



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION
FOR
GIFTED CHILDREN
(MAGC)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article I

NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1: This organization shall be known as the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children (MAGC), hereafter referred to as the association. It shall be incorporated under laws of the State of Mississippi as a private, non-profit corporation.
- Section 2: The purposes of this organization shall be to:
- A. Serve as a public advocate concerning the needs of the gifted.
 - B. Serve the State of Mississippi in the development and improvement of programs for the gifted by keeping parents, teachers, institutions of higher learning, and the general public aware of the need to provide appropriate experiences for these students.
 - C. Disseminate ideas on programs, projects, and research on the gifted.
 - D. Encourage local chapter organizations throughout the state to develop and provide support for gifted education in their communities.
 - E. Serve as a catalyst in educational growth and stimulation of the membership.
 - F. Work for improvement in all areas of education and for better educational opportunities for all children.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1: Membership shall be open to all interested in the purposes of the association as stated in Article I.
- Section 2: There shall be annual dues, the amount and effective dates to be determined by the executive board.

Article III

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1:
- A. The officers of the association shall be president, president-elect, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer.
 - B. Officers will be elected at the annual conference according to the following schedule:
 - 1. President, president-elect, and vice president shall be elected every year for a one-year term.
 - 2. Even years: Recording Secretarytwo-year term
 - 3. Odd years: Corresponding Secretarytwo-year term
 - 4. Annually: Treasurer.....unlimited term
 - C. Term of duty for officers shall begin on the day immediately following their election.
 - D. No officer shall be eligible to serve more than one consecutive term in the same office, with the exception of treasurer.
 - E. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the remaining members of the executive board.

Article IV

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- Section 1:
- A. The president shall preside at all meetings of the executive board and of the association, shall perform all other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by the executive board, and shall coordinate the work of the officers.
 - B. The president-elect shall act as an aide to the president, shall perform duties of the president in case of absence or inability to serve, and shall serve as chairperson of the Conference Committee.
 - C. The vice president shall assist the president-elect with the annual conference and shall serve as chairperson of the Awards/Scholarship Committee.

- D. The recording secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and shall perform such duties as may be delegated.
- E. The corresponding secretary shall manage all written correspondence of the executive board and shall perform such duties as may be delegated.
- F. The treasurer shall receive all money of the association, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements, shall forward new memberships to the membership chairperson, shall serve as chairperson of the Budget Committee, and shall make a full report at the annual conference.
- G. The immediate past president or a designee shall serve as chairperson of the Bylaws and Policies Committee and shall conduct an officers' training session in conjunction with the annual conference or the first executive board meeting thereafter.

Article V

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The executive board shall consist of:
- A. The elected officers of the association, the immediate past president, and the chairpersons of all standing committees. Other past presidents may serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the executive board.
 - B. The president shall select a Nominating Committee three (3) months prior to the conference, consisting of five (5) members, no more than three (3) of whom shall be from the executive board. This committee shall provide a nominee for each office to be filled. Recommendations may be solicited from the membership, the executive board, and other supporters of gifted education.
 - C. In order to transact business at an executive board meeting, a quorum of the voting membership shall be present. Said quorum shall include at least three (3) elected officers. They may transact any business, including authorization to spend funds of the association and to authorize and appoint additional committees.
 - D. Each voting member of the executive board shall have one (1) vote. A telephone or an email vote of all executive board members may be conducted by the president when deemed appropriate.

Article VI

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 1.
- A. The standing committees shall be Advisory Board, Affiliates, Awards/Scholarships, Bylaws/Policies, Conference, Curriculum, Legislative, Membership, Public Relations, Publications, Staff Development, Supportive Funding, and Task Force.
 - B. Other ad hoc committees may be established at the president's discretion. Nominations, Budget, and Audit Committees shall be appointed each year three (3) months prior to the annual conference.
 - C. The president shall appoint chairpersons of standing committees not otherwise chaired by elected officers within two (2) months of election date. The president may choose to combine committee responsibilities as deemed appropriate.
- Section 2.
- A. The Advisory Board Committee shall disseminate information to advisory board members.
 - B. The Affiliate Committee shall foster and encourage contact with affiliate Groups and maintain a current speakers' bureau.
 - C. The Awards/Scholarships Committee shall seek, advertise, and process applications for awards, scholarships, and grants as established by the association and shall make said recommendations to the executive board for approval. Chairperson: Vice President.
 - D. The Bylaws/Policies Committee shall review the Constitution and Bylaws and Policies and Procedures annually and recommend needed changes to the executive board. Chairperson: Immediate Past President or designee.
 - E. The Conference Committee shall assist the president-elect and vice president with conference responsibilities.
 - F. The Curriculum Committee shall review current research data relative to appropriate program practice and curricular trends in gifted education and disseminate the information as appropriate.
 - G. The Legislative Committee shall develop and execute a plan for advocacy for the association.
 - H. The Membership Committee shall develop a statewide plan for membership, maintain accurate records of the membership, and provide membership cards.

- I. The Public Relations Committee shall develop a systematic plan for extended awareness to public and private sectors, promote the association utilizing all media resources, and maintain historical records for the association.
- J. The Publications Committee shall publish a newsletter and attend to other mass mailings for the association.
- K. The Staff Development Committee shall plan and execute training sessions for teacher groups upon request as well as provide quality information on topics in gifted education.
- L. The Supportive Funding Committee shall develop an annual plan for a broader financial base through corporate sponsors, foundations, private funding, and fundraising activities.
- M. The Task Force Committee shall develop short- and long-range plans to determine the prospective needs and directions of the association.

Article VII

MEETINGS

- Section 1: Regular meetings of the executive board shall be held at least quarterly at a time and place designated by the president.
- Section 2: Special meetings of the executive board may be called at the discretion of the president. Special meetings may also be called by a majority of the members of the executive board upon two (2) weeks written notice. The call shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting and the matters to be considered.
- Section 3: The annual business meeting shall be held during the annual conference. There shall be at least one conference very year, to be called and planned by the executive board with the president-elect serving as the conference director.
- Section 4: The president or the president's designee may attend the annual conference of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) and receive board-approved expenses. Expenses for other professional meetings may be paid at the discretion of the executive board.

Article VIII

AFFILIATES

- Section 1:
- A. Parents of gifted children or other concerned citizens wishing to associate with this state organization may form an affiliate. An affiliate must govern itself in accordance with the bylaws of MAGC.
 - B. Each affiliate must submit a registration form annually to the state association to maintain affiliation.
 - C. The affiliate may have representatives at the annual conference and is encouraged to send a representative to at least one executive board meeting per year.

Article IX

AFFILIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Section 1: The executive board may establish affiliation with national and international professional organization by majority vote of a quorum present at a meeting, may elect such representatives thereto as are necessary and proper, may authorize the payment of appropriate fees for such affiliation, and, by majority vote of those present at a meeting, may terminate such affiliation when it is not in the interests of the association to continue the affiliation.

Article X

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- Section 1: The most recent edition of *Roberts' Rules of Order* shall be the authority in all questions of parliamentary procedure.

Article XI

AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: These bylaws may be amended at the annual conference of the association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendments shall have been given to each member of the association and each member of the executive board at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting at which action is taken. In addition, these bylaws may be amended through a mail ballot of all active members of the association. If a

mail ballot is used, the amendment shall be declared passed if it is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those members whose votes are received.

Section 2: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall conduct and supervise the vote on amendments and report the results to the executive board and to the membership through the regular communication network of the association.

Section 3: Unless otherwise provided in the amendment itself, amendments shall become effective at the next meeting of the executive board when the Constitution and Bylaws Committee reports the results of the vote to the board.

Article XII

POLICIES AN PROCEDURES

Section 1: Policies and Procedures shall provide the specific guidelines necessary for the detailed operation of the association and shall be in accord with the organization's Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2: Policies and Procedures of the association shall be reviewed annually by a committee appointed by the president, with the immediate past president or a designee serving as chairperson. Any changes in the Policies and Procedure shall be recommended to the executive board by this committee and approved by a majority vote of executive board members present and voting at the meeting at which the change is proposed.

Article XIII

DISSOLUTION

Section 1: In the event of dissolution of the association, the executive board shall pay from the organization's funds all debts and liabilities of the association. All remaining assets shall be utilized in the form of student scholarships or teacher grants in the method established in Policies and Procedures of the association. The last executive board would select the administrator of the fund. If there are remaining debts in excess of available funds, the executive board may declare bankruptcy. Individual executive board members shall assume no personal liability for the debts of the association.