

Water Safety USA
Statement of Principles

Who We Are: Water Safety USA is a roundtable composed of longstanding national nonprofit and governmental organizations with a strong record of providing drowning prevention and water safety programs, including public education.

Mission: Empower people with resources, information, and tools to safely enjoy and benefit from our nation's aquatic environments.

Strategy: We collaborate to enhance our individual organizational efforts to promote water safety and prevent drowning.

Membership: Our membership includes Constituent Organizations and Advisory Organizations. Representatives of both types of members may attend meetings, enter fully into discussions, and make proposals. One representative per organization shall be designated as the primary representative, who represents each organization during discussions. The Constituent Organizations are responsible for the ongoing management of Water Safety USA and have one vote per organization.

Proposals for membership must be sponsored by three members. They may be introduced at any scheduled meeting (in-person or telephonic). After the following scheduled meeting, a vote will be conducted. Voting is confidential.

If an organization fails to participate in scheduled meetings for one year, they will be given notice of the expectation of participation. If they continue to fail to participate they may be removed by a unanimous, confidential vote (not including abstentions). Any member may leave the group by informing the other members.

Decision Making: We make decisions by unanimous approval of those voting, with the exception of votes on membership and governance which require a 3/4 majority approval of those voting (not including abstentions).

Meetings: We meet in person, telephonically, and electronically no less than once each year and more frequently as decided by the membership.

Finances: We depend upon the support of our members and if a collective need is established for expenditures of funds we may assess ourselves. We maintain no bank account.

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