

MAPA Constitution

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Article 2: Purposes

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Article 3: Membership

Section 1: Membership is available to those chosen at the national level for Presidential Awards in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

Article 4: Organization and Officers

Section 1: The MAPA shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers and elected directors.

Section 2: The officers of the MAPA shall be President, Past President and/or President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3: Four directors shall be elected to represent elementary mathematics, secondary mathematics, elementary science and secondary science.

Section 4: The powers and duties of officers and directors together with the method of their election shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

Article 5: Quorum

Section 1: For a Board of Directors meeting, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. For a general meeting, those members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

Article 6: Amendments

Section 1: Suggestions for amendments to the Constitution may originate in the Board of Directors or may be sent by any member of the organization, along with the signatures of three other members, to the Board of Directors.

Section 2: A proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the membership for adoption or rejection.

Section 3: The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members.

Bylaws

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Article 4: Officers

Section 1: The elected officers of the MAPA shall be President, Past President and/or President-Elect. In addition, a Secretary and a Treasurer shall be chosen from four elected directors.

Section 2: Only those members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office, serve as directors or serve as chairpersons of committees.

Section 3: Four directors shall be elected to represent elementary mathematics, secondary mathematics, elementary science and secondary science.

Section 4: The elected officers, directors, and committee chairpersons shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Article 5: Duties of Officers

Section 1: Except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws, the duties of the various officers shall be those which are customary for such offices.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all business sessions and all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint committee chairpersons subject to the ratification of the Board of Directors. The President, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall have the general charge of the affairs of the organization.

Section 3: The President-elect and/or Past President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence.

Section 4: The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the organization and the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall conduct correspondence of the organization.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all dues and shall receive all other monies due the organization. The Treasurer shall pay all bills authorized but the President and either Past-president or President-elect.

Section 6: An Auditing Committee consisting of three members appointed by the Board of Directors shall audit the financial records annually.

Section 7: The Board of Directors shall transact the business, plan the overall program for the year, make recommendations regarding the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and devise and carry out measures for the growth and welfare of the organization.

Article 6: Committees

Section 1: Committees will be established by the Board of Directors as needed.

Article 7: Nominations and Elections

Section 1: A nominations Committee shall submit the names to the Board of Directors for submission to the membership. Nominations may originate from the floor of the annual meeting. Members may self-nominate.

Section 2: The election of President-elect and four directors shall be by ballot at the annual meeting. In the event that the position of an elected officer or director is vacated, the President shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next regular meeting. The appointment shall not preclude the election of the appointee to two consecutive terms.

Section 3: All officers and directors shall hold office for two years.

Section 4: No officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. An interval of two years shall elapse before a member is again eligible for reelection to the same office.

Article 8: Meetings

Section 1: There shall be at least one meeting of the MAPA organization each year. One meeting shall be designated the annual business meeting.

Section 2: Additional special meetings may be scheduled by the Board of Directors as a need arises.

Section 3: Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held by conference calls or telecommunications.

Article 9: Dues

Section 1: The annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Members whose dues are current are considered members in good standing.

Article 10: Fiscal Year

Section 1: The fiscal year of this organization shall end as of the thirty-first of December of each year.

Article 11: Amendments

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to every member at least ten days before it is voted upon.

Section 2: These bylaws may be amended at any meeting without previous notice by a two-third vote of the total membership.

Article 12: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: In all questions of Parliamentary Law not covered by the Constitution and By-laws, Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised, shall prevail.

Article 13: Dissolution of the Association

Section 1: In the event of the termination or dissolution of the MAPA, the Board of Directors shall distribute the remaining assets of the association to one or more of the following organizations or agencies: the National Science Teachers Association, any agency of the United States government which is interested in mathematics or science education, any organization which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or successor provisions thereof) and which is interested in mathematics and science education.