

CONSTITUTION of THE WRANGLERS OF PUGET SOUND

Article I. Name and Purpose

The name of the club is "**The Wranglers of Puget Sound.**" The purpose is to stimulate the intellect and promote friendship of the members.

Article II. Membership

- 1. Eligibility.** All members shall be men aged 40 years or more.
- 2. Regular Members.** There shall be no more than 24 regular members.
- 3. Reserve Members.** There shall be no more than two reserve members. If there are less than two reserve members, a new member may be admitted as a reserve member. When a vacancy occurs in the regular membership, the reserve member who was first admitted shall automatically become a regular member.
- 4. Emeritus Members.** After five years of membership or at any time after age 75, a member may decide to become an emeritus member if he has made at least one presentation and either (1) there will be 24 regular members after he becomes an emeritus member or (2) a majority of the officers waive that requirement for a health or other reason deemed suitable. The number of emeritus members shall be unlimited. An emeritus member shall not be required to make presentations, however he retains other privileges and obligations of a regular member, including the right to vote and the requirement to pay a regular member's share of financial assessments.
- 5. Prospects.** Any regular member may propose a prospect for membership. A prospect shall attend at least one monthly meeting after the membership has been told at a meeting or by email of his interest in becoming a member.
- 6. Admission.** New members may be admitted by a majority vote of regular members.

Article III. Members' Rights and Responsibilities

- 1. Presentations.** Each regular member in his turn shall make an oral presentation to the club. A new member shall make his first presentation at the sixth monthly meeting of his membership or at such other meeting selected by the president.
 - a. Wrangle.** Presentations should be conducive to a thoughtful and spirited wrangle. The purpose of the club is to stimulate the intellect and promote friendship. The wine social at the beginning of each meeting and the following dinner are for promoting friendship. The presentation and the ensuing wrangle are for stimulating the intellect.
 - b. Summary.** The speaker shall forward to the secretary a summary of his presentation, to be included in the minutes of the meeting.
- 2. Members' Moments.** Each member approximately six months after his presentations shall present a member's moment consisting of a short personal story. The purpose is to get to know each member a little better. The story shall be 10 minutes or less to avoid diminishing the time allotted for the main presentation and wrangling.
- 3. Voting.** Except as provided otherwise:
 - a.** All regular and emeritus members may vote except as otherwise provided.
 - b.** Voting may take place at monthly meetings or by email.
 - c.** Voting may be in person or by proxy.
 - d.** Any contest between candidates for office shall be by secret ballot.
 - e.** All other in person votes will be by show of hands.
- 4. Dues.** All members shall be responsible for paying a pro rata portion of the club's expenses. The treasurer shall determine that amount, which shall be the same fee for every member, regardless of the number of meetings attended by the member. The fee shall be collected in two payments--one in September which shall include the December meeting for which each member may bring a guest

without additional charge--and one in January for the balance of the club's year through the June meeting plus an amount sufficient to cover the September meeting. A new member's dues shall be reduced proportionately by the treasurer so that a new member is not charged for expenses incurred prior to admission.

5. Guests.

a. December's Meeting. A member may bring his spouse or another guest to the December meeting without additional charge.

b. Guests. A member may bring prospective members and other guests if the appropriate officer is informed in advance so that an accurate headcount can be given to the food provider. Except for two dinners for a prospective member and a guest invited by a speaker, either the member or guest shall pay the treasurer the amount charged by the food provider for additional diners, which may be paid in advance or at the meeting.

6. Attendance.

a. Regular and Reserve Members. Each regular and reserve member missing four meetings during the club's 10-month year running from September through June shall be dropped from the club automatically except that an absence (1) due to hazardous driving conditions, (2) due to health, or (3) for another reason deemed suitable may be waived by a majority of the officers.

b. Emeritus Members. The attendance requirement does not apply to emeritus members.

Article IV. Officers

The officers of the club shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and webmaster. They shall be elected annually at the June meeting from the nominating committee's slate and from candidates nominated from the floor.

1. Duties. Duties of the officers are set forth in the club's website and may be modified from time to time by a majority of the officers.

2. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee will be the president, a member he appoints, and the immediate past-president. The membership at the April meeting will be requested to submit suggested nominees to the committee. The committee will confer and submit its nominees to the membership at the May meeting.

Article V. Meetings

Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month— September through June. No meetings will be held in July and August.

The schedule for a typical meeting is set forth in the club's website and may be modified from time to time by a majority of the officers.

Article VI. Miscellaneous

1. Website. The club has a website at pswranglers.com. The website shall only be maintained and modified by the webmaster.

2. Amendments. This constitution may be revised:

- a.** by proposals from a majority of officers approved by a majority of members,
- b.** on an ad hoc basis (such as to change a meeting date to avoid a conflict with another event such as Valentine's Day) by a majority of members voting on the issue, and
- c.** by a written request from five or more regular members, followed by a recommendation (pro or con with or without suggested changes) from a majority of officers, and a majority vote of regular members at a monthly meeting.