**CONSTITUTION for the WESTERN BIG 6 CONFERENCE**

*{Adopted January 8, 1969}*

**Article I – Name**

 Section 1

 The name of this organization shall be the WESTERN BIG 6 HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

**Article II – Purpose**

 Section 1

 The purpose of this Conference shall be to foster, promote and regulate interscholastic activities among the member schools.

**Article III – Membership**

 Section 1

 The member schools of the Conference shall be:

 Alleman Catholic High School, Rock Island, Illinois

 Galesburg High School, Galesburg, Illinois

 Geneseo High School, Geneseo, Illinois

 Moline High School, Moline, Illinois

 Quincy Senior High School, Quincy, Illinois

 Rock Island High School, Rock Island, Illinois

 Sterling High School, Sterling, Illinois

 United Township High School, East Moline, Illinois

 Section 2

 High schools seeking membership in the Western Big 6 High School Conference shall file a letter of application with the president. This letter of application must be considered by the Board of Control and acted upon at a Conference meeting. Admission to member ship requires six (6) affirmative votes of the eligible voting membership of the Conference.

 Section 3

 The Conference shall be the sole judge of its membership and may suspend or expel a member school by seven (7) affirmative votes of the member schools. The proposal for such action to be presented at a meeting at least 60 days before action. Grounds for suspension or expulsion shall be limited to:

 1). Failure to participate in 65% or more of conference activities;

 2). Failure to pay dues;

 3) Repeated and substantial Failure to comply with the Constitution, By- laws, Rules and Procedures of the Conference; and

 4) Failure to maintain membership in the Illinois High School Association. Revised

 Section 4

 The date of withdrawal of a member school from the Conference must be no earlier than two full school years after the close of the school year in which the letter of intent is filed.

 Section 5

 By invitation of the Board of Control, non-member schools may participate in activities sponsored by the Conference.

**Article IV – Eligibility**

 Section 1

 Member schools of this Conference shall conform to the rules and regulations of the Illinois High School Association.

**Article V – Board of Control –Officers and Committees**

 Section 1

 The Principals of the member schools shall constitute the Board of Control

 Section 2

 The officers shall be a President and Vice President. These officers must be Principals of member schools.

 Section 3

 The Conference shall employ an Executive Secretary.

 Section 4

 Standing committees shall be established by the Board of Control. The President shall be authorized to appoint special committees as needed.

**Article VI – Meetings and Voting**

 Section 1

 There shall be two regular conference meetings during the year — one in the month of September and one the month of March or April. Dates and time to be determined by the host school. Regular meetings shall be attended by members of the Board of Control, Athletic Directors, and/or their representatives. The Athletic Directors will meet one week prior to the two conference meetings.

 Section 2

 Special meetings may be called by the President. Upon request of three or more of the Board of Control, the President shall call special meetings. Special meetings shall be attended by members of the Board of Control or their representatives. The Athletic Directors will meet during the course of the year, as needed, for scheduling purposes.

 Section 3

 A majority of the total membership of the Board of Control shall constitute a quorum.

**Article VII – Term of Office**

 Section 1

 The term of office for all officers shall be for one year, commencing at the conclusion of the old business at the regular September meeting.

 Section 2

 The office of the President shall be rotated annually among the principals of the member schools. The Vice President shall be the principal of the school which is next in rotation. The order of rotation shall be determined by the Board of Control.

**Article VIII – Dues and Assessments**

 Section 1

 The dues of the Conference are due and payable to the Executive Secretary on or before September 15th of each year. Special assessments may be levied by the Board of Control.

**Article IX – Amendments**

 Section 1

 This Constitution may be amended as follows: Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Conference President at least thirty calendar days prior to a Conference meeting. The President shall send copies of the proposed amendment to all member schools at least fifteen days prior to the next Conference meeting. Amendments so submitted shall be acted upon at the next Conference meeting. Six (6) affirmative votes of the Board of Control are necessary for the adoption of such amendments.

**Article X – By-Laws**

 Section 1

 Bylaws, not in conflict with the Constitution, shall be established and shall regulate the various school activities. The bylaws may be added to, changed, or deleted by a majority vote of the Board of Control at a regular or special meeting.