

MISSOURI ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I. NAME

The organization shall be known as the Missouri Art Education Association, a unified state with the National Art Education Association.

ARTICLE II. MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Missouri Art Education Association to locally, regionally, and nationally promote, preserve, and perpetuate visual art education.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone interested in visual arts education.

ARTICLE IV. ART EDUCATION DISTRICTS

The district art education associations represent different areas of the state and comprise the Missouri Art Education Association. The districts are #1 Northwest, #2 Northeast, #3 Kansas City Metro, #4 West Central, #5 North Central, #6 Central, #7 East Central, #8 St Louis Metro, #9 Southwest, #10 South Central, and #11 Southeast. (For District information see Bylaws, Article VIII)

ARTICLE V. OTHER ART AND EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS

The Missouri Art Education Association recognizes the existence of other important organizations relating to the teaching, production, and appreciation of the fine arts. The Association empowers its Council to cooperate and collaborate with these organizations as determined appropriate.

ARTICLE VI. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the organization shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom must be active members in good standing.

Section 2. Council

The Council shall be composed of elected officers who are voting members and non-voting members, composed of standing committee chairpersons and Presidential appointees. Fifty percent (50%) of the voting members constitute a quorum. Voting members include President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past-President, one representative from each of the eleven districts, and seven Division Chairpersons. In the absence of a quorum, the executive committee can make decisions for the Council. Non-voting members are appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Executive Committee

Within the Council shall be set up an Executive Committee of seven members composed of the four elected officers—the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Immediate Past-President and two members elected by the Council from the voting Council membership.

Section 4. Terms of Office of Elected Council Members

The terms of office of the President, President-Elect and Immediate Past-President shall be for two years and rotate on even numbered years. They may not be re-elected for consecutive terms. The Secretary, the Treasurer, the District Representatives and the Division Chairpersons shall be elected for a term of two years, rotate on even number years and may be re-elected. No officer may hold two elected offices on the Council simultaneously.

Section 5. Terms of Office of Appointed Council Members

The President can appoint non-voting members to the Council for a period of two years. Appointments must be approved by the Executive Committee and can be reappointed at the discretion of subsequent Presidents.

Section 6. Administrative Period

The administrative period shall begin at the end of the spring conference of an even numbered year and shall end at the end of the spring conference two years hence.

Section 7. Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur in the Presidency, the President-Elect will fill the vacancy. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President-Elect, the Immediate Past-President will assume the duties until the vacancy can be filled by election. If the vacancy in the office of President-Elect occurs within twelve months of the election to office, a nominating committee will be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. A new slate will be prepared and a mail vote conducted within 90 days of the vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, the President will appoint, with the approval of the Council, a qualified person to fill the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the position of District Representative or Division Chairperson, the President will appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a qualified person to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

In the fall prior to an election year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of four members—the Immediate Past-President (acting as chairperson) two elected Council members and one member-at-large. This committee will draw up a slate of candidates of members in good standing for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, District Representatives, and Division Representatives. The current President-Elect will assume the role of President. Members in good standing can submit nominations for all offices to the Nominating Committee. If nominations are not received, the Nominating Committee shall be empowered to select qualified members for the ballot.

Section 2. Voting

All members in good standing shall vote for the President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, one District Representative from their own district, and one division chairperson from their respective division. The election shall be conducted by a hard copy or electronic ballot. All ballots must be presented to members in good standing a minimum of 30 days prior to the spring conference and must be returned to the immediate past-president within 10 days after receiving the ballot. A majority of votes cast is required for election.

Section 3. Tie Votes

In the event of a tie vote, there will be a run-off ballot for that position. If this ballot also results in a tie vote, the Executive Committee will determine the outcome.

Section 4. New Council

At the spring conference immediately following the election, the new President shall call a meeting of the new Council to elect members of the Executive Committee and to make preliminary plans for taking over the Association duties by the new officers and the Council.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Association will be held at a time and place named by the Council. Council meetings will be held at Conference meetings. Special meetings of the Council will be called by the President or upon request of five members of the Council. In case of emergency, authority for action may be secured by hard copy or electronic communication to members in good standing.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint the following committees:

Section 1. Conference Committee

To work with the Council to plan and present Spring and Fall Conference. The Conference Coordinators for each Conference shall act as chairperson(s) and aid in selecting the remainder of the committee.

Section 2. Standing Committees

Including but not limited to Youth Art Month, Advocacy, and Awards.

Section 3. Special Committees and Task Forces

To perform temporary or special duties as needed during the President's term of office.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS
SAME AS SECTION IN BYLAWS

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at a business meeting by the Association by a two-thirds vote of the general membership present and providing that at least 30 days prior to the business meeting notice of such proposed amendment in writing shall have been sent to the membership. If deemed necessary by the Council, voting on an amendment may be conducted by hard copy or electronic ballot provided the membership is informed of the proposed amendment 30 days prior to the voting. Also, the Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any business meeting without notice, but only if the number present and voting exceeds one-half of the active membership.

ARTICLE XI. 501c(3) ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Constitution, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 c2 of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XII. ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes with the meaning of section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.