

The Ripon Parents Network Constitution

Founded September 1947; renamed in 2016

Article I

Name and Office

The name of the organization shall be the Ripon Parents Network. The principal office shall be located in the office of Constituent Engagement, Ripon College, Ripon, WI 54971.

Article II

Mission

The mission of the Ripon Parents Network is to promote the welfare and interest of Ripon College's students and families by facilitating communication, promoting networking opportunities, emphasizing Ripon College's goals and educational programs, and providing activities and support that work to build positive relationships between students, families, and Ripon College.

Article III

Membership

Any parent or guardian of a current or former student of Ripon College shall be considered a member of this association automatically.

Article IV

The Ripon Parents Network (RPN)

Section 1:

The management and government of the Association shall be vested in the RPN, comprising parents and guardians. The ideal composition of the Committee shall be representative parents and guardians from each class.

Section 2:

The officers of the RPN, and the Network, shall be the Co-Chairs, Social Media Ambassador and Executive Secretary. The RPN officers shall serve as the steering committee of the RPN and officer elections will be held biannually in the winter. The Co-Chairs and the Social Media Ambassador will be elected by the RPN and shall serve for a term of two years. After the two year term, if no other members want to hold the Co-Chair and Social Media Ambassador roles, the existing leaders may continue in their role. The Executive Secretary shall be elected by the Office of Constituent Engagement.

Section 3:

The RPN shall promote the general welfare and reputation of Ripon College in cooperation with the Executive Secretary and shall:

- Plan an annual Family Weekend on campus at Ripon.
- Encourage prospective students of merit to enroll in Ripon College.
- Publicize the name, philosophy, history, facilities, alumni, faculty, and quality of Ripon College.
- Assist students and former students of Ripon in career development and

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enhance the student experience at Ripon College.

- Work with the College advancement effort by soliciting funds and other gifts from parents and friends of Ripon College.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1:

The general meeting of RPN is open to all parents and guardians. Any special meetings may be called by the Co-Chairs of the Network and the Executive Secretary.

Section 2:

The RPN shall meet at such times and places as determined by the Executive Secretary. The Committee shall meet two times a year, fall and winter.

Article VI

Officers

The Co-Chairs shall preside over all meetings of this Network and perform all other acts and duties usually performed by the executive officer and the committee. In the absence of one Co-Chair, the remaining Co-Chair shall perform the duties of both Co-Chairs and be the sole Chair. The Social Media Ambassador shall preside over all social media engagement with the assistance of the Executive Secretary. In the absence of the Social Media Ambassador, the Executive Secretary shall perform the duties of the Social Media Ambassador. The Executive Secretary shall keep the records of all meetings of the RPN and the Network and shall have general charge and supervision of daily Network business. The Executive Secretary shall serve all meeting notices and perform all other duties as may be prescribed by the Committee.

Article VII

Privileges

In addition to College publications, members of the Network shall receive invitations to an annual Family Weekend and other Ripon College events.

Article VIII

Amendments

This constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the RPN or via email to the RPN by the affirmative vote of a majority of those in attendance or those that respond.

September 30, 1978

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