

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION
BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE
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Article I: Name

The name of the association is the Belmont Abbey College Alumni Association.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to promote Belmont Abbey College and its Alumni by providing an organization through which:

- a. The Alumni may cooperate with the Board of Trustees, the Board of Advisors, the College Administration, the Faculty, and the Students in projects and activities of a mutual concern.
- b. The Alumni may assemble for social, spiritual, educational, business, and fundraising activities.

Article III: Membership

Membership in the Association shall consist of:

- a. Members: All such persons as defined in this section will be known as Alumni of Belmont Abbey College. They are eligible to participate in all official activities of the Association, including voting and the holding of an elected office.
 - i. Any graduate of Belmont Abbey College or Sacred Heart College. Including any graduate of Belmont Abbey Junior College; Belmont Abbey Preparatory School; Belmont Abbey High School; Belmont Abbey High School; St. Mary's College of Belmont, North Carolina; The Sacred Heart Academy; and Sacred Heart Junior College.
 - ii. Any recipient of an honorary degree conferred by the Board of Trustees of Belmont Abbey College.
- b. Associate Members: Parents, families of alumni, non-degree attendees, and other friends of the College are also invited to participate in activities of the Association with the exception of voting and holding an elected office. To define more clearly a group for the purposes of participation, an "Associate Member" shall be defined as any person in one of the following four (4) categories
 - i. Family: A member of the immediate family of a student or an alumnus/a
 - ii. Donor: A person who is not an alumnus/a but who contributes to the financial well-being of the College either through a restricted or unrestricted minimum gift of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) in the current giving year.
 - iii. Faculty/Staff: Present faculty and staff of the college, former faculty and staff of the college, and their immediate families.
 - iv. Non-degree Attendee: *any former student who attended for at least one (1) semester but did not receive a degree from the College.*

Article IV: Voting

Each Alumnus/a of Belmont Abbey College shall have one vote as to the election of officers of the Association, members of the Alumni Board, and/or any resolution, question, or issue properly coming before the Association for decision or action.

Article V: Meetings of the Association

- a. The regular meeting of the Association shall be held during the annual alumni weekend (*known as Homecoming Weekend*) at Belmont Abbey College.
- b. Special sessions of the Association shall be called by:
 - i. the Association President
 - ii. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors
 - iii. Twenty (20) members of the Association
 - iv. The President of Belmont Abbey College

Article VI: Board of Directors

- a. The affairs of the Association and the meetings of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors except that the by-laws may provide for an Executive Committee to exercise the powers of the Board of Directors between its meetings.
- b. The Board of Directors shall consist the *Officers of the Board (i.e. the Board President, the first Vice President, the second Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary)*, the President of each Belmont Abbey Alumni chapter, and Directors at Large; the *cumulative* number of Directors shall not exceed fifty (50) members.
- c. All members of the Board of Directors *except the Presidents of the external Alumni chapters* shall be elected by the Alumni Association at the regular meeting to serve a three-year term beginning at the time of their installation at the meeting when elected.
- d. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve no *more than two (2) consecutive terms* except that regardless of the number of terms any person shall have served, such person may be eligible to be a member of the Board when serving as an officer of the Association.
- e. Members of the Board of Directors shall be required to attend at least one meeting annually in order to maintain status as a member.
- f. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies in its own membership until the next regular meeting of the Association.

Article VII: Officers

- a. The officers of the Board shall be the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.
- b. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and the Treasurer shall be elected by the Alumni Association at each regular meeting to serve a to serve a two-year term beginning at the time of their installation at the meeting when elected. Each person shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one or any combination of these offices. Regardless of the number of consecutive terms, any person shall have served in any one or any combination of these offices other than that of President, such

person shall be eligible for three (3) consecutive terms as President. All of these officers shall be elected from the membership of the Association.

- c. The President and the First Vice President shall be elected in the even-numbered years; the Second Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in the odd-numbered years. The Director of the Alumni Association shall automatically serve as Secretary of the Association and shall not be elected.
- d. Vacancies among the officers of the Association shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Article VIII: Bylaws

The Association or the Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt bylaws not inconsistent with this Constitution or other applicable laws or regulations.

Article IX: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Association provided that:

- a. the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall deem the proposed amendment appropriate as an amendment
- b. it shall have been included in the notice of the meeting together with the Board's recommendation thereon