

Articles of Association of the
Adams-Wells Counties Ball State University Alumni Chapter

ARTICLE ONE. NAME

The name of the organization is the Ball State University Alumni Chapter of Adams-Wells Counties (Indiana).

ARTICLE TWO. OBJECT

This chapter is formed to promote through cooperation with the Alumni Association of Ball State University:

- (a) The advancement of interests of Ball State University.
- (b) Closer fellowship among the alumni of Ball State University.
- (c) To aid in the recruitment of outstanding students for Ball State.
- (d) Generally, to achieve a better informed alumni, to increase the stature of Ball State University in the Adams-Wells Counties.

This may be accomplished by:

- 1. To provide a direct link of communication and information between the University and the chapter area.
- 2. To give the Alumni Association and the University official representation in the chapter area.
- 3. To be a “working arm” of the Alumni Association.
- 4. To better publicize University and Alumni Association events in the chapter area.
- 5. To encourage attendance at University and Association functions and events.
- 6. To help welcome Ball State alumni into the geographic area.

ARTICLE THREE. MEMBERSHIP

All graduates of Ball State University, and all persons who have been in attendance as students at Ball State University and all who have been officially connected therewith, residing in the Adams-Wells counties may be members of this chapter.

All husbands and wives of alumni and all persons who have had children in attendance at Ball State University or who have shown a direct interest in the University, shall be eligible to Associate membership in this chapter.

ARTICLE FOUR. OFFICERS

The officers of this chapter shall consist of a board of 12 board members. The Board of Directors shall elect from its number to a two-year term a President, Vice-President, and Alumni Council Representative. The retiring President shall be responsible for the convening of the new Board of Directors for the election of officers.

The duties of the chapter officers and terms of office shall be such as are generally exercised by such officers and as may be hereafter prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE FIVE. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least once each year and at such more frequent intervals as the Board of Directors may deem proper. One meeting shall be designated an Annual Meetings for the election of officers. New directors shall be elected by the then current Board of Directors. At-Large members shall serve a three-year consecutive term.

ARTICLE SIX. BY-LAWS

Such by-laws may be adopted as from time to time shall be deemed advisable by this chapter.

ARTICLE SEVEN. AMENDMENTS

These articles of Association may be amended by a majority vote of those present at an Annual Meeting of this chapter.

BY LAWS

SECTION ONE

All officers and committees not otherwise provided for shall be chosen by the chapter at any regular or special meeting and in such manner as the meeting may decide.

SECTION TWO

The Annual Meeting shall be held at such an hour and such place as the Board of Directors may designate, proper notice being given to all members.

SECTION THREE

The Alumni Association staff member shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the chapter and shall conduct all correspondence with the Board of Directors.

SECTION FOUR

It shall be the duty of the Alumni Council Representative to attend all meetings of the Council as a voting member of the Alumni Association's policy making body, and shall report to the chapter's Board of Directors the actions of the council meetings.

SECTION FIVE

Four or more members shall constitute a quorum sufficient to do business at any regular or special meeting or any adjournment thereof.

SECTION SIX

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of this chapter.

SECTION SEVEN

Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary questions in the meetings of this chapter.

Financing of Chapter Meetings and Activities

At the present time the Association recommends that no chapter dues be established as it is felt that any such program would detract from the annual giving program established in 1955 when the Association dues program was abolished. Today all Ball State alumni are members of the Alumni Association and active membership is maintained by making an annual gift to the Alumni Fund.

Chapter activities should be self-supporting in so far as possible. However, the Association recognizes that emergencies occur and pledges it financial backing to any project, activity or meeting duly approved by the Board of Governors in which either the executive director or the executive secretary of the Association have been a full participant.

ALUMNI OFFICE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CHAPTERS

Publicity

Information on meetings, programs, projects, and activities will be advertised in the Ball State Alumnus which is published every other month (three electronic and three printed). In addition, there will be a push email sent to all current email addresses on file regarding the event. Some events might include a printed mailing at the discretion of the Alumni Association.

Addresses of Alumni in Regional Area

An excel file will be furnished to each chapter president annually. (Files should be used for chapter business only and names should not be exploited by business or commercial interests.)