

**CONSTITUTION OF
THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S
QUIZ BOWL ASSOCIATION
(Revised July 2015)**

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl Association (hereinafter AGQBA).

ARTICLE II – Philosophy

The AGQBA believes that competition is an inherent part of our democratic society. We are also aware that interscholastic competition in athletic and music programs has stimulated improvement and has raised individual skills and abilities to new levels of excellence by giving participants an opportunity to display their skills for the general public. However, in our present industrialized society, cooperation within groups has become an important ingredient for successful performance, and there is a need to develop in individuals the skills needed to be a team player. The AGQBA believes that interscholastic academic team competitions at district and state levels will foster and encourage the growth of not only competitive skills but also the skills of effective cooperative abilities among members of a team. The AGQBA sees academic team competition as one tool to use to boost academic rigor.

ARTICLE III – Purpose

The primary purpose of the AGQBA is to organize and conduct interscholastic Quiz Bowl competitions at various levels to achieve the following objectives:

1. To place academic achievement in a position of prestige;
2. To recognize student academic achievement;
3. To provide students with incentives for academic achievement;
4. To provide communities with a forum for emphasizing academic excellence;
5. To demonstrate to students the intrinsic value of knowledge;
6. To cause students to become more productive as learners;
7. To promote cooperation and support among students and between students and adults;
8. To challenge academically talented individuals to higher levels of achievement; and
9. To create a sense of pride in academic achievement among the citizens of Arkansas.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

All Arkansas Quiz Bowl Coaches who meet the eligibility requirements of the Arkansas Activities Association shall be eligible for membership in AGQBA.

Section 2. Individual Membership and Voting Privilege

Every Quiz Bowl Coach is eligible for membership in AGQBA, but they must register. Each registered membership will have one vote.

ARTICLE V – Funding

Should the state or corporate funding be discontinued for mailing, regional and state tournaments, etc., AGQBA will formulate a funding policy for the provision of such funds.

ARTICLE VI – Executive Board

Section 1. Executive Board Composition

The Executive Board will consist of twenty-four (24) members – one (1) from each of the fifteen (15) Arkansas Educational Cooperative Areas, eight (8) at-large members, and one (1) from Pulaski County. The at-large members will be selected to balance out the school size representation so that there is a minimum of two members per classification.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the regional coordinators by the date determined by the Executive Board. Executive Board members must be elected and assume duties by the date determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Terms

All Executive Board members will serve three (3) year terms staggered to accommodate the terms of positions held by any member of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Duties

The duty of the Executive Board members will be to act as liaisons between the AGQBA and member schools.

Section 4. Vacancies

In the case of vacancy the president will nominate a person to fill the position for the remainder of that year. The nominee will be confirmed by the Executive Committee. The person elected will complete the unexpired term.

Section 5. Positions of the Executive Board

The following positions on the Executive Board and/or any other positions that the Executive Committee deems necessary will exist: Classification Coordinator, Regional Coordinator, Questions Chairperson, Parliamentarian, Nominating Chairperson, Historian, and Newsletter Editor. The position holders will be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII – Executive Committee

Section 1. Offices

The Executive Committee shall consist of a president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and finance chairperson. The immediate past president will also serve as an exofficio member for one year.

Section 2. Elections

All people nominated to hold Executive positions must be members of the Executive Board. Officers of the Executive Committee will be elected by the Executive Board and assume duties by July 1.

Section 3. Vacancies

In case of vacancy the president shall nominate a member of the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term. The nominee must then be confirmed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII – Amendment Changes

Proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board by either of the following methods:

1. They may be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration of placement on the ballot.

2. They may be submitted with a petition containing the signatures of 10% of the eligible voting members. After verification of the petition, the proposed amendment will be placed on the ballot.

ARTICLE IX – Rules Changes

Proposed rules changes must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board by either of the following methods:

1. They may be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration of placement on the ballot.
2. They may be submitted with a petition containing the signatures of 10% of eligible voting members. After verification of the petition, the proposed rules change will be placed on the ballot.

ARTICLE X – Meetings

Section 1. Executive Board Meetings

Meetings of the Executive Board will occur quarterly. Special meetings can be called at the request of the Executive Committee or a majority of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Executive Committee Meetings

Meetings of the Executive Committee will occur quarterly as well as any other time deemed necessary by the president or a majority of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI – Sanctions and Appeals

Section 1. Sanctions on Member Schools

A member school may be sanctioned by a majority vote of the AGQBA Board.

Section 2. Probation

Member schools that do not show up at Regional or State Competitions without appropriate notification will be placed on probation for the next year. Should the school violate that probation, they will not be allowed to compete in that level of competition the following year.

Section 3. Flagrant Violations

Schools that flagrantly violate rules may be sanctioned by not being allowed to compete at the next level and/or the next year.

Section 4. Appeals

The Executive Committee will set up an appeals process that will be defined in the by-laws.

ARTICLE XII – Dissolution

Whenever, for any reason, this association is dissolved or is unable to any longer accomplish and carry out the specific purposes for which the association was formed, the Executive Board shall terminate the affairs of the association, pay its debts, and after this has been done, shall dispose of any remaining assets in a manner that will promote academic competition in the state of Arkansas.

ARTICLE XIII – Ratification

The constitution shall become effective when it has been ratified by a majority vote.