

Constitution of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts Alumni Association

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts Alumni Association, hereafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes of the Association are:

- 1) to create a cohesive body of graduates of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts (formerly known as the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences, and hereafter referred to as ASMSA);
- 2) to promote cooperation, understanding, and fellowship among the Alumni;
- 3) to advance interest in and knowledge of the school;
- 4) to provide a relationship between ASMSA and its alumni;
- 5) to promote, assist, and enhance ASMSA school programs;
- 6) to engage in such other related activities as may be desirable or required to fulfill the purposes and objectives of the Association.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Full Membership

Any individual who attended and graduated from the ASMSA program, and who is in good standing with the Association, shall be considered a full member of the Association. Full members have the right to vote at all general assembly meetings of the Association, to hold any executive office in the Association, and to participate in any event held in the name of and for the Association. Full members whose dues are delinquent will be placed on inactive status. These members will still have the right to attend and vote at all general assembly meetings of the Association, but cannot hold executive office or participate in discussions at said meetings.

Upon graduation, the current class shall immediately become full members of the Association. This membership shall be until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Section 2: Honorary Membership

In addition, the Association may grant honorary membership to any person by a simple majority vote of the Alumni Senate. Honorary members may not vote at general assembly meetings or hold office in the Association, but are entitled to all other rights and privileges of membership.

Section 3: Dues

Dues shall be set by the Alumni Senate to be collected every third year by the Treasurer on or before January 1 of the year of the General Assembly meeting. Dues are delinquent sixty (60) days from that time. Thirty (30) days following that date, members shall lose all privileges of membership and shall be placed on inactive status, but will be returned to good standing upon payment.

Section 4: Termination of Membership

In the case of extreme ethical or legal violations, membership may be stripped from any member by a simple majority vote of the Alumni Senate and a subsequent simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: Alumni Senate

The Alumni Senate shall consist of one member from each graduating class of ASMSA. Each Alumni Senate member shall be elected by the full members of their graduating class at the General Assembly in a simple majority vote, and they shall serve terms of three years. The members of the Alumni Senate will immediately elect from within the Chairperson who shall be responsible for calling to order the Alumni Senate meetings. In years where the General Assembly does not meet, new graduating classes shall elect their Alumni Senate member by majority vote prior to graduation. The Alumni Senate shall elect from the full members of the Association participating at the General Assembly and excluding its own membership the three members of the Executive Committee. The members of the Alumni Senate are also responsible for arranging and attending annual meetings for the purpose of formulating an annual agenda for the Association, establishing the annual budget, and to give direction to the Executive Committee. Further duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Alumni Senate will be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 2: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of three members elected by the Alumni Senate during the General Assembly from the full members present. The offices of the Executive Committee shall be President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Executive Committee members shall serve terms of three years, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Executive Committee is responsible for the daily operation of the Association, to include, but not limited to, implementing the agenda set forth by the Alumni Senate, disbursement and accounting of the annual budget, and dissemination of information to the Association membership. Further duties, responsibilities and authority of the Executive Committee will be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern at all meetings unless suspended by a simple majority vote of those participating at any meeting. A quorum for a General Assembly meeting shall be determined by the Alumni Senate at that meeting. A member may be represented through direct electronic means. Seventy-five percent of the senators must be present for a quorum to be established for an Alumni Senate meeting. All members of the Executive Committee shall be present for all Executive Committee meetings.

Section 2: General Assembly

The General Assembly, a meeting of the membership of the Association, shall be called by the Alumni Senate once every three years. The purpose of the General Assembly is for the Executive Committee to report to members on the activities of the Association, for the members of the Association to discuss and vote on business presented by the Executive Committee, and to elect new members of the Alumni Senate and Executive Committee. Notice of the General Assembly shall be given to all members of the Association at least six months prior to the date of the meeting, and shall include the time, date, location, and a tentative agenda of the meeting.

Section 3: Alumni Senate Meetings

The Alumni Senate shall meet no less than once per year. These meetings shall be called by the Senate chairman, and notice of the meetings shall be given to all members of the Association at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting and shall include the time, date, location and agenda of the meeting. A simple majority shall be necessary to pass all resolutions through this body, including the election of the Executive Committee. In the event of a tie, the meeting shall not be allowed to close until the resolution passes or fails. At least one member of the Executive Committee shall be present at all meetings of the Alumni Senate. The minutes of all Alumni Senate meetings shall be disseminated to the general membership of the Association.

Section 4: Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet to conduct Association business no less than once per quarter. These meetings shall be called by the President, and notice of the meetings shall be given to all members of the Association at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting and shall include the time, date, location and agenda of the meeting. No Executive Committee member may abstain from voting at Executive Committee meetings. The chairperson of the Alumni Senate, or the chairperson's designee from the Alumni Senate, shall be present at all meetings of the Executive Committee. Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be disseminated to the general membership of the Association.

Section 5: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. Notice of any special meeting shall be given to all members of the Association at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting, and shall include the time, date, location, and agenda of the meeting. Matters to be addressed at any special meeting shall be limited to those given in the meeting agenda. Minutes of all special meetings shall be disseminated to the general membership of the Association.

Section 6: Vacancy Elections

Should an elected Alumni Senate or Executive Committee member fall from good standing, the office is immediately forfeit. If an office is vacated for any reason, it should be filled before the next meeting of the body to which it belongs. The electing body, whether a graduating class or the Alumni Senate, may communicate within itself to elect the office that has been vacated.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT

Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be submitted to the Alumni Senate either by a vote of the Executive Committee or in the form of a petition from the general membership. Proposed amendments shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Alumni Senate, followed by a two-thirds majority vote of members participating at a General Assembly or special meeting.

Amendments brought forth by a General Assembly vote can be vetoed by a unanimous vote from the Executive Committee. In addition, the Executive Committee must present an explanation for their veto to the membership of the Association.