

CONSTITUTION

Adopted Feb 7, 1995; Amended 1997, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2016, and 2023

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals, also referred to as HASP.

Article II – Nature and Purposes

The Hope Academy of Senior Professionals is a peer-led institute for learning in retirement at Hope College.

Its purposes are:

- A. To enrich the intellectual, cultural and social lives of its members, and
- B. To make available a wealth of wide-ranging knowledge, talent and experience to Hope College and to the greater community area.

HASP is subject to superintending control by the president of Hope College or their appointed administrator. The membership of HASP has responsibility for designing, managing and carrying out its various activities and programs.

Article III – Membership

Section 1.

To qualify for membership in HASP, a person shall:

- A. Be of retirement or semi-retirement status.
- B. Show evidence of broad humane interests, intellectual vitality, inquisitiveness, and a willingness to contribute to the enrichment of the lives of fellow members, Hope College students, faculty and staff, and members of the local community.
- C. Be committed to participate actively and with civility and to bring credit to HASP and Hope College. Members are encouraged to participate in the programs of HASP by attendance at monthly program and annual business meetings, by occasional enrollment in curricular and special event offerings, by sharing insights and experience in HASP programs designed to benefit members, as well as others in the College and community, or by serving as a member of a HASP committee.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors may terminate the membership of any member who exhibits behavior that is uncivil or is harmful to the image, reputation, or mission of HASP.

Section 3.

“Member” is a designation that does not create or involve any ownership interest in HASP or in Hope College.

Article IV – Board of Directors

HASP’s governing body shall be its Board of Directors, subject to superintending control by the president of Hope College or their appointed administrator. The Board of Directors shall establish policies and institute programs to meet the wishes and needs of HASP members.

Article V – Officers

Section 1.

The director of HASP, a member of the Hope College staff, shall be the chief administrative officer of HASP and shall be responsible to the HASP Board of Directors as it relates to implementing HASP policies and programs and to the Hope College president's appointed administrator as it relates to college policy and reporting structure.

Section 2.

HASP shall have a president, a vice president, and a treasurer as well as such additional officers as the Board of Directors may designate.

Section 3.

Terms of office shall begin on July 1 of each year.

Article VI – Amendments to Constitution

This Constitution may be amended:

- A. Upon 2/3 vote of members present at any properly called business meeting of members, preceded by a four-week written notice to members containing the proposed amendments and
- B. Upon approval by the president of Hope College or their appointed administrator.