

BYLAWS OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

A COMMITTEE OF THE

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Article I – Name

The name of this MASSP committee shall be the Michigan Association of Student Councils (MASC).

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the MASC is to encourage and facilitate the formation, development and expansion of activities for student leaders, to assist individual member schools in matters directly related to student councils and student activities organization, facilitate the exchange of ideas and experiences between state member schools and the National Association of Student Councils (NASC), and to provide a forum to discuss pertinent issues.

Article III – Authority

The MASC is a committee of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP).

Article IV – Membership

- Section 1: Membership in the MASC shall be open to all public, private and parochial schools in the state of Michigan who pay yearly MASC membership dues.
- Section 2: Membership is attained by the payment of annual membership dues. No person shall on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any of the MASC activities.

Article V – Structure of the Organization

- Section 1: The MASC is an organization of member schools.
- Section 2: The MASC will utilize the organization of the Centers of the MASSP as a vehicle for securing appropriate student representation.
- Section 3: MASC will be governed by the MASC Board of Delegates.

Article VI – MASC Board of Delegates

- Section 1: The MASC Board of Delegates will be composed of:
- a) One high school delegate elected from each MASSP Center who will

- be a voting member.
- b) One Public Relations Officer (PRO), selected by the Board of Delegates at the first fall meeting, from applications submitted by students. The PRO shall serve as historian of the Board, review both MASC and MAHS sides of the website and submit suggested updates to the Director of Student Leadership Services, and will be responsible for the network of correspondence between the Board members.
- c) Middle school delegates will be elected at-large and will be voting members. There will be a maximum of four (4) middle school delegates.
- d) Student Council Advisers from member schools will serve on an activity advisers' committee and be able to give input on activities of the MASC and the Adviser's State Conference. They will be appointed at the beginning of the school year, based on adviser interest, by the Director of Student Leadership as follows:
 - 1. 3 High School Advisers
 - 2. 2 Middle School Advisers
- d) The following will be ex-officio (non-voting) delegates:
 - 1. MASC President (see Robert's Rules)
 - 2. MASSP President-Elect
 - 3. MASSP Director of Student Leadership Services

- Section 2: The duties of the MASC Board of Delegates shall include:
- a) Appoint persons to fill expired terms of the Board of Delegates;
 - b) Review the Annual Audit Report presented by the MASSP Executive Director;
 - c) Determine date, place and program for the annual CONFERENCE WITH INPUT FROM THE HOST SCHOOL;
 - d) Determine the registration fee for the annual conference with input from the host school;
 - e) Serve as a planning board for the promotion, growth, and continued success of the MASC;
 - f) Attend and assist in teaching at the Fall Institutes, Regional Conferences, Annual Conference, and other meetings as determined by the Director of Student Leadership Services.
 - g) Appointed members shall serve on the selection committee for the MASSP Director of Student Leadership Services, when the need for hiring a new director arises.
 - h) Perform other duties as required to further the purposes of the MASC.

Section 3: All Board of Delegates members must be from schools that are members in good standing of the MASC.

Section 4: The Board of Delegates will meet at least twice a year. No official business can be conducted unless two-thirds of the delegates are present.

Section 5: The methods and procedures for selection to the Board of Delegates shall be developed by the MASC Board of Delegates and contained in the Committee's Procedures and Policies.

Article VII – Board of Delegates Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Board of Delegates shall be selected by the Board of Delegates and shall be a President, Vice President, and Secretary. The officers shall serve for a one-year term which shall expire prior to the adjournment of summer camp.

- a) The Board of Delegates' officers will be selected at the first meeting of the Board which is held in May or June after the State Conference.
- b) Individuals interested in applying for the PRO position will submit an application that will be reviewed by the Board at the May/June meeting. The Board will then select one individual NOT already a board member, to take on the PRO position.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of the MASC and of the Board of Delegates.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 4: The Secretary shall record all minutes of all Board of Delegates' meetings which shall be submitted to the Secretary of the MASSP Executive Board and MASSP President-Elect within thirty (30) days of each meeting.

Section 5: The President-Elect of the MASSP shall serve as the Advisor to the MASC and the Board of Delegates.

Section 6: The method of selecting the MASC Board of Delegates' officers shall be determined by a procedure developed by and approved by the MASC Board of Delegates and contained in the Committee's Procedures and Policies.

Article VIII – Director of Student Leadership Services

Section 1: The Director of Student Leadership Services will act as an advisor to the Board of Delegates and MASC and shall report the activities of the organization to the MASSP Board of Directors.

Article IX – Financial Policy

The budget of the MASC will be determined by the following:

- a) The Director of Student Leadership Services shall review the proposed budget with the MASC Board of Delegates.
- b) Discussion of membership dues will be an action item on the post

- annual convention meeting of the MASC Board of Delegates.
- c) Before the MASC budget is presented to the MASSP Board of Directors, input will be given by the MASC Board of Delegates to the Director of Student Leadership Services. This input will be forwarded to the MASSP Board of Directors.
 - e) The fiscal year of the MASC shall coincide with that of the MASSP.

Article X – Removal from Office

Section 1: Any MASC Board of Delegates member is subject to replacement for failure to participate or in the event of his or her inability to fulfill the appointed duties. A replacement delegate shall be appointed by a majority vote of the delegates, and the new delegate shall be from the same Center as the removed delegate.

Article XI – Rules of Order

Section 1: All matters of procedure not specifically covered in the Bylaws shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.

Article XII – Amendments

Section 1: Changes in or additions to the Bylaws will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the MASC Board of Delegates, approval by the Activity Advisors' Committee and adoption by the MASSP Board of Directors.