Choate Rosemary Hall
Alumni Association Bylaws: Proposed Revision

ARTICLE 1: NAME

This Association will be known as the Choate Rosemary Hall Alumni Association. Within this document, the Choate Rosemary Hall Alumni Association will be referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

a) To strengthen the bonds among alumni of all generations
b) To foster pride, open communication, and lifelong relations between Choate Rosemary Hall and its alumni
c) To provide opportunities for social and professional networking
d) To keep alumni connected with the life of the School

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

All graduates from The Choate School, Rosemary Hall, or Choate Rosemary Hall are members of the Association. Those who did not graduate or who left the School before graduating may request membership from the Director of Alumni Relations.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1

The Officers of the Association are comprised of the President, Vice President, Past President, and additional officers as appointed.

Section 2

The Choate Rosemary Hall Executive Director of Development and the Directors of the Development Office, the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations will serve as ex officio Officers of the Association. In addition, a faculty representative appointed by the Dean of Faculty, in consultation with the Development Office, will serve as an ex officio officer.
Section 3

Officers of the Association are empowered to form Ad Hoc Committees and appoint members as necessary to address issues of importance to the Association.

Section 4

Officers meet at least three times each year: in person during fall term and spring terms, at a time and location to be determined by the Association Officers, and by phone during winter term and during summer, if needed, and at other times as deemed necessary by the President.

ARTICLE 5: SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

Candidates for selection are suggested by the staff of the Development and Alumni Relations Office and by current officers to the Nominating Committee. New officers are nominated to fill existing vacancies. The chief criteria for new officers are a demonstrated interest in the School as evidenced by prior volunteer service or other activities on behalf of the School, and attendance of at least two prior Association meetings.

Section 2

The President of the Association will be selected by the Committee on Trusteeship of the Choate Rosemary Hall Board of Trustees. The President will appoint the Vice President of the Association and other Officers, in consultation with the Directors of Development, Annual Fund and Alumni Relations.

Section 3

The President of the Association will be appointed for a two-year term, with the possibility of reappointment for one additional year. The Vice President, Past President, and any additional officers of the Association will be appointed for a two-year term, with the possibility of reappointment for additional terms of two years, as approved by the Committee on Trusteeship.

Section 4

If a mid-term vacancy should occur, the Officers will be informed, and in consultation with the Development Office, will name the replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.
ARTICLE 6: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1

The duties of the President will be:

a) To preside at meetings of the Association
b) To have general supervision of the affairs of the Association
c) To appoint Ad Hoc Committee Chairs and Association Officers as needed
d) To serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees of Choate Rosemary Hall
e) To perform such other duties as may be presented in these articles of Association and Bylaws or assigned to him/her by vote of the Association

Section 2

The duties of the Vice President are:

a) To assist the President in presiding over meetings of the Association
b) In the event of temporary disability of the President, to perform the duties of the President

Section 3

The duties of the Past President are:

a) To lead discussions of the Nominating/Prize Committee and report decisions to the Director of Alumni Relations

Section 4

The duties of all officers are:

a) To attend meetings of the Association
b) To advise and participate in alumni programming and events
c) To represent the School and occasionally speak at Regional Club events
d) To perform other such duties as may be presented in these articles of Association and Bylaws or assigned to him/her by the President
e) To appoint members to the Nominating/Prize Committee
ARTICLE 7: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Section 1

The Executive Committee is comprised of approximately 25 members, including: Association Officers, alumni who reflect the diversity of ages and interests of the alumni body, and members of the Development and Alumni Relations Office.

Section 2

Members of the Executive Committee of the Association serve a two-year term, with the possibility of reappointment for two additional two-year terms, for a total of six years.

Section 3

The duties of the Executive Committee are:

a) To be ambassadors for the School, seeking to improve the relationship between the School and its alumni
b) To advise the Director of Alumni Relations of alumni sentiment, any issues or concerns that come to their attention, ideas to strengthen the alumni network
c) To communicate the news and values of the School to alumni
d) To represent the School at alumni events at the request of the School

ARTICLE 8: NOMINATING/PRIZE COMMITTEE

Section 1

The purpose of the Nominating/Prize Committee is:

a) To develop a pool of candidates whose achievements qualify them for recognition by the School and to share the names with the Director of Alumni Relations
b) To identify, review and present nominees for the Alumni Prize, the Distinguished Service Award and induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame, for submission to the Headmaster and Senior Officers of the School for selection.
c) To attend presentation(s) at which alumni awards are given
d) To perform such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Officers of the Association.

Section 2

The Nominating/Prize Committee meets—either by phone, on-line, or in person—as often as its members deem necessary to perform the Committee’s responsibilities.
ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS

Section 1

With the approval of the Board of Trustees of Choate Rosemary Hall, these Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed, and new or additional bylaws adopted at any meeting of the Executive Committee by a vote of a majority of the members then serving on the Executive Committee, provided that the substance of such change in the Bylaws will have been included in the notice of such meeting.

Addendum on Regional Associations

The Choate Rosemary Hall Alumni Association is empowered to establish Regional Associations in population markets that enjoy a critical mass of alumni as defined by the Development Office. In an effort to convey inclusiveness, a regional association may be referred to as a “network” rather than a “club,” when approved by the Development Office.