

Constitution of the Michigan Association of Student Councils and Honor Societies

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Michigan Association of Student Councils and Honor Societies (MASC/MAHS).

Article II - Purpose

The primary purposes of this organization shall be to:

- a- encourage the formation and development of student councils, honor societies and other student activity programs in secondary schools in Michigan.
- b- promote the development of student leaders in schools throughout Michigan.
- c- provide leadership training opportunities to student leaders.
- d- provide training opportunities for the advisors of student councils, honor societies and other student activity programs.
- e- provide opportunities for positive interaction and idea exchange among the student leaders and advisors of member schools.
- f- provide leadership and student activity resources to student leaders and advisors of member schools.
- g- recognize outstanding student councils, honor societies, leadership classes and activity programs.
- h- recognize the contributions of student leaders, advisors and administrators to their schools and the MASC/MAHS.
- i- recognize and encourage academic excellence.
- j- promote service to the school and community.
- k- encourage the development of responsible citizenship.

Article III - Authority

- Section 1. The MASC/MAHS shall be under the sponsorship of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP).
- Section 2. The MASSP Executive Director shall appoint the MASSP Director of Student Services. This person shall be responsible for the day to day operation of the MASC/MAHS and act as its executive director.
- Section 3. All actions of the MASC/MAHS are subject to the approval of the MASSP Executive Director in consultation with the MASSP Executive Board.

Article IV - Membership

- Section 1. Membership in the MASC/MAHS shall be open to all public, private and parochial secondary schools in the State of Michigan
- Section 2. Secondary schools shall include middle, junior, senior and six year high schools.
- Section 3. Membership is attained by the payment by the payment of annual dues.

Article V - Dues

The MASSP Executive Board shall establish the annual membership dues of the MASC/MAHS upon the recommendation of the amount of the annual dues by the MASSP Director of Student Services.

Article VI – Structure of the Organization

Section 1. The MASC/MAHS is an organization representing its member schools

Section 2. The MASC/MAHS will utilize the Center organization of the MASSP as means for securing representation and input from member schools.

Article VII – Student Board of Delegates

The Student Board of Delegates shall be the primary source of student input into the operation of the MASC/MAHS.

Section 1. The purposes of the MASC/MAHS Student Board of Delegates include:

- a- being a communication link between the MASC/MAHS and the member schools from the Center the Delegate represents.
- b- provide a forum for student voice on matters related to the purposes of the MASC/MAHS.
- c- assist with membership issues within the Center the Delegate represents, including recruitment and retention of member schools.
- d- assist at MASC/MAHS conferences, workshops and activities.
- e- assist in the selection process for MASC/MAHS awards including, but not limited to, the Award of Excellence, Outstanding Service Project and principal of the Year.
- f- assist in the selection of the State Charity.
- g- provide suggestions and input on possible MASC/MAHS projects and activities.
- h- encourage participation in MASC/MAHS projects and activities by member schools in the Center the Delegate represents.
- i- contribute to MASC/MAHS communications.

Section 2. The composition of the Student Board of Delegates shall be:

- a- 30 students representing the 12 Centers from across the state.
- b- Two (2) students elected on an at-large (either student council or honor society) basis for each of the six (6) Centers with the lowest number of member schools. These students will be elected in their sophomore year and serve a two year term in their junior and senior year.
- c- Three (3) students elected from each of the six (6) Centers with the highest number of member schools.
 - One of these students must be elected as a student council representative. These students will be elected in their sophomore year and serve a two year term in their junior and senior year.
 - One of these students must be elected as an honor society representative. These students will be elected in their sophomore year and serve a two year term in their junior and senior year.
 - One of these students may be elected on an at-large (either student council or honor society) basis. These students will be elected in their freshman year and serve a three year term in their sophomore, junior and senior year.
- d- The election of Board of Delegates members will take place at the State Conference.
- e- The term of office for a Board of Delegate member shall run through June of their senior year.
- f- A rotation will be established to have at least one election in each Center each year.
- g- Positions not filled by election at the State Conference may be filled by appointment by the MASSP Director of Student Services.

Section 3. Officers for the Board of Delegates

- a- The officers of the Board of Delegates shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Public Relations Officer.
- b- Officers for the upcoming school year will be elected by seated Board of Delegate members at the State Conference. Newly elected member will not vote in these elections.
- c- Officers may be reelected for a second term.

Article VIII – Advisory Board

The Student Board of Delegates shall be the primary source of advisor input into the operation of the MASC/MAHS.

Section 1. The purposes of the MASC/MAHS Advisory Board include to:

- a- be a communication link between the MASC/MAHS and the member schools from the Centers the Advisory Board member represents.
- b- provide a forum for advisor voice on matters related to the purposes of the MASC/MAHS.
- c- assist in Board of Delegates members from the Centers the Advisory Board member represents as needed.
- d- assist with membership issues within the Centers the Advisory Board member represents, including recruitment and retention of member schools.
- e- assist at MASC/MAHS conferences, workshops and activities.
- f- assist in the planning of advisor specific activities.
- g- assist in the selection process for MASC/MAHS awards including, but not limited to, the Award of Excellence, Advisor of the Year and Michigan Student Leadership Hall of Fame.
- h- assist in the selection of the State Charity.
- i- provide suggestions and input on possible MASC/MAHS projects and activities.
- j- encourage participation in MASC/MAHS projects and activities by member schools in the Center the Delegate represents.
- k- act as a mentor to new MASC/MAHS advisors in the Centers they represent.
- l- contribute to MASC/MAHS communications.

Section 2. The composition of the MASC/MAHS Advisory Board shall be:

- a- 12 advisors of student councils, honor societies or other student activity groups
- b- Five Advisory Board members shall be designated to represent specific regions in the state as follow:
 - Northern Region – Centers 1 and 2
 - Western Region – Centers 3 and 7
 - Central Region – Centers 4 and 6
 - Eastern region – Centers 5, 9 and 12
 - Southern Region – Centers 8, 10 and 11
- c- Six (6) Advisory Board members will be designated as at-large members and may come from any of the MASC/MAHS Regions/Centers.
- d- The host school advisor for the state conference shall serve a one year term as an ex-officio member of the Advisory Board
- e- At least two Advisory Board members shall be Honor Society advisors
- f – At least two Advisory Board members shall be Middle School Advisors
- g - Advisory Board members shall be appointed to two year terms by the MASSP Director of Student Services.
- h- A rotation shall be established to have five (5) Advisory Board member appointed one year and six (6) Advisory members to be appointed the next year.
- i- Advisory Board members may serve consecutive terms.
- j- The term of office for an Advisory Board member shall run through June of the second year after their appointment.
- k- Advisors from member schools interested in serving on the Advisory Board shall submit a letter of interest and application to the MASSP Director of Student Services prior the State Conference.
- l- The MASSP Director of Student Services may appoint an advisor of a member school to fill any open positions on the Advisory Board.

Article IX – Removal from Office and Vacancies

Section 1. Board of Delegates

- Board of Delegate members may be removed from office if they are deemed to not being fulfilling their duties.
- The MASSP Director of Student Services will notify the Board of Delegate member of the concern regarding not fulfilling his/her duties and offer specific actions that should be taken to correct the situation.
- The Board of Delegate member will be given the opportunity take these actions.
- If the actions are not taken address the concern of the Director of Student Services, the matter may be brought to the Board of Delegates.
- Before a vote on removal from the Board of Delegates, the member in question will be given the opportunity to speak to the Board.
- A 2/3 vote of the Board of Delegates is necessary to remove a member from the Board

Section 2. Advisory Board

- Advisory members may be removed from office if they are deemed to not being fulfilling their duties.
- The MASSP Director of Student Services will notify the Advisory Board member of the concern regarding not fulfilling his/her duties and offer specific actions that should be taken to correct the situation.
- The Advisory Board member will be given the opportunity take these actions.
- If the actions are not taken address the concern of the Director of Student Services, the matter may be brought to the Advisory Board.
- Before a vote on removal from the Advisory Board, the member in question will be given the opportunity to speak to the Board.
- A 2/3 vote of the Advisory Board is necessary to remove a member from the Board

Section 3. The MASSP Director of Student Services may appoint members for the appropriate Center or Region to fill the remaining term of vacancies in the Board of Delegates or Advisory Board.

Article X – Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Board of Delegates and Advisory Board may be help in person, via conference call or on line.

Section 2. Minutes should be taken for all meetings and shared with members of the group and made available upon request to the general membership.

Article XI – By-Laws

The Board of Delegates and Advisory Board may approve and enact by-laws that describe procedures and processes necessary to carry out the spirit of the Constitution, manage their internal affairs and standardize meeting procedures.

Article XII – Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be enacted by a two-thirds (2/3) votes of the MASC/MAHS Board of Delegates and Advisory Board, with concurrence of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the MASSP Executive Board.

Section 2. Two week written notice of the proposed amendment(s) to members of the Board of Delegates and Advisory Board shall be required prior to consideration and a vote for approval.

Article XII – Ratification of the Constitution

This Constitution may be enacted by a two-thirds (2/3) votes of the current members of the MASC/MAHS Board of Delegates and Advisory Board, with concurrence of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the MASSP Executive Board.