

CONSTITUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of the organization shall be the Pierce County 4-H Council, hereinafter called the Council.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

1. To provide leadership to the 4-H program in Pierce County.
2. To promote unity among leaders.
3. To spearhead county leader programs.
4. To promote training among youth and leaders.
5. To work with State 4-H and WSU Extension and other agencies to further the 4-H program.
6. To work with other county 4-H programs.
7. To provide recognition to 4-H leaders for outstanding service on community, county and state levels.
8. To promote 4-H member involvement in activities and events.

ARTICLE III - General Membership

1. All adult leaders shall be considered members of this group and eligible to fully participate and vote at general leaders meetings.
 - A. Youth Representatives on the Executive Board will have voting privileges at all Pierce County 4-H Council meetings.
 - B. Parents, former leaders and youth members will always be welcome to attend and speak at any meeting.
2. The Pierce County 4-H program's membership is open to all youth (kindergarten – 19 years of age) and adults regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status (Ref. USDA form AD 475A, revised 3/98).
3. A majority vote of members present at a meeting shall constitute a vote.

ARTICLE IV - Officers & Executive Board

Section A - Officers

1. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section B - Executive Board

The Executive Board may consist of:

1. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer;
2. One Adult Representative from each of the major project and program delivery areas.
3. Up to Eight Youth Representatives chosen at-large from enrolled 4-H members.
4. Up to 3 Adult 'At Large' members chosen at-large from enrolled Adults.
5. Chairs of each of the standing committees as defined in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V - WSU Extension 4-H Faculty/Staff Volunteer Relationship

WSU Extension 4-H faculty and/or staff are ultimately responsible for the 4-H program, participants, and volunteers. Consequently, all work and decisions of the 4-H Council are advisory to the WSU Extension 4-H faculty and/or staff. The WSU Extension 4-H faculty and/or staff are responsible for enforcing the 4-H Youth Code of Conduct and Adult Valuable Partnership Agreement to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.

ARTICLE VI

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the meetings of the group.

ARTICLE VII

The president may appoint committees for special purposes at any time.

ARTICLE VIII

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting provided written notice of said changes has been published to the membership at least 30 days prior to said meeting. Amendments to the Constitution must be proposed either by a vote of the Executive Board or upon receipt by the secretary of a petition stating the proposed amendment and signed by at least ten members, three of whom must be Executive Board members.

ARTICLE IX

In the event this body shall be dissolved, all remaining monies held by this organization at said time shall be given to the Washington State 4-H Foundation, 2606 W. Pioneer Way, Puyallup, WA 98371. In the event of the Foundation's non-existence, the monies will go to the National 4-H Council, Chevy Chase, Maryland.