

MCEMSA

Constitution and By-Laws

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Montgomery County Educational Media Specialists Association.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to strengthen the library/media program in the schools, to develop greater unity of purpose using AASL "Library Bill of Rights" as guidelines and to support member media specialists.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

All part and full-time professionals working in the media field employed by the Board of Education of Montgomery County and retired part-time or full-time professionals are eligible for membership. All such professionals will become MCEMSA members upon payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be a president or co-presidents, a vice-presidents or co-vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer.

Section 2. The Board shall consist of the officers, the retired president(s) and members of the organization - at least three from the elementary level, one at the middle school level and one from the high school level. The Maryland Educational Media Organization liaison representative shall also be a member of the Board. That representative must be a member of MCEMSA.

Section 3. The Board shall establish committees as needed. Standing committees -shall be: 1) Newspaper, 2) Program, 3) Legislative, 4) Membership, and 5) Social.

Section 4. A nominating committee shall be appointed to select a slate of officers in the spring. The selection of officers will be announced at the spring banquet, as their terms will begin at the last Board meeting in June. Elections shall be held as necessary. A vice-president shall chair the nominating committee.

Section 5. The vice-president(s) shall automatically succeed to the presidency.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

There shall be at least two general membership meetings during the school year. The dates of the meetings shall be approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

This constitution or by-laws may be amended at any general meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the members by the Board at least one week prior to that general meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - DUES

The amount of the annual dues shall be determined by the Board at the last Board meeting of the year in June. Dues are payable at the all-county meeting in August at the start of the new school year.

Collections may be made according to the need during the year to keep the association solvent.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the officers shall be such as their titles imply according to Robert's Rules of Order as well as this constitution.

Section 2. The treasurer shall be authorized to pay all bills and expenditures.

Section 3. The Board shall approve the plan for each general meeting.