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Section 2. This shall be accomplished through activities conceived and executed to promote an environment of goodwill among the alumni, administration, faculty, parents, community, and other friends of Hudson Catholic. These activities shall include, but not be limited to, activities which are social, religious, and fundraising in nature.

In conjunction with said activities, the Association shall endeavor to maintain communication among all alumni, the school and its administration.

Section 3. The Association dedicates itself to serving both the short and long term financial needs of the Hudson Catholic High School community through substantive organization of, and participation in, Annual Fund activities, as well as Endowment Fund and related development activities.

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Section 1. Graduates of the regular courses of Hudson Catholic High School shall be Active Members in the Association. Only Active Members shall have the right to vote and hold office.

Section 2. All other former students may be Associate Members of the Association.

Section 3. All members of the faculty, former faculty, and parents of alumni shall be Honorary Members of the Association.

Section 4. Any member may be expelled from the Association for cause, as provided for in Section 14. of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV -OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They must be Active Members of the Association. Each shall be elected for a term of two years (in the manner hereinafter provided for). Their terms of office shall begin on August 1 next following their election. They shall hold office until the second following July 31.

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ARTICLE IV -OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They must be Members of the Association. Each shall be elected for a term of three years. The three year term of office will begin on August, 1st and end on July, 31st of the third year/term.

Section 2. No Officer of the Association shall receive remuneration for serving as an

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ARTICLE V-ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. (a) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Association. It shall consist of the Officers of the Association, and the Faculty Advisor. The Executive Committee shall exercise powers and assume the duties of executive management, subject to the voting approval of the Membership Council, as outlined in this Constitution and the By-Laws. The Executive Committee shall render periodic reports to the Membership Council, both voluntarily, and as requested by the Membership Council at least one regularly scheduled meeting date ahead of the reporting date.

Officer or be compensated for expenses incurred to attend meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE V-ADMINISTRATION Section 1.

- (a) There shall be four Officers of the Association who shall exercise powers and assume the duties of executive management, as outlined in this Constitution and the By-Laws. There shall also be an Alumni Liaison, appointed by the President and/or Principal of Hudson Catholic High School to represent the school and advise the Officers of the Association.
- (b) The Officers of the Association will endeavor to solicit a volunteer Brother Advisor to participate in the events and activities of the Association. Preferably this volunteer should come from among the Brothers who have worked at Hudson Catholic or who may be known to the Officers of the Association. This request should be made in writing to the Brother Visitor of the District of Eastern North America as the need arises.
- (c) The Officers of the Association will endeavor to solicit an Alumni Association Legal Counsel. This position shall be a voluntary position fulfilled by one or more Members of the Association. The request for volunteers to fulfill the position of Alumni Legal Counsel shall come from the Officers of the Association to all qualified Members of the Association.

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Section 2. (a) There shall be a Membership Council which shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the immediate Past President, any Active Member who has attended at least one prior Association meeting within the last two years, any Active Member who has been appointed to a working committee or position installed or recognized by the Executive Committee.

The Membership Council shall manage the ongoing affairs of the Association. All members of the Membership Council shall enjoy voting privileges at Association meetings.

Section 3. The President shall provide the necessary and customary leadership to the Association through the offering of policy and strategy, and provision of focus in all Association activities. The President shall also have the authority to establish Working Committees and appoint the members to such committees subject to confirmation by a quorum of the Executive Committee, a quorum being defined as a simple majority of the five members of the Executive Committee.

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Section 5. While the Membership Council shall be responsible for the investment and care of the funds of the Association, the Treasurer shall render a report on interim financial activities of the Association, no less than every 60 days, at regularly scheduled meetings, and shall publish a formal, annual report of the financial activities and condition of the Association (including, but not limited to, a Statement of Cash Flows and Balance Sheet), as of the July 31 fiscal year-end, for presentation to the Membership Council at the regularly scheduled September meeting.

Section 6. The Secretary shall perform all duties of a recording and corresponding nature including but not limited to maintaining accurate records of Association meetings, disseminating the minutes thereof, notifying Members of the meeting dates and agenda, as well as announcing procedures for nominating and electing Association Officers and providing for the tallying and certification of the vote(s).

Section 7. (a) The Membership Council shall prepare and adopt a series of By-Laws, which shall govern all procedures under this Constitution including those of the Executive Committee, Membership Council, and Working Committees established by the Executive

Treasurer.

Section 5. While the Officers of the Association shall be responsible for the investment and care of the funds of the Association, the Treasurer shall render a report on interim financial activities of the Association, no less than every 60 days, at regularly scheduled meetings. The Treasurer shall also work with the Association's independent CPA to construct and submit all required financial and statutory documents to government authorities. The Treasurer shall prepare monthly Financial Reports (FRP's) to be presented at each regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall also provide an annual summary of Income and Expenses based upon the Association's fiscal year to the Officers and Members of the Association.

Section 6. The Secretary shall perform all duties of a recording and corresponding nature including but not limited to maintaining accurate records of Association meetings, disseminating the minutes thereof, notifying Members of the meeting dates and agenda, as well as announcing procedures for nominating and electing Association Officers, or Member petitioning of any type.

Section 7. The Officers of the Association and all Members shall operate according to the By-Laws of the Association, which shall govern all procedures under this Constitution. Such By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the votes cast by

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Committee. Such By-Laws shall be adopted and may be amended by a majority of the votes cast by Membership Council members at a stipulated meeting. The text of any proposed Amendment to the By-Laws shall be mailed to each member of the Membership Council at least 30 days before the meeting at which the vote is conducted and tallied, to allow appropriate time for consideration by the Membership Council and floor discussion at the Regular Meeting preceding the meeting at which the vote is conducted and tallied.

of any proposed Amendment to the By-Laws shall be provided by electronic means and published on the website, www.hawkalumni.org. They shall be made publicly available at www.hawkalumni.org to each of the Members at least 30 days before the meeting at which the vote is conducted and tallied. This is to allow appropriate time for consideration by the Members and floor discussion at the Regular Meeting preceding the meeting at which the vote is conducted and tallied.

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ARTICLE VI -ELECTIONS

Section 1. The elected Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Every two years the Executive Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees for each of the elective positions for which vacancies occur.

Section 3. Additional nominations may be made by petition. The names of such nominees shall be placed on the official ballot provided that the petition is signed by at least ten Active Members and that petition is received by the Secretary one week prior to the scheduled nominating meeting or April 1st, whichever is earlier. The Secretary shall have the responsibility of certifying the validity of petitions.

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Section 4. The Secretary shall have the responsibility for seeing that the election is held according to the provisions of this Constitution and for certifying the results thereof.

Section 5. (a) Elections of Officers shall be by individual letter ballots sent by mail to all Active Members and a plurality vote of Active Members' returns received on or before the date of the Association meeting at which elections are held, plus ballots cast by Active Members in attendance at the Election Meeting. Such ballots shall be sent to all Active Members no later than 30 days prior to the election date. Each member who votes shall indicate on the ballot the names of those for whom he wishes to vote. He shall mail the ballot to the Association. His signature, printed name, and year of graduation, and address shall appear on the outside of the mailing envelope. Only ballots so prepared in this way shall be counted.

No Active Member may vote more than once. ~ The Secretary shall verify the standing of the voters and shall be responsible for Section 4. The Officers of the Association shall have the responsibility for seeing that the election is held according to the provisions of this Constitution. The President shall appoint two Members to act as the Vote Tabulation Committee, whose duties shall be to oversee and conduct the counting of all votes. None of the Members of the Vote Tabulation Committee appointed by the Association President shall be a nominee on the election ballot. The Vote Tabulation Committee's sole function shall be to count all of the votes submitted. The deadline for electronic voting and the casting of Electronic Ballots, shall be at 11:59 PM of the Friday before the June Election Meeting.

Section 5.

- (a) Voting on a proposed petition to amend the Constitution and By-Laws shall be conducted as detailed in Article VI.
- (b) Election Ballots shall be sent via electronic means (Email) to all Members of the Association no later than 45 days prior to the date of the June Election Meeting. Access to vote on the Hawk Alumni website at WWW.HAWKALUMNI.ORG, (or its successor) shall be likewise provided no later than 45 days prior to the June Election Meeting date. The period of Electronic Voting shall have a cut off date as per Article VI Section 4.
- (c) No Member may vote more than once. The Vote Tabulation Committee shall verify the standing of the voters and shall be

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counting all ballots which are cast. Such actions will be subject to verification by the Faculty Advisor so as to ensure the propriety of the election.

The Secretary has authority to challenge the validity of any ballots cast and will consult with the Faculty Advisor of the Executive Committee in ruling on such ballots so as to ensure the propriety of the election.

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(d) Any nominee for an Officer position shall have the right to challenge the validity of any ballots cast and will consult with the Vote Tabulation Committee in ruling on such ballots to ensure the propriety of the election when the Vote Tabulation Committee makes its report of the results of the voting at the Election Meeting.

Section 6.

- (a) An Officer of the Executive Committee may be removed from Office for anyone of the following reasons: breach of fiduciary responsibility conduct that would reflect negatively upon Hudson Catholic abdication of official responsibilities and or conflict of interest.
- (b) The process of removal shall entail three steps:
- A Petition for Removal must be signed by not less than 1% of the Active Members of the Association, or voted by a majority, excluding abstentions, but not less than five, of the

Section 6.

- (a) REMOVAL FROM OFFICE: An Officer of the Association may be removed from office for any one of the following reasons.
 - 1. Breach of fiduciary responsibility.
 - 2. Abdication or abandonment of official obligations and duties of office.
 - 3. For conflict of interest.
 - 4. Having been convicted in a State or Federal Court of a felony crime.
- (b) The process of removal of an Officer shall entail seven steps:
 - 1. A comprehensive statement ("petition for removal") of the reason(s) for removal of an Officer(s) shall be developed by an Officer or

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Membership Council attending the meeting at which the petition is voted upon, and must contain a comprehensive statement of the reasons for the Petition for Removal.

- The subject of the Petition for Removal shall be formally notified within 10 days and given the opportunity to address the Faculty Advisor, School Administration, or Membership Council prior to the decision and/or vote for removal.
- Said Petition must be subject to independent review for adequacy and approved for voting by the Faculty Advisor and School Administration. The Faculty Advisor and School Administration will not be required to state reasons for said approval.
- The approved Petition for Removal will be presented and voted upon at the next regular meeting (or special meeting, if called) of the Membership Council, and must receive a two-thirds vote of the Membership Council attending said meeting to be valid.
- (c) Removal shall be effective immediately upon receipt of the two-thirds percentage of votes cast in favor of removal as provided herein. In the event of the removal of, or vacation from office by, the President, the interim succession process shall proceed in accordance with the rules prescribed in Article V, Section 4 herein. The election of a successor to serve the remainder of the current President's term shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Association. Candidates may declare themselves, or be nominated by the Executive Committee and Faculty Advisor at any time prior to the time ballots are cast. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast by Members of the Membership Council in attendance shall be elected as

Officers of the Association. All Members of the Association shall have the right to petition the Officers of the Association for the removal from office of any officer(s) based upon the reasons stated in Article VI Section 6 (a). A Member of the Association must provide in writing, a petition to remove an officer(s) based upon the reasons stated in Article VI Section 6 (a), which bears the names and signatures of twelve Members of the Association in addition to the name and signature of the Member making the ("petition for removal"), to the

2. Said statement ("petition for removal") of removal shall be submitted in writing to all Officers. The subject(s) of the statement ("petition for removal") shall be given notice, in writing, at least ten days prior to the Association meeting at which the statement ("petition for removal") will be scheduled for discussion and vote.

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- 3. The ("petition for removal") shall be taken up as New Business on the meeting agenda of a regular or special meeting of the Association, at which time the subject of the ("petition for removal") shall be given an opportunity to address the Association.
- 4. The matter will be scheduled for a vote at a subsequent Regular Meeting

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successor President.	of the Association or a Special Meeting called by the President, no less than thirty days hence, to allow for development of additional information pertinent to and in consideration of the charges stated in the ("petition for removal") of the charged officer(s).
	5. At the meeting referenced in Article 6 - Section 6 (b) step #4. a vote will be held among the remaining Officers, and a majority vote will effect a result for or against the ("petition for removal"). The officer named in the ("petition for removal") shall be denied voting privileges at this meeting. In the case of a majority vote, by the remaining Officers of the Association, to uphold the ("petition for removal") from office, the presiding officer shall call for a vote by all Members of the Association in attendance at the meeting on the matter at hand, the ("petition for removal"). The vote by all Members of the Association present at the meeting shall be conducted by a secret ballot. The presiding officer shall appoint two Members to count and verify the results of the secret balloting on the ("petition for removal") of the officer. A simple majority of the votes cast, not inclusive of abstentions, by the Members voting by secret ballot at
	the meeting shall determine whether the officer(s) named in the petition are to be, "removed from-

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(REMOVED)" or "to remain in-(REMAIN)", their office.

- 6. Should a ("petition for removal") pertain to multiple officers, simultaneously, then the remaining Officer(s) shall vote, to carry or defeat the motion. In the event such vote results in a tie, the deciding vote, on the ("petition for removal") will be cast by the Alumni Association's Legal Counsel if in attendance. If the Association's Legal Counsel is not in attendance or abstains from voting on the ("petition for removal"), then a simple majority of the votes cast, not inclusive of abstentions, by the Members in attendance at the meeting, shall determine to uphold or dismiss the ("petition for removal").
- 7. Removal from office shall be effective immediately upon the result of simple majority of the votes cast, <u>not inclusive of abstentions</u>, by the Members voting by secret ballot at the meeting.
- (c) In the event of the removal of, or resignation from office by the President, the interim succession process shall proceed immediately in accordance with the rules prescribed in Article V, Section 4 herein. In the event of the removal of, or resignation from office by any other elected Officers of the Association, the President will confer with the remaining officers and then appoint a successor to fill the office for the remaining term of office.
- (d) In the event of the resignation or

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ARTICLE VII -INCOME

Section 1. The income of the Association shall be derived from various fundraising activities as may be sponsored and operated by the Association on its own behalf, and/or from proceeds of the Annual Fund, if necessary, as may be agreed, from time to time, between the Executive Committee of the Association and representatives of the School Administration.

Section 2. It is recognized that the objective of the Annual Fund is to provide income to the Administration of Hudson Catholic High School for the purpose of meeting such operating expenses that are not provided for by the permanent Endowment of the School and to provide monies for whatever discretionary purpose the school's administration may see fit to pursue in its fiduciary capacity, including, but not limited to, emergency funding requests of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meetings of the Association shall be held at such times and places as may be selected by the Membership Council. An effort will be made to hold meetings on the first Monday of each month, September through June, at Hudson Catholic High School.

removal from office of all four Officers of the Association, the Association's Legal Counsel will call for a Special Election in conference with a committee of Past Presidents of the Association to facilitate the conduct of a Special Election.

ARTICLE VII -INCOME

Section 1. The income of the Association shall be derived from various events and or fundraising activities as may be sponsored and operated by the Association on its own behalf, and/or from gifts and donations to the Association.

ARTICLE VIII -MEETINGS

Section 1. The meetings of the Association shall be held at such times and places as may be selected by the Officers of the Association. An effort will be made to hold meetings at Hudson Catholic High School or a location determined suitable for the

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The Association will endeavor to meet a minimum of six (6) times per annum.

Section 2. Voting at the meetings of the Association shall be limited to Active Members, as described in Article III, Section 1, who shall have attained membership on the Membership Council in a manner described in Article V, Section 2(a). The procedure shall be as described in Section 3. of the By-Laws.

Section 3. Three out of five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Association.

Section 4. Meetings of the Association may be held at such times as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Constitution. They shall be held at such time as any quorum of the Executive Committee may determine, but only on 10 days' notice to all Members of the Membership Council. The method of calling special meetings is specified in Section 3. of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX -COMMITTEES

Working Committees as may be desirable shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 13. of the By-Laws. Such appointments are subject to review and confirmation by the Executive purpose of conducting the business of the Association by the Officers of the Association. The Officers of the Association will endeavor to conduct regular Membership meetings of the Association a minimum of six times per year in person and/or via audio/video teleconferencing.

Section 2. Voting at the meetings of the Association shall be limited to Members, as described in Article III, Section 1.

Section 3. Three out of the four Officers of the Association shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Association.

Section 4. Meetings of the Association may be held at such times as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Constitution. They shall be held at such times as indicated in Article VIII Section 1.

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ARTICLE X -AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by:

A two-thirds vote of the Membership Council, or A petition signed by not less than 1% of the Active Members of the Association.

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Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Officers of the Association and or a petition by any Member of the Association who has acquired thirteen (13) signatures of Members of the Association. Said petition shall be presented in writing to the President of the Association and shall include specifics of the proposed change in the Amendment. No Member of the Association shall be permitted to propose an Amendment which shall result in a personal benefit to him or her self or any other Member of the Association.

Section 2. A proposal for Amendment shall be mailed by the Secretary to each Active Member not less than 30 days prior to a specified regular or special meeting of the Association at which the proposed Amendment shall be scheduled to be voted on. The mailing shall include a letter ballot, and the Secretary shall be instructed to report the results of the balloting to the said Association meeting.

Section 2. Upon receipt, by the President, of a petition in writing, to amend the Constitution and or By Laws of the Association, the President shall place said petition on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the Association no later than forty-five days from the date of receipt. The opportunity for debate and discussion by the Officers of the Association and the Members who are the presenting signatories of the petition shall be an item of "New Business" on the agenda of the aforementioned meeting.

Section 3. Voting shall be conducted as detailed in Article VI, Section 5.

Section 3. The text of the petition shall be made available to all Members of the Association on the Association's website, www.hawkalumni.org, or its successor, by the Secretary of the Association. The text of

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Section 4. An Amendment shall become effective only upon receiving affirmative votes of two thirds of the total votes cast by Active Members of the Association, but not less than five. No ballots received after the opening of the specified regular or special meeting of the Membership Council shall be counted.

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the petition shall be posted on the Association's website within seventy-two hours of the receipt of the petition by the President of the Association.

Section 4. The vote to accept or reject the proposed language of the petition to amend the Constitution and or By-Laws of the Association shall take place at the next regular meeting of the Association following the meeting date at which the petition was presented as an Agenda item of "New Business".

Section 5. Voting rights on the proposed petitions language to amend the Constitution and By Laws shall be conducted as detailed in Article VI, Section 5.

Section 6. The President shall appoint three Members of the Association present at the meeting (one of which to be a petitioner of the amendment, if possible), as a Vote Tabulation Committee whose sole duty is to count the votes cast by a secret ballot of all those present at the meeting. The Vote Tabulation Committee shall report the results of the vote to accept or reject the language of the proposed change of the Association's Constitution and By Laws. Accepting the proposed change shall be by a "YEA" vote in writing. Rejecting the proposed change shall be by a "NAY" vote in writing.

Section 7. The proposed Amendment's language change of the Constitution and By Laws of the Association shall become

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BY-LAWS OF THE HUDSON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. Each Member should promptly notify the Alumni Office Faculty Advisor of any change in address. All notices shall be sent to the latest address of each Member. Members shall be held to have received notices three days after mailing.

Section 2. (a) The Executive Committee may submit for publication in the Hudson Catholic Quarterly or its successor publications, as a effective immediately upon determination that the "YEA" votes have a plurality of the votes cast.

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BY-LAWS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HUDSON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, INC.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. Each Member should promptly notify the Alumni Office of any change in contact information including, USPS address, email address and phone number(s). All notices and communications from the Alumni Association may be sent to the latest USPS address and/or email address of each Member. Members shall be held to have received notices from the Alumni Association three days after USPS mailing or electronic transmission.

Section 2. The Officers of the Association as a means of ongoing communications to and among the Association's Membership utilize

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means of ongoing communications to and among its membership, such reports as it may deem to be of general interest, such as financial reports, contributor acknowledgements, Association meeting minutes, election nominations and results, and proposed Constitutional Amendments.

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS

Section 3. Dates and places for Regular Meetings of the Membership Council shall be determined by the Executive Committee or by the Membership Council. Notices of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary to all Membership Council Members at least 10 days in advance. Dates and places for Special Meetings of the Membership Council may be determined by the Executive Committee or by the Membership Council. Notices of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary to all Membership Council Members at least 10 days in advance.

Petitions from Membership Council Members for Special Meetings of the Membership Council shall be received by the Secretary. A valid petition requires at least five Active Members. Petitions shall be in writing. Arrangements for the meeting shall be made by the Secretary. He shall consult with the petitioners concerning details of time and place, and shall send out notices to all Membership Council Members in a reasonable amount of time, i.e., 30 days, between the approval of the petition and the Special Meeting date, as events may allow. Voting at Membership Council Meetings shall be by voice. The presiding officer may, in his own discretion, call for a show of hands or a vote by secret ballot.

the Association's web site for all notices and events that they deem to be of general interest to all Members. The Alumni Association's "Official" website shall be the primary method of posting notices.

Section 3.

- (a) Dates and places for Regular Meetings and/or Special Meetings of the Association shall be determined by the Officers of the Association. Notices of such meetings shall be posted by the Secretary on the Alumni Association's web site and social media outlets. Notices of an upcoming meeting will be posted at least 7 days (one week) prior to the date of the Association's Meeting.
- (b). Petitions from Members for Special Meetings of the Association shall be received by the Secretary. A valid petition requires the signatures of at least five Members. Petitions shall be submitted in writing. Arrangements for the meeting shall be made by the Secretary in consultation with the other Officers of the Association. The Officers of the Association shall determine if the petition is valid and if so, the Secretary shall provide notice of a Special Meeting to all Members within 30 days of the approval of the petition by the Officers.
- (c). The method of voting at meetings shall be determined by the presiding officer. Whenever the vote is by secret ballot, the

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Whenever the vote is by secret ballot, the Secretary shall preside over the distribution of ballots, counting the votes, and otherwise conducting the operation of the election, subject to verification by the Faculty Advisor of the Executive Committee.

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Secretary shall preside over the distribution of ballots, counting the votes, and otherwise conducting the operation of the vote by secret ballot, subject to verification by a second Officer of the Association.

Section 4. The Headquarters of the Association shall be at Hudson Catholic High School.

Section 4. The Office of The Alumni Association Hudson Catholic High School, Inc. shall be at Hudson Catholic High School or a location determined to be appropriate by the Officers of the Association.

Section 5. No member shall be eligible for election to any Office of the Association unless he has been graduated for at least four years before the beginning of his term of office. The President shall not be eligible for election for more than two and one half successive terms as President, inclusive of terms as interim President.

Section 5. All Members of the Association shall be eligible for election to any Office of the Association upon graduation from Hudson Catholic High School. There are no term limits to the position of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall not be eligible for election for more than two successive terms.

Section 6. The President shall normally preside at all meetings of the Association, Membership Council, and Executive Committee. The Vice President shall discharge the duties of the President in the event of his absence or during a vacancy in the Office. The Secretary shall discharge the duties of President in the event of the absence of both the President and Vice President, or during a vacancy in both offices. The Treasurer position falls next and last in order of succession. The President may call Special Meetings of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The President shall normally preside at all meetings of the Association. The Vice President shall discharge the duties of the President in the event of his/her absence or during a vacancy in the Office. The President may call Special Meetings of the Association. The President shall also call Special Meetings of the Association whenever so petitioned in writing by five or more Members of the Association upon approval by a majority of the Officers of the Association. The

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He shall call Special Meetings of the Association whenever so requested by resolution of the Executive Committee or as a result of a written petition signed by a minimum of five Active Members for consideration by the Executive Committee.

President shall provide a minimum of 7 days notice, if possible, for the call of a Special Meeting of the Association.

Section 7. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are empowered to sign written contracts and obligations, provided any two such Officers affix their signatures upon a contract. A contract signed by one Officer of the Association is voidable. Section 7. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are empowered to sign written contracts and obligations provided any two such Officers affix their signatures upon a contract. A contract signed by only one Officer of the Association is void.

Section 8. The Secretary shall: Conduct the correspondence of the Association not otherwise provided for, and shall send ballots to each Active Member as provided in the Constitution and these By-Laws. Issue calls for meetings, regular and special.

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meetings, regular and special. Keep the Minutes of all meetings of the Association, Membership Council, and Executive Committee. Have the Minutes and records of the Association ready for inspection by the Executive Committee, and by any Member of the Association, during the business hours of the Association. Facilitate the ways and means for the Alumni Office to assemble and maintain current records of the names and addresses of the Members of the Association. Notify all Associate and Honorary Members of their enrollment as Members of the Association and send out all other notices as may be necessary in the ordinary course of conduct of the Association's affairs. Submit to the Hudson Catholic Quarterly or its successor publication, or a newspaper of

- (a) Have the Minutes and records of the Association ready for inspection by the officers of the Association as well as by any Member of the Association.
- (b) Facilitate the ways and means for the Association to assemble and maintain current records of the names, addresses and other contact information of the Members of the Association.
- (c) Publish or communicate no later than each third January, a request for Officer nomination petitions and reproduction of Article VI, of the Constitution.
- (d) Publish or communicate, no later than each third April, subsequent to the receipt of nominating petitions and conduct of the Nominating Meeting, as prescribed in Article VI, a notice stating a valid nominated slate(s) of candidates for those offices. This

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general circulation, no later than each second January, a request for Officer nomination petitions and reproduction of Article VI, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Constitution. Submit to the Hudson Catholic Quarterly or its successor publication, or a newspaper of general circulation, no later than each second April, subsequent to the receipt of nominating petitions and conduct of the Nominating Meeting, as prescribed in Article VI, a notice stating which Officers are to be elected and a valid nominated slate(s) of Officers. This shall be accompanied by reproduction of Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution.

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- (e) Work with the other officers to ensure election ballots are provided in accordance with existing provisions in Article 6, Section 5b of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- (f) Conduct any other correspondence of the Association as may be appropriate.

Section 9. The Treasurer shall: Have custody of all of the funds of the Association. Receive all revenues of the Association, pay all bills contracted by the Association, and keep a full and correct record of all receipts and disbursements. Make recommendations to the Executive Committee and Membership Council regarding investment vehicles and transaction timing. Make a report of the financial condition of the Association at no less than every second, but preferably at each regular meeting, and publish an Annual Report, made available at the office of the Faculty Advisor. Perform all other duties pertaining to the Office of the Treasurer not otherwise provided for.

Section 9. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Have oversight of all of the funds of the Association, including receipts and disbursements, and maintain full and accurate records.
- (b) Make recommendations to the Officers of the Association regarding investment vehicles and transaction timing.
- (c) Make a report of the financial condition of the Association at no less than every second meeting. Provide upon request by any Member of the Association, to the Officers of the Association, access to review any and all public filings of financial and statutory documents.
- (d) Perform all other duties pertaining to the Office of the Treasurer not otherwise defined.

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Section 10. The Executive Committee shall: Have executive management authority of the affairs of the Association with the approval of a majority of the Membership Council. Prepare and send out ballots through the Secretary. Have an internal review of the Association's books and records of account rendered at the end of each fiscal year.

Section 11. At the Election Meeting, after the nominees have been given the opportunity to speak, secret ballots shall be solicited from all voting Members, and the Secretary or other Members of the Executive Committee not standing for re-election will count the ballots received both prior to and at the Election Meeting. The results will be validated by the Faculty Advisor. The nominee receiving the higher number of ballots for each office shall be declared elected, and the results of this election shall be announced at the Election Meeting by the Secretary or his designate.

Section 12. In the event of a tie for any office, the Executive Committee shall report the names of those tied at the Election Meeting, and the Association shall then and there vote on the candidates so tied. A majority vote of the members present is necessary for election.

Section 10. The Officers of the Association shall:

- (a) Have executive management authority of the affairs of the Association.
- (b) Have an independent review of the Association's books and records of accounts rendered at the end of each fiscal year by a CPA.

Section 11. The Officers of the Association shall establish such Working Committees as they see fit to effectively and efficiently carry out the mission of the Association. Conversely, such Working Committees may also be disbanded upon the actions of the Officers of the Association. The duties of Working Committees appointed by the President and confirmed by the officers shall be those described by the titles and as assigned by the President and by these By-Laws.

Section 12. The Officers of the Association shall propose at a regular membership meeting the names of any Members of the Association whom they may recommend for termination of membership. A comprehensive statement of the reasons therefore shall accompany the proposal.

The Member named for termination of membership in the Association must be given notice in writing by, the Officers of the Association, at least 30 days prior to

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the meeting, at which the vote to terminate their membership will be called for.

The Member named for termination will be given the opportunity to address the Offices of the Association and all Members in attendance at the meeting where the vote to terminate his or her membership will take place.

The vote by all Members of the Association present at the meeting shall be conducted by a secret ballot. The presiding officer shall appoint two Members to count and verify the results of the secret balloting on the question of termination of the Member. A simple majority of the votes cast, not inclusive of abstentions, of the Members voting by secret ballot at the meeting shall determine whether the Member named shall be "removed from-(REMOVED)" or "to remain in-(REMAIN)", in the Association.

Terminated Members may apply for reinstatement to status on each anniversary of the original vote terminating their membership by submitting their names for consideration to the Officers of the Association. Reinstatement will be voted on as provided for in Section 3 (c) of these By-Laws at the next regular Association meeting. The petitioner will be notified as to the result of the vote by the Secretary of the Association.

Section 13.

(a) The Dissolution of the Association shall occur only on the occurrence of either of the following:

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of the Hudson Catholic Alumni Association. Conversely, such Working Committees may also be disbanded upon the actions of the Executive Committee. The duties of Working Committees appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee shall be those described by the titles and as assigned by the President, the Executive Committee, and by these By-Laws.

- i. At a regularly or specially scheduled meeting, the Officers of the Association may make a motion for discussion and affirmative vote by those present, a resolution for dissolving the association.
- ii. Upon the presentation to the Officers of the Association of a petition signed by not less than 300 of the Members of the Association.

Where the motion and subsequent vote by the association members is brought by a petition of Members, the statement of reasons in favor of dissolution shall be presented to the Officers of the Association 30 days before the ballots are to be provided to the Members, so that the Officers of the Association may consider whether to include a statement with the ballot.

The Secretary shall make available a list of the Members to any Member(s) who requests it for the purpose of soliciting fellow Members to sign the dissolution petition. Such member(s) shall bear all costs associated with acquiring the requisite number of signatures. The petitioners shall bear all costs associated with conducting the vote of the question. Any costs incurred by the Association in this effort must be prepaid to the Treasurer of the Association.

(b) In either occurrence, dissolution will be

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voted by the Members of the Association. Dissolution shall occur only if two-thirds or more of the votes cast favor dissolution. If no vote is provided by a Member of the Association that vote, by default, will revert to the President of the Association, acting as a proxy to vote on behalf of the individual(s).

- (c) The ballot that is provided to all Members shall include the legend:

 "IMPORTANT: VOTE ON ISSUE OF DISSOLUTION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HUDSON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, INC", in underscored bold block letters at the top center of the first page and will include a comprehensive statement of reasons why dissolution is sought. A statement in opposition, if offered, must be included as well.
- (d) To the extent a matter is not addressed in this Section, the vote shall be conducted in the same manner as the vote for the election of the officers of the Association.

Section 14. The Executive Committee shall report to the Membership Council the names of any Active Members of the Association whom it may recommend for termination of membership. A comprehensive statement of the reasons therefore shall accompany the report. The Membership Council shall act thereon as provided for in Section 3. of these By-Laws. Terminated Members may apply for reinstatement to Active status on each anniversary of the original vote terminating their membership by submitting their names for consideration to the Executive

Section 14.

- (a) In the event the Association fails to hold a meeting for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, then dissolution shall occur automatically on the first business day of the twenty-fifth (25th) month after the occurrence of the most recent meeting of the Association.
- (b) Dissolution shall not occur merely by the fact that the Association fails to qualify, for any reason, under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, either

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Committee. Reinstatement will be voted on at the next regular Association meeting, and the petitioner will be notified by mail as to the Council's decision. presently or as that statute may be amended. The fact that the Association fails to qualify under said statute may, however, be cited by any person who requests a vote on the issue of dissolution under Section 13 a-ii, of this section.

- (c) In the event the Association is dissolved, any funds possessed by the Association at such time shall be distributed as follows, in order:
 - i. To pay all outstanding validly incurred debts of the Association.
 - ii. To the general operating fund of the Hudson Catholic Regional High School, or its successor, for disposition according to the administration of Hudson Catholic Regional High School.

In the event that Hudson Catholic Regional High School is not in existence, then to the Brothers of The Christian Schools FSC/DENA, (The Brothers of the Christian Schools District of Eastern North America, 444-A Route 35, South Eatontown, NJ 07724), for disposition only, to one or more schools operated by and/or affiliated with the Brothers of The Christian Schools FSC/DENA.

(d) In the event funds remain, then to any other organization(s) that qualifies under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and whose primary mission is educational in nature. Such organization may be designated by a majority vote of the Officers of the Association and all Members present at a "Special Meeting" called by

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*Section 15. (a) The Dissolution of the Association shall occur only on the occurrence of either of the following:

Dissolution may be voted by the Active Members of the Association. Dissolution in this case shall occur only if two-thirds of more of the votes cast favor dissolution.

- a. The matter may be brought to a vote only by either of the following:
- i. At a regularly or specially scheduled meeting, the Membership Council may, by motion agreed to by a majority of those present, approve a vote on the question. ii. Upon the presentation to the Membership Council of a petition signed by not less than 1% of the Active Members of the Association, the Membership Council shall conduct a vote on the question. The Membership Council shall make available a list of the Active Members to any Active Member who requests for it for the purpose of soliciting fellow Active Members to sign the dissolution petition. Such Active Member shall bear all costs associated with acquiring the requisite number of signatures. The petitioners shall bear all costs associated with conducting the vote of the question, which costs must be prepaid to the

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the Officers of the Association. In the event a quorum of the Officers of the Association cannot be convened, then the designation may be made by the person(s) having legal custody of such funds.

END OF NEW PROPOSED BY-LAW'S TO BE VOTED ON

*Please note that we have combined the concepts in Section 15 (on the left side here) into the above new By-Law's language of Sections 13 & 14. The new By-Law's do note have a Section 15.

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this Section, the vote shall be conducted in the same manner as the vote for the election of the offices of the Association.

c. The ballot that is sent to all Active Members shall: (1) include the legend

"IMPORTANT: VOTE ON ISSUE OF DISSOLUTION OF HUDSON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

ASSOCIATION" in underscored bold block letters at the top center of the first page; and (2) include a comprehensive statement of reasons why dissolution is sought. A statement in opposition, if offered, must be included as well. Where the vote is brought on by a petition of Active Members, the statement of reasons in favor of dissolution shall be presented to the Membership Council fifteen days before the ballots are to be sent to the Active Members, so that the membership Council may consider whether to include with the ballot a statement in opposition. In the event the Association fails to hold a meeting for twenty-four (24) consecutive months, then dissolution shall occur automatically on the first business day of the twenty-fifth (25th) month after the occurrence of the most recent meeting of the Membership Council.

- (d) Dissolution shall not occur merely by the fact that the Association fails to qualify, for any reason, under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, either presently or as that stature may be amended. The fact that the Association fails to qualify under said statute may, however, be cited by any person who requests a vote on the issue of dissolution under section (a) of this section.
- (e) In the event the Association is dissolved, any funds possessed by the Association at such time shall be distributed as follows, in

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order:

To pay all outstanding validly incurred debts of the Association;

To the general operating fund of the Hudson Catholic High School, for disposition according to the administration of Hudson Catholic;

In the event that Hudson Catholic High School is not in existence, or does not use any or all funds, then to the Archdiocese of Newark, for disposition only to the use of one or more parochial schools that exist in Hudson County, then to any other parochial school subject to the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese. In the event that the Archdiocese does not use any or all the funds, then to the De LaSalle Christian Brothers Baltimore Province, for disposition only to the use of one or more schools operated by or with the assistance of the Christian Brothers. In the event funds remain, then to any other organization that qualifies under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and whose primary mission is educational in nature. Such organization may be designated by a majority vote of those persons who had been members of the Membership Council, immediately prior to dissolution, on no less than ten (10) days' telephonic (but not facsimile) or personal notice, or on thirty days' written notice, to such persons. In the event a guorum of the Membership Council cannot be convened, then the designation may be made by the person(s) having legal custody of such funds.

END OF CURRENT BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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