

CONSTITUTION of the Skagit County 4-H Leader's Council

Article 1

Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Skagit County 4-H Leaders Council**, hereafter referred to as Council.

Article II

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the Council shall be to fulfill the mission of the 4-H Youth Development Education Program of Washington State University Extension in cooperation with Extension professionals without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation or handicap.

Section 2: Mission

The mission of the 4-H Youth development program is to assist youth and volunteer staff, through informal education, to acquire knowledge, develop life skills and values that enable them to become increasingly self-directing, productive, contributing citizens.

Section 3: Responsibility

The responsibility of the 4-H council is to:

- A. Determine and make decisions on 4-H policy, subject to review and approval by Washington State University Extension 4-H professionals.
- B. Plan, execute and evaluate a well balanced program for 4-H youth with both short term and long term goals.
- C. Promote volunteer leadership development and empower adult and teen volunteers in the 4-h program.
- D. Secure and manage the private resources available to the 4-H youth development program by:
 1. preparing an annual budget;
 2. giving direction to acquiring private funds;
 3. approving all expenditures form the Council budget;
 4. holding title to any property owned by the council and providing for management of such property.
- E. Serve as a link between the 4-H Youth Development Program and the county 4-H professional, Fair Board, Agricultural societies, schools, community agencies and the public.
- F. Provide an opportunity for community members to participate in the 4-H program.
- G. Provide a recognition program for volunteers and youth in the 4-H Youth Development program.
- H. Develop and maintain a vibrant, active Council membership that believes the major responsibility of the county 4-H program belongs to the council in cooperation with the Extension professionals.
- I. Publicize the objectives and philosophy of the 4-H Youth Development program and serve as an advocate for youth.

Article III

Membership

Section 1: Composition

The membership shall consist of local volunteer leaders, men and women, adults and youth, sponsors and other community leaders. Membership on the council shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation or handicap.

Section 2: Role of the 4-H Professionals

The 4-H professionals shall be ex-officio members of the council and the executive committee, without the privilege of voting or holding office. The 4-H professional shall interpret local program needs, University and Extension policies and state-wide programs and schedules and shall have final oversight of all council decision/policies. Additionally, the 4-H professional shall have signature oversight authority on all Council financial and investment accounts.

Article IV

Officers

Section 1: Officers

The current officers of the Council shall be the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer

Section 2: Term of office

The officers shall be elected at a predetermined annual meeting for a term of two years. Officers may be elected for a second term, but will not be eligible to serve more than four consecutive years.

Article V

Executive Committee

The current officers of the Council and the immediate past president shall make up the executive committee.

Article VI

Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Council shall be held as established by the executive committee.

Article VII

Committees

Committees deemed necessary by the council shall be appointed by the chair. The members of all standing committees shall serve for a period of one year, such period to be concurrent with the fiscal year of the Council. Ad hoc committee members shall serve in accordance with the charge to that committee.

