

BY-LAWS (adopted MARCH, 2009)

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATORS, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Association shall be Michigan Association of Middle School Educators, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators is to instruct individuals and groups of educators for the purpose of improving or developing their understanding of middle level schools, and to instruct the public on what a middle level school is through discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures and printed materials. Information concerning the middle school will be based upon learning theory, child development research, and other pertinent middle level school research. The Association will foster an awareness of the needs of young adolescents and promote the utilization of resources for their benefit.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Sec. 1. The membership of this association shall be open to anyone interested in the middle level school movement and the needs of young adolescents.

Sec. 2. The membership fee shall be paid annually. The term of membership shall be for a twelve month period.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Past-President, a Treasurer, and fifteen (15)directors. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary procedures of Robert’s Rules of Order.

Sec. 2 At the annual conference election results shall be presented by the President-Elect.

Sec. 3 Only members of the Association shall vote in the election of officers and board members.

Sec. 4 The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years

Sec. 5 The Board of Directors shall serve for a period of three years with one third of the directors being elected each year.

Sec. 6 If the President-Elect comes from the existing Board, the resultant vacancy shall be filled by the Board meeting after the election is certified.

Sec. 7 Any position with only one nominee will not hold an election and the Board will declare such candidates elected. If there are two or more nominees for a vacancy, members eligible to vote for that position will receive a ballot.

ARTICLE V – ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Sec. 1 The annual conference shall be known as the annual meeting of the Association and shall be for the purpose of conducting business that may arise.

Sec. 2 Members of the Association, present and in good standing, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Directors, a Collegiate Middle Level Association representative and the Executive Director ex officio.

Sec. 2 The Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are specific in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Association.

Sec. 3 Members of the Board who are unable to attend board meetings may be replaced. The President may appoint to fill the unexpired term of the member.

Sec. 4 The Board shall appoint an Executive Director. Compensation and responsibilities of the position shall be arranged to the mutual satisfaction of the Board and Executive Director.

Sec. 5 The President, President-Elect, Treasurer and members of the Board of Directors shall have a vote; the immediate Past-President shall have a vote, the Collegiate Middle Level Association representative shall have a vote.

Sec. 6 Ten board members shall constitute a quorum. In addition, there shall be present at the discretion of the President, those whose responsibilities promote the functioning of the Association.

Sec. 7 MAMSE shall be organized according to a regionalized concept, dividing the state into fourteen (14) MAMSE regions.

- a. Each region will be represented on the MAMSE Board of Directors by one person.
- b. There will be one (1) at-large Director

- c. Regional representatives to the MAMSE Board of Directors will be elected only by MAMSE members of that particular region. All MAMSE members will be eligible to vote for officers and the at-large candidate.
- d. Regions shall be designated by numbers, according to the accompanying map. (Ex. MAMSE-region #9).
- e. Regions shall be organized according to Board policy, but shall at least include an overall regional coordinator. Regions will be encouraged to conduct drive-in conferences, seminars, workshops, and other activities aimed at promoting middle level education, as set forth in MAMSE Board Policy and Administrative Guidelines.

Sec. 8 The Collegiate Middle Level Association (CMLA) representative will be selected by CMLA with MAMSE Board approval and serve for a one year term.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Sec. 1 A Membership Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The Chairperson shall report periodically to the Board. The Membership Chairperson if not already on the Board, shall attend Board meetings ex officio.

Sec. 2 Such other Chairpersons, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President of the Association or the Board as from time to time shall deem necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The President “or his/her designee” and Executive Director shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Rules contained in the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

An amendment to the bylaws may be proposed at any time by a majority of the Board of Directors or by any member in good standing at the annual meeting of the Association, provided that a majority of the membership in attendance supports the proposal.

A proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be submitted to the general membership for a vote during the annual election.

To take effect, the amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the ballots cast.