



**BYLAWS  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES PARTNERS ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I  
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the College of Human Sciences Partners Association, herein referred to as the Partners Association. The Partners Association will be considered an affiliate of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association (OSU Alumni Association) and will be governed by the constitution of the OSU Alumni Association in general and by the constitution of this Partners Association in particular.

**ARTICLE II  
Mission**

The mission of the Partners Association is to fulfill a crucial role on behalf of Human Sciences by serving as informed internal and external advocates for students, faculty, staff, and alumni and to provide knowledge and skills that enhance the college experience. In order to reconnect and enhance relationships, the Partners Association will identify and nurture potential partnerships with alumni, industry partners and other supporters which will serve as a means to raise awareness *of* and stewardship *for* the advancement of the OSU College of Human Sciences.

**ARTICLE III  
Organization**

The Partners Association shall be a constituent group of the OSU Alumni Association and shall consist of members as described in Article IV.

The College of Human Sciences Partners Board, herein referred to as the Partners Board, shall include a President, President-Elect, Secretary (External Relations, Communications), Treasurer and Chair of each of the standing committees.

The College of Human Sciences Partners Executive Committee, herein referred to as the Partners Executive Committee may form, combine, or dissolve the organization or committees in the future.

Current standing committees may be reviewed at each meeting.

**ARTICLE IV  
Membership**

Membership in the Partners Association requires membership in common with the OSU Alumni Association. Those eligible for membership in the Partners Association shall include:

- a. Individuals who have obtained a degree from any of the academic programs of the College of Human Sciences.
- b. Individuals who have been enrolled in any of the academic programs or are currently enrolled in an academic program of the College of Human Sciences.
- c. Individuals who are employed by or are considered to be friends of the College of Human Sciences.

To be an active member of the Partners Association, individuals must be current in their patron support of the Human Sciences Partners Association Fund. Individual gifts to this fund are to be determined annually and approved by the Partners Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE V Officers**

The Partners Association shall have officers to include President, President-elect, Past-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Officer's terms are defined as 2 years and elections will be every other year.

#### **ARTICLE VI Meetings**

1. There will be a meeting of the Partners Association each Spring and Fall. The date, place, and time of the meetings will be determined by the President of the Partners Association in conjunction with the Dean's Office and representatives. All members of the Partners Association will be notified prior to the meeting date.
2. All business of the Partners Association, except amendments to the bylaws, shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present. The committee chairs shall represent the views of their standing committee members. A quorum shall consist of five active Partners Association members.
3. The Partners Board or Committee Chairs may conduct business via email or by the utilization of other technological methods between scheduled business meetings. Any proposals that a committee chair or an executive committee member wishes to put to the entire Partners Association membership should be first sent to the College of Human Sciences Coordinator for Alumni and External Relations, herein referred to as the Coordinator, to allow for input from the Dean. All votes would then be sent directly to the Coordinator for confirmation.
4. Failure to attend two consecutive Partners Association meetings without being excused or having made prior arrangements with the Partners Executive Committee may result in dismissal from the Partners Association.
5. The committee chairs will facilitate committee meetings for recognized Partners Committees.

#### **ARTICLE VII Amendments**

These bylaws may be revised or amended by a two thirds majority vote of the Partners Board. A proposal shall be submitted in writing 30 days prior to the vote to the Coordinator to allow for input from the Dean, and to each Partners Association member.

#### **ARTICLE VIII Dissolution**

The Dean of the College of Human Sciences has the authority to dissolve the Partners Association based on the best interest of the College of Human Sciences. In the event of the dissolution of the Partners Association, the assets of the Partners Association after payment of the debts revert to the OSU Alumni Association, or as otherwise governed by Oklahoma state laws.