

# CONSTITUTION

## THE MARYLAND ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



### ARTICLE I: NAME

The organization shall be known as the Maryland Art Education Association.

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

The purpose of this organization, hereafter referred to as MAEA, is to encourage, to strengthen, and to promote the role of the visual arts in education by: promoting quality instruction in visual arts education conducted by certificated art teachers; encouraging study of art teaching; improving the conditions of art teaching; and encouraging and conducting research in art education. To these ends the Association will: hold public discussions; sponsor institutes, conferences and programs; publish articles, reports, and surveys; and work with other related organizations to provide advocacy for arts education. [Since this organization is a non-profit education organization, it shall only engage in activities consistent with its status as defined in Section 501 (C)(3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any successor provision thereto.]

### ARTICLE III: AFFILIATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

MAEA shall function as a state organization unified with the National Art Education Association (NAEA). MAEA will cooperate with NAEA in extending and implementing the goals of art education through professional development, service, advancement of knowledge, and leadership.

### ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Through its affiliation with NAEA, it shall have a functioning relationship with art education associations of other states and the regions, divisions, and affiliate groups of the national association. MAEA shall establish and maintain cooperative relationships with organizations, institutions, and agencies that support art education and the purposes of the Association.

Individuals concerned with or engaged in art, art education, or related activities and who are members of the NAEA are eligible for membership. MAEA is a unified member state organization.

## Article V: Organization and Governance

### Section 1. ORGANIZATION

The MAEA shall be organized to include elected state officers, appointed officers and representatives, executive committee, state council, and general membership.

## Section 2. ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected state officers shall be as follows: President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## Section 3. APPOINTED OFFICERS

The appointed officers shall be as follows: Vice-President for Communications, Vice-President for Advocacy; Vice-President for Programs; Historian; Parliamentarian; and the directors of the Elementary, Middle, High School, Higher Education, Museum, and Supervision/ Administration Divisions. Pre-Service?

## Section 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected state officers and appointed officers.

## Section 5. STATE COUNCIL

The State Council shall be composed of elected and appointed officers; regional representatives; and four members at large, two selected from related organizations that are concerned with or engaged in art or arts education activities, and two appointed by the President.

Representatives of affiliate groups recognized by NAEA, such as the Caucus on Social Theory, Committee on Multi-Ethnic Concerns, Committee on Life-long Learning, Public Policy and Arts Administration, Retired Art Educators, Seminar for Research in Art Education, Student Chapters, United States Society for Education Through Art, and the Women's Caucus, may be appointed as needed to carry out the goals of MAEA.

## Section 6. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Individuals who reside and/or work in Maryland and are members of NAEA/MAEA shall constitute the general membership of the Association.

## Section 7. TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of office for elected and appointed officers and other members of the State Council shall be for two years. Terms of office will begin at the annual fall meeting of the organization in even numbered years. The President shall not serve two successive terms, and no Council member shall hold more than one office simultaneously.

# ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

## Section 1. ELECTIONS

State Officers shall be elected in even-numbered years. Candidates for office in the MAEA must be members in good standing. Candidates for the office of President shall have been elected or appointed members of the Council for a full term of two years. A majority of votes cast by the general membership shall be required to elect all officers. In the event of a tie, the majority vote of the Executive Committee shall determine the results.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President. Should vacancies occur in other elected offices, the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint officers to fill them until a new election can take place.

## Section 2. APPOINTMENTS

Appointed officers and other representatives to the State Council shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, during election years. All appointed officers and representatives must work and/or reside in Maryland.

## Section 3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Before the 15th of October in odd numbered years, the President shall appoint a nominating committee, composed of the Past President, who shall chair the committee, and two Council members. The Committee shall prepare a slate of two candidates for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Actions of the nominating committee shall be governed by the content of this Constitution and the MAEA Policy and Procedures Manual.

## Section 4. VOTING

All MAEA members in good standing are eligible to vote for elected officers. The nominating committee shall present the entire slate of candidates to the Executive Committee no later than April 15, in even numbered years. Upon the direction of the Executive Committee, the chair of the nominating committee shall mail ballots to the entire membership so they may be returned for tabulation. Ballot votes may be cast by electronic mail ballot or other authorized means of electronic transmission. At least 20 days must elapse between the mailing of ballots and the date their return is due. A majority of votes cast shall be required to elect. In the event of a tie, a majority vote of the Executive Committee shall determine the outcome.

## ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

In keeping with its non-profit status, a meeting of the general membership shall be held annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee, and at the discretion of the President, may include a meeting of the State Assembly. The State Council shall meet at the annual state conference of the Maryland Art Education Association and at least three other times at regular intervals established by the President, with approval of the Executive Committee, throughout the year. The President may call meetings of the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

### Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES

The MAEA shall have the following standing committees: membership, communication, program, advocacy and development. Membership to these committees will be as prescribed in the Bylaws and the Policy and Procedures Manual.

### Section 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special committees may be appointed by the President, Vice-Presidents, and Division Directors to undertake special assignments. Special committees shall be appointed on an *ad hoc* basis and shall serve no longer than the term for which they were appointed.

## ARTICLE IX: INCOME AND BENEFITS

MAEA may derive earnings through membership rebates, grants, and special projects designed specifically for fund raising. No part of its earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, sponsor, donor, or officer. Normal expenses of the Association shall be those related to advocacy, publications, meetings, and conferences.

The Maryland Art Education Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purpose, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Any MAEA member may propose an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws to the Executive Committee. It shall be presented to the State Council at its next meeting. Upon approval of the Council, the proposed amendment will be published in the next issue of the *Gazette*. The Secretary shall mail ballots to the membership. At least 20 days must elapse between the date of mailing and time that ballots are due. Two-thirds of the votes cast is required for passage of an amendment.

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