THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BELOIT COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Beloit College Alumni Association.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this Association is to foster fellowship and mutual pride in Beloit College among alumni, faculty, staff, parents, friends, students, and other stakeholders through

- Strengthening and deepening the relationships of Beloit College alumni with the College and with each other such as through the development of mutually-supportive regional, professional, virtual alumni networks;
- Fostering and perpetuating pride and enthusiasm among its members to encourage their investment of time, talent, and treasure in support of Beloit College;
- Enhancing the alumni’s sense of ownership for improving the reputation of Beloit College with parents, friends, prospective students, and other current or potential stakeholders;
- Developing and communicating a broad understanding of Beloit’s leadership role in national and global dialogues as a unique, independent, national liberal arts college;
- Celebrating the central tenets of a Beloit education, including the value of life-long learning.

unite all graduates and former students of Beloit College into an integrated body to the end that they may communicate more effectively with each other and with the College on matters of mutual interest; stimulate and facilitate concern for continuing education among the alumni; solicit gifts and bequests and contribute financial support for the College for special and general purposes; arrange for alumni reunions; bring the College to the attention of prospective students; promote fellowship among the alumni, faculty, staff and students; foster and perpetuate a sense of pride and enthusiasm among its members for Beloit College; and develop broad understanding of Beloit’s role as an independent liberal arts college.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. All individuals who have completed one academic year of full-time study at Beloit College shall be members of the Association and entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership.
2. Honorary membership may be bestowed upon a person whose association with and service to the College or alumni entitles that individual to such honorary membership as determined by the Board of Directors pursuant to ten (10) days written notice to the Board and upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Board members elected. Candidates for Honorary Membership may be suggested by an interested person and shall include a brief statement supporting the candidate’s qualifications. Candidates for Honorary Membership in the Association shall meet at least two of the following requirements:

   a. Longevity of service to Beloit College.
   b. Service to the Alumni Association.
   c. Exceptional service to Beloit College.

3. All individuals who have completed less than one academic year of study at Beloit College may be members of the Association by expressing to the Executive Director an intent to be a member of the Association and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association (“Board”) to manage and govern the affairs of the Association, to pursue and fulfill the purposes of the Alumni Association through

   • Demonstrating leadership by example through their personal investment of time, talent, and annual financial contribution in support of Beloit College,
   • Offering guidance and counsel to Beloit College staff concerning the development of Strategic Plans for the Alumni Association,
   • Working collectively with the Beloit College staff in achieving the goals enumerated in the Alumni Association’s Strategic Plan,
   • Pursuing an understanding of the perspectives, desires, and values of the members of the Alumni Association regarding the present and future of Beloit College,
   • Providing a forum in which the Officers and Trustees of Beloit College may seek alumni advice, opinions, and counsel,
   • Recognizing the contributions of members of the Alumni Association by bestowing awards including those identified in the Association’s bylaws such as the Distinguished Service Citation.

   to pursue and fulfill the purposes of the Association, to determine current and long-range programs for the Association, to provide a forum for the Officers and Trustees of the College for alumni advice and counsel, to make timely recommendations to the President and Board of Trustees of the College; and to determine recipients of the Distinguished Service Citation and Alumni Award.

2. The Board shall be comprised of the following:
a. No less than 15 and no more than 21 voting members elected at large by the Association each to serve at term of (3) years.
b. Immediate Past President of the Board who also has voting rights.
c. One member of the faculty to be selected by the Executive Director for a three-year term. Such member shall not have voting rights.
d. An undergraduate student selected by the Executive Director. Such student shall not have voting rights.

3. Elected members of the Board may only serve two (2) consecutive three-year terms.

4. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Board for the balance of the unexpired term. The President may appoint an individual to fill the balance of an unexpired term, with the advice and consent of the Governance Committee of the Board (or other standing committee of the Board convened for nominations of Board members).

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Board shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Executive Director.

2. The President and Vice President shall be elected for a two (2) year term by members of the Board at the Board meeting that is concurrent with the annual meeting of the Alumni Association. Such new President and Vice President shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Alumni Association.

3. Notwithstanding Article IV(3), the President (or Vice-President) of the Board shall remain a member of the Board until the expiration of his or her term as President (or Vice-President).

4. A vacancy in the office of President or Vice President shall be filled by the Board for the balance of the unexpired terms.

5. The President and Vice President shall perform such duties as customarily fall to such officers and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Association or the Board.

6. The Secretary shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board and shall serve as Secretary of the Board at the pleasure of the President. The President may appoint a member of the Association who is not a member of the Board as the Secretary. In such case, the Secretary shall not have voting rights.

7. The Executive Director shall be the administrative staff person designated by Beloit College as the Director of Alumni Affairs and shall perform such duties as customarily fall to such the
office and shall coordinate all activities of the Association. The Executive Director shall serve as liaison between the Association, the Board, and the College Administration.

8. The President, Vice President and Secretary shall be members of the Association.

ARTICLES VI - MEETINGS

1. The Association shall meet for an annual meeting on the campus of the College, or at some other location within ten (10) miles of the campus as designated by the Board, at the time of the annual reunion of the alumni.

2. A special meeting of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors or any fifty (50) members of the Association pursuant to written notice.
   a. The specific purpose of the special meeting shall be set forth in the written notice.
   b. The time and place of the special meeting shall be fixed by those calling the meeting; however, it shall be held on the campus of the College or at some location within ten (10) miles of the campus.
   c. The only business conducted at the special meeting shall be the specific purpose set forth in the written notice.

3. One hundred fifty (150) members of the Association present shall constitute a quorum for the annual or a special meeting.

4. The Board shall meet at such times and places as it determines but shall meet not less than two (2) times each year. Eight (8) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

1. The members of the Board shall be nominated and elected either at the annual meeting of the Association or by written notice to the Association. New members of the Board shall take office at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association.

2. Nominations for members of the Board may be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association provided the nominee has expressed in writing a willingness to serve.

ARTICLE VIII - NOTICE

1. Whenever written notice is required herein, said notice shall be deemed served by distribution in either the Beloit College Magazine, or posting on the Alumni Office webpage at www.beloit.edu, or by depositing written notice in the United States Postal Service with postage prepaid to the address as it appears in the records of the Beloit College Alumni Office.

2. Required notice:
   a. Special meeting of the Association–thirty (30) days.
   b. By the Board pursuant to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at an annual meeting or at a special meeting of the Association pursuant to written notice of the proposed amendment or amendments.

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

Bylaws of the Association may be adopted, amended or repealed by the Board pursuant to written notice to the Association.

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