

BYLAWS MIDWESTERN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ARTICLE I NAME

1. The name of this Association shall be the Midwestern Psychological Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

1. The Association has as its purpose the advancement of Psychology, by the method permitted by the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. There shall be two classes of membership in the Association and those classes shall be Member or Fellow.
2. Those eligible as Members are:
 - a. Individuals who have obtained a doctorate in psychology or are Associates, Members and Fellows of the American Psychological Association, Association for Psychological Science, Psychonomic Society, Society for Research in Child Development, British Psychological Society, Canadian Psychological Association, and any other organization approved by Council on an individual basis. Members of all such organizations shall be admitted as members of the Midwestern Psychological Association upon submission of an application form and one year's dues.
 - b. Graduate students who are enrolled in a recognized graduate program in psychology and are sponsored by a current member of the association. These students shall complete the membership application form and submit at least one year's dues. Upon approval by the Council, they will become members.
 - c. The Council may confer membership upon individuals who, in its judgment, are doing work that is psychological in nature which the Council believes will further the science of Psychology. Such individuals shall complete the membership application form and submit at least one year's dues.

3. Those eligible as Fellows are persons who have made significant and unusual contributions to the science of psychology and/or to the Midwestern Psychological Association and have at least five (5) years' experience subsequent to the doctoral degree. Fellow status shall be determined by the MPA Council and, after approval, those so named shall be announced to the membership as Fellows.
4. Life Members, who shall have all the rights of Members but are exempt from payment of dues:
 - a. Each member who is serving or has served as an elected officer of the Association becomes an honorary Life Member. Life Members shall be exempt from paying any membership dues, beginning with their assumption of office.
 - b. Members wishing to become Life Members shall make written request to the Secretary-Treasurer. Eligible for Life Membership are those who: (1) have been Members of this organization, or of its predecessor, Midwestern Psychological Association, for at least ten consecutive years, (2) have paid dues for the previous year, and (3) reach 65 years of age by October 1 of the year they apply. After having determined that the requirements for eligibility have been met, the Secretary-Treasurer shall enroll the applicant as a Life Member.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

1. All officers must be Members of the Association. They shall be elected by the membership and shall constitute the Council of the Association.

These officers are:

- a. A President-Elect, a President, and an Immediate Past President. The President-Elect shall assume that office at the Annual Meeting in the year of his or her election and is entitled to vote at the Council meeting at that time. The President-Elect shall succeed to the Presidency at the close of the Annual Meeting in the following year.

The President shall present a Presidential Address, preside at all Council meetings and the Annual Business Meeting, count nomination and election ballots, as well as the ballots in any referenda submitted to the membership, and exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Association.

If the President is unable to preside over a meeting, that responsibility shall fall to the Immediate Past President. If the Immediate Past President is unable to preside, then the President-Elect shall assume the responsibility.

If because of death, resignation, or other reason the President cannot fulfill the duties of the office, the Council shall be empowered to designate the President-Elect as President and shall be empowered to fill the vacancy of President-Elect either by

appointing the candidate who received the second largest number of votes in the most recent election for President-Elect or through a new election. The Council shall choose that alternative which, in its judgment will best reflect the will of the membership.

- b. Three Council Members, who are elected, one each year, for a term of three years each. The newly-elected Council Member is entitled to vote at the Council meeting held at the time of the Annual Meeting in the year of his or her election. If a Council Member, because of death, resignation, or other reason, cannot fulfill the duties of the office, at the next regular election a successor shall be elected to complete the unexpired term.
- c. A Secretary-Treasurer, appointed by Council, who shall serve for a term of three years. If because of death, resignation, or other reason, the Secretary-Treasurer cannot carry out the duties of the office, the Council may designate an appropriate Acting Secretary-Treasurer, and the acceptance of this appointment shall not be considered to be in violation of that section of Article V which prohibits anyone from holding two offices in the Association at the same time. The Council shall then move to fill the office of Secretary-Treasurer either by appointment of the candidate who received the second largest number of votes in the election in which the Secretary-Treasurer was elected, or by holding a new election. The Council shall choose that alternative which, in its judgment, will best reflect the will of the membership. If a special election is decided upon, it will be held as soon as practicable.

The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to keep the records of the Association and the Council; to conduct official correspondence; to serve *ex officio* as a member of the Program Committee and issue all programs of meetings; to receive applications for membership and to give notice of all inductions into membership.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall have responsibility for all funds of the Association and shall have authority to disburse these funds for purposes authorized by the Council, as well as by the membership voting at the Annual Business Meeting. A record shall be kept of all money received and all disbursements made, and an annual report of the financial status of the Association shall be submitted to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall act as the general executive officer of the Association in consultation with and by direction of the President and the Council Members, or as directed by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting, and shall bring to the attention of the Council and the Association such matters as are deemed necessary.

- d. The Council, consisting of the President-Elect, the President, the Immediate Past President, the Council Members, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall meet at the time of the Annual Meeting and at such other times as it may consider necessary. The

Council shall serve as the governing body of the Association and conduct its business at meetings, or by correspondence, and report its actions, or request the membership to take action, at the Annual Business Meeting. Any Member, by writing to any member of the Council, may bring to the attention of the Council any matter the Member wishes the Council to consider.

- e. The officers, including Council Members, of the Midwestern Psychological Association, serving at the time of incorporation of this corporation, shall serve as officers of this corporation for the balance of the times for which they were elected.

ARTICLE V NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. Each year the Secretary-Treasurer shall send to all Members a nomination ballot for President-Elect and for Council Member(s). For each office that appears on the nominating ballot each Member may propose four names. The same person may be listed for more than one office. In those years when the office of Secretary-Treasurer is to be filled, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider nominations from the membership of MPA, to prepare a slate of candidates, and to choose the Secretary-Treasurer by a vote of Council.

The President shall count the ballots and notify the Secretary-Treasurer of the names of the Members who have received the largest numbers of votes for each office.

From the list, the Secretary-Treasurer inquires if the four receiving the largest number of votes for each office are willing to stand for election, and continues through the list in the order of vote count until at least four candidates for each office have been obtained. No one may hold two offices at the same time. If a Member receives enough nomination votes to be a candidate for two offices, the Secretary-Treasurer shall request that Member to choose one office for which to be a candidate.

After the list of candidates has been determined, the Secretary-Treasurer shall provide an election ballot to all Members, on which the names of the candidates for each office are listed in alphabetical order, with instructions to rank all candidates in order of preference. Members will vote online. The President and an assistant shall each count the ballots, using the Hare system. The final winner under the Hare procedure in each election shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE VI PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1. There shall be a Program Committee and the method of selection of its members, their number, and their term of service shall be determined by the Council. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Program Committee *ex officio*.
2. The Program Committee shall meet and prepare a program of research reports, symposia, and other offerings it may deem appropriate.

3. The Program Committee shall follow the directions for preparing a program, the criteria for eligibility to submit papers and materials, and adhere to the standards of quality which have been established by the Council and the membership.

ARTICLE VII DUES AND FEES

1. The fiscal year of the Association shall close on June 30.
2. The Council shall set the amount of dues charges and shall recommend at the Annual Business Meeting, for the approval of the membership, and changes in the amount of dues for the next fiscal year.
3. A Member who fails to pay dues for one year and to whom notice of delinquency has been sent to the last known address, shall be dropped from membership. Thereafter, said Member may be reinstated by applying in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer and paying dues for the year in which reinstatement is requested.
4. A Member may resign by sending to the Secretary-Treasurer a notice of resignation. A Member who has resigned may be reinstated by paying the dues for the year in which reinstatement is requested.

ARTICLE VIII ANNUAL MEETING

1. An Annual Meeting shall be held at a time and place selected by the Council.
2. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to advance the science of psychology and to promote its responsible use, through formal sessions and such other program activities as the Council and the membership shall deem appropriate.
3. A Business Meeting of Members shall be held as a part of the Annual Meeting and only Members may vote on matters brought before the meeting. All motions at the Business Meeting shall require only a simple majority for passage.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments or changes to these bylaws may be proposed by the Council or by Members at the Annual Business Meeting of Members. A copy of the proposed amendments or changes and a ballot shall be sent to all Members by the Secretary-Treasurer. A two-thirds majority of those voting on the ballot shall be required for the adoption of amendments or changes.