

Constitution of the Lutheran Student Movement Pacific Northwest Region

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Lutheran Student Movement Pacific Northwest Region (LSM PAC-NW).

Article II: Affiliation

This organization exists as a region of the Lutheran Student Movement in the United States of America (LSM-USA) as defined in the by-laws of LSM-USA.

Article III: Purposes

The purposes of LSM PAC-NW shall be:

- * To support LSM-USA.
- * To support the state and local Lutheran student organizations, as well as individual Lutheran students within the PAC-NW Region.

Article IV: Membership

Members of LSM PAC-NW shall be those local LSM organizations that qualify for voting membership in LSM-USA. Affiliation with LSM-USA must be maintained as prescribed in the By-laws of said organization.

Membership for each local organization will be based upon timely payment of membership dues. If payment of dues is a concern, it will be the organization's responsibility to contact the PAC-NW Regional Representative to make the appropriate arrangements. Membership dues will be set at the National LSM-USA Gathering during Regional Caucuses.

Individuals who attend post-secondary institutions and who do not have an affiliated LSM organization are encouraged to participate with LSM PAC-NW.

Members in the PAC-NW Region shall be those who attend an institution of post-secondary education within the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Article V: Officers (Changed: Spring 2001 through Spring 2002. See Study Action Project: Plan "A.")

The following officers for LSM PAC-NW will be elected at the Spring Regional Retreat to be installed at the same retreat:

Regional Representative, who shall:

- * Represent LSM PAC-NW in the National Council of LSM-USA with expenses paid by the PAC-NW Region and LSM-USA.
- * Preside over the meetings of LSM PAC-NW.

- * Encourage existing local Lutheran student groups and individual Lutheran students to participate in LSM PAC-NW and LSM-USA.

- * In the event that he or she is not able to attend any meetings that are required, request that one of the other regional officers represent LSM PAC-NW.

- * Attend Regional, Sub-regional and other meetings within the Region whenever possible.

Secretary, who shall:

- * Take minutes of all meetings of LSM PAC-NW.

- * Maintain the permanent records of LSM PAC-NW.

- * Inform members of decisions of the Executive Council.

Treasurer, who shall:

- * Conduct all financial business of LSM PAC-NW.

- * Deliver a financial report at all regional meetings.

Western and Eastern Coordinators, who shall:

- * Plan and promote annual fall sub-regional retreats.

- * Act as a liaison between the region and any state LSM chapters within their sub-region.

Public Relations Coordinator, who shall:

- * Maintain the regional Web Page, and update it no later than the end of January and April of each year.

Utility Person, who shall:

- * Assume the office and duties of any officer who cannot fulfill the duties of their office.

Article VI: Advisor (Changed: Spring 2001 through Spring 2002. See Study Action Project: Plan "A.")

One or more advisors to LSM PAC-NW will be selected by the Lutheran Campus Ministry personnel within the PAC-NW Region at their Regional Meeting.

Article VII: Executive Council

The elected regional officers shall comprise an executive council, which shall manage the affairs of LSM PAC-NW between regional retreats. The advisor shall also be a member of the Executive council, but will only count as a voice, with no vote.

Article VIII: Meetings

Meetings of LSM PAC-NW Members shall be held once during the Regional retreats and regional caucuses at LSM National Gatherings. A quorum for conducting business at the regional meetings shall be a majority of members in attendance at those events.

Meetings of the executive council shall take place at least once per year, apart from the regional retreat, at a time and place designated by the Regional Representative.

Article IX: Regional Retreats

The regional retreat shall be held once annually during the spring, at a time and place designated by the Executive council. The planning of the retreat, shall be the responsibility of the Host University. The business meeting shall be conducted at the retreat by the Executive Council.

Article X: Authority

The LSM-USA Constitution and By-laws shall supersede the authority of this constitution.

Article XI: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by t a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at a regional meeting.

Study Action Project: Plan "A"

In effect from Spring Regional Retreat 2001 through Spring Regional Retreat 2002. Plan "A" states:

The PAC-NW has a need for a structured method of election for regional reps and other regional officers. We need to find a more efficient way of electing our leaders, one which will reduce some of the problems encountered in previous years and allow us as a region to progress. Some ideas for how we might do this follow:

***Overview:**

- Candidate chosen from each sub-region at Eastern and Western fall sub-regional retreats.
- Candidates travel to National Gathering held over the New Year's holiday where the election is held.
- The candidate who wins the election becomes the regional rep. The other candidate becomes the vice president/rep for the region.
- Campus pastors/ministers of the regional rep and vice president serve as regional advisors for the term.
- All other regional offices are filled at the spring retreat by either election or appointment.
- Old officers and rep work with new rep and vice president until the spring retreat, allowing approximately a three-month carryover period.

***Offices:**

- **Regional rep/President**- Coordinator of Spring Retreat; recognized as the "head" of the region by LSM-USA.
- **Vice President**- Work closely with rep; help facilitate communication between sub-regions; take over as rep if needed.

- **SIMC** (Secretary for International and Multicultural Concerns)-
- **Treasurer**- Work with financial concerns (budget, fundraising, etc.).
- **Secretary**- Minutes; Coordinate newsletter; facilitate communication between officers.
- **Eastern Coordinator**- Coordinator of Eastern sub-regional retreat in fall.
- **Western Coordinator**- Coordinator of Western sub-regional retreat in fall.
- **Webmaster**- Start and maintain regional website.
- **Historian**- Document region's activity; Collect names of future alumni; take over certain positions if needed.

*Benefits:

- Eliminates the eight-month carryover period.
- May encourage National Gathering attendance.
- Allows each sub-region representation.
- May help build cohesiveness in region (between sub-regions).
- Facilitates more communications.
- Allows for two advisors, one in each sub-region.
- Allows for a vice president/rep to take over as regional rep if needed.
- Allows region to collect names of alumni (historian).