

# **BY-LAWS OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION CONCERNED WITH SCHOOL AGE PARENTHOOD**

Revised 2008 again in 2013

## **Article I**

- A. Name  
The name of the Corporation is **Texas Association Concerned with School Age Parenthood.**
- B. Authority  
**Private, non-profit Corporation**
- C. Address  
**The address of the corporation shall be that of its current office.**
- D. Special Provision  
**Nothing contained in these By-Laws shall be construed as inconsistent with any present or future Federal, State or Local Law, or to violate any established policies, standards, criteria, or procedures governing grants awarded this Corporation as now in force or afterwards amended.**

## **Article II**

### Mission Statement

The mission of this corporation is to increase public awareness about issues related to school age pregnancy and parenthood and to facilitate networking among health care, education and social service professionals as well as elected officials, community leaders, religious leaders and other individuals and groups who share this concern. This corporation will provide a forum in which people will come together to share ideas and develop strategies for both the prevention of school age pregnancy and for greater coordination of state and local support services for pregnant and parenting youths in Texas. It shall be the policy of this corporation to support and strengthen the family as a Social Institution and to develop and foster the necessary support systems for solving the problems and meeting the needs related to school age parenthood.

## **Article III**

### Membership

- A. The membership shall be open to all interested persons and organizations.
- B. There shall be the following categories of membership: Individual, Agency or Corporation, Corporate Sponsor, Student
- C. Voting members shall be those who have paid the membership dues for that current year. An Agency or organization will designate an individual to vote on behalf of said agency organization and the vote will be so noted.
- D. Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.
- E. Membership dues are effective conference to conference.
- F. A meeting of the entire membership shall be held once a year with such meeting open to the public. The time and place of such meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors. This meeting may occur concurrently with the Conference.

## Article IV

### Board of Directors

#### A. Number and Qualifications of Board Members

1. Board members shall be elected by the membership, with such Board consisting of no more than ten members, four of whom may have expertise in designated areas of Public Relations, Legal, Corporate and Philanthropy, or other specific areas as defined by the Board
2. All Board members shall be members of the Association.
3. Eligibility to serve on the Board of Directors requires attendance at a previous conference.

#### B. Election

1. Term of Office.  
Board members shall serve terms of three years duration.
2. Succession  
A Board Member may serve for only two consecutive terms. Appointments may not exceed one year. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Board.
3. Election  
The Nominating Committee shall call for nominations from the membership. Such nominations shall contain a statement that the person being placed in nomination has been contacted and will serve the office faithfully if elected, and such nomination shall contain a vitae for the person placed in nomination. The Nominating Committee shall conduct elections at the Annual Conference, and the new Board members will be announced at the Annual Conference.
4. Voting  
Each board member, or his/her representatives, shall have one vote.
5. Vacancies  
Anyone resigning from the Board shall send written notification to the Secretary of the Board. The Board may appoint a replacement member to fill the vacancy until the next election. Board members shall be automatically dropped if they fail to attend, or send a representative who is a member of the organization to, two consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors. Exceptions may be made by a majority vote of the Board. Vacancies on the Board may be prescribed by staggering the terms of the members, such that each year three or four Board positions will be up for election. Board positions may include specific designated areas as defined by the Board.
6. Board of Directors meetings shall take place four times per year with one meeting being held in conjunction with the annual conference. Board members shall be given at least thirty (30) days notice of the time and place of Board meetings. The President may call special meetings of the entire Board or of the Executive Committee with ten (10) days notice by mail to each board member.
7. Quorum  
A quorum shall consist of half of the current Board membership plus one.

## Article V

### Officers

#### A. Officers

1. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be members of the Board of Directors.
2. Election of officers shall be carried out by the Board of Directors at the Annual Conference.



