership at any general meeting. He/she shall make an Annual Financial Report to all club members concerning the financial activities and financial status of the club.
- Section 6. All checks drawn on Beadle Club funds must be approved by the President or the President Elect prior to bearing the signature of the Treasurer.

Article IV
Election of Officers

- Section 1. Officers of the Club shall be elected by ballot for a one-year term by the members attending the annual meeting of the Club.
- Section 2. No person shall be elected President for more than three consecutive terms of terms of office.
- Section 3. Nominations for persons to hold club offices shall be made by a Nomination Committee of two or more members appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee at least four calendar weeks before the Annual Meeting. A slate of candidates for each position to be filled shall be prepared by the Nominating Committee and presented to the members at the Annual Meeting. The presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor before declaring nominations closed and proceeding with balloting.
- Section 4. Voting for filling of constitutional officers shall be done by official written ballot, and the candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared the winner. The winner of each office shall be installed by his predecessor, by the President or by a club member designated by the President. Installation of officers is to be done at the close of the Annual Meeting.

Article V
The Executive Committee

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the: President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Club.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee may expend Club funds and make other contractual agreements.
- Section 4. The Executive Committee shall perform all functions usual to an executive board of a professional organization and attend to all business that occurs between annual meetings.

Article VI
Committees and Appointed Positions

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Club.
- Section 2. The Selection Committee shall consist of the President Elect and two (2) other club members appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. The duties of the Selection Committee are enumerated in Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution.

- Section 3. The Nomination Committee shall consist of two or more Club members appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. The duties of the Nomination Committee are enumerated in Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution.
- Section 4. The Scholarship Committee shall be chaired by the Past President who shall secure two additional Club members to serve as committee members. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications for the Beadle Club scholarship and select the scholarship recipient prior to the Annual Meeting of the Beadle Club.
- Section 5. Other Committees and appointed positions may be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Said committees and/or positions shall be appointed to fulfill a specific function necessary for Club operations (i.e., a newsletter editor or club webmaster)

Article VII Meetings

- Section 1. The Annual Meeting shall be held at a time and a place designated by the Executive Committee. So far as possible, it shall be held in conjunction with some other appropriate meeting of South Dakota of people engaged in educational matters. The Secretary of the Club shall send each member a notice of the meeting through the Newsletter.
- Section 2. Official business of the Annual Meeting shall include:
- a. Reports of committees
 - b. Election and induction of officers
 - c. Action on Constitutional Amendments and By-laws
 - d. Resolutions
 - e. Program proposals or policy changes introduced from the floor
 - f. Announcement and induction of new members
 - g. Other business items concerning the club
- Section 3. In case of emergency, special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII Dues and Fiscal Matters

- Section 1. The rate of dues for club members shall be set by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. Members who have fallen in arrears in dues payments may be reinstated to good standing by paying life-time dues.
- Section 3. The fiscal year shall extend from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

Article IX
Parliamentary Authority

- Section 1. The constitution shall be adopted after ratification by a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual meeting or any special meeting called specifically for the consideration and adoption of a constitution.
- Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a simple majority vote of those members present, provided that, the intention to amend and the wording of the amendment(s) have been provided each member by the Secretary or the President not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Section 3. This constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting, without previous notice, provided that two-thirds of the club members in attendance vote to approve the amendment.
- Section 4. By-laws – should a section of By-laws be added to this Constitution – may be amended at any regular Club meeting by a simple majority vote of those club members present.
- Section 5. Unless inconsistent with this Constitution, Robert’s Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority for the conduct of matters attended to at any general business meeting or meeting of the Executive Committee or other committees of the organization.

BY-LAWS

Chapter 1 Organization Name

The South Dakota Beadle Club, formed in 1933, took its name from that of General William Henry Harrison Beadle who served the people of South Dakota in many ways in promoting a sound system of public schools. At one time he was State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and he closed his career in education as President and instructor at the Normal School located at Madison, South Dakota.

It was General Beadle who labored diligently for the preservation of the lands Congress gave South Dakota for the support of education. It was he, more than anyone else, who was instrumental in seeing that the Enabling Act which brought South Dakota into the Union provided that no “school land” should be sold for less than ten (\$10.00) dollars per acre.