

Constitution of the Mathematics Educators of Greater St. Louis

Article I—Name

Section 1.

The name of the organization shall be the Mathematics Educators of Greater St. Louis (MEGSL).

Article II—Purpose

Section 1.

The purpose of the organization shall be exclusively charitable and, in furtherance thereof, to advance mathematics teaching at all levels of instruction and to evaluate current thinking in mathematics.

Section 2.

The organization shall maintain affiliation with the Missouri Council of Mathematics (MCTM), the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM), and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).

Article III—Membership

Section 1.

Any person or organization committed to the purposes of MEGSL is eligible for membership upon paying the first dues, and thereafter complying with the articles of the bylaws.

Section 2.

All members may vote in the elections and hold office in the organization.

Section 3.

The period of membership shall be one year following payment of annual dues.

Article IV—Officers

Section 1.

The government of the organization shall be vested in an Executive Board, who shall be members of the organization. This Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president, division directors (representing instructional levels: middle school, high school, and higher education), and chairs of standing committees.

Section 2.

The elected officers shall be the president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer.

Article V—Meetings

Section 1.

The number and date of meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board , except that the annual spring meeting shall be held in April or May of each year.

Section 2.

The members present at any MEGSL meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VI—Amendment Procedure

Section 1.

The constitution and bylaws of the organization may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Executive Board and then communicated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Article VII—Not for Profit Organization

Section 1.

The organization is not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings of the organization may inure to the benefit of any of its members, officers, or other private persons.

Article VIII—Dissolution

Section 1.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the Executive Board shall, after paying, or making provision for the paying of, all the liabilities of the organization, turn over the remaining assets to an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as now enacted or as it may hereafter be amended.

Bylaws of the Mathematics Educators of Greater St. Louis

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Article I—Election and Duties of Officers and Directors

Section 1.

As defined in the constitution, the elected officers shall be the president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. In addition, division directors representing instructional elementary, middle school, high school, and higher education; chairs of standing committees; the immediate past president; and a representative to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) shall serve on the Executive Board.

Section 2.

The elected officers and other members of the Executive Board must be members in good standing of MEGSL, the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Section 3.

The annual election of officers shall be conducted by mail in time to announce the results at the annual spring meeting.

Section 4.

The term of office for elected officers shall be one year for president and president-elect. The term of office shall be two years for secretary and treasurer. The secretary will be elected in odd-numbered years and the treasurer elected in even-numbered years. Division directors and the NCTM representative shall be appointed by the Executive Board for a two year term. Elementary and higher education directors shall be appointed in even-numbered years with the middle school and high school directors in odd-numbered years. All elected and appointed terms of office shall begin on June 1.

Section 5.

The Executive Board shall direct the organization. The president shall call a meeting of the Executive Board as soon as possible after the annual election.

Section 6.

The duties of the officers are as follows:

President: The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint chairpersons of standing and ad hoc committees, serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, and represent the organization at the NCTM Delegate Assembly.

President-elect: The president-elect shall perform the duties of the office of president during the absence of the president and shall become president following the conclusion of the current president's term of office.

Secretary: The secretary shall keep all records and shall be responsible for all official correspondence of the organization.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the organization, prepare an annual financial report, ensure filing of tax returns, and cooperate in effecting an annual audit.

Past president: The past president of the organization shall advise the president as requested by the president, and chair the nominating committee described in Article II, Section 2.

Division directors: The division directors represent their respective instructional levels in securing appropriate programming at regular meetings,, conferences, and provide articles for each newsletter.

NCTM representative: The NCTM representative shall serve to keep the membership informed of the NCTM professional services available to the group.

Section 7.

Any vacancy in an elected office shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board.

Article II—Standing Committees

Section 1.

The business of the organization shall be conducted through the following standing committees: Awards, Contests, Elections, History, Journal, Membership, Newsletter, Nominating, Pi-Day, and Publicity. Chairs (or co-chairs) for these committees are to be appointed by the president for a 1 year term. Chairs may in turn appoint committee members, whose names shall be reported to the Executive Board.

Section 2.

The responsibilities of the standing committees are as follows:

Awards: The awards committee is responsible for coordinating annual recognition of teaching awards and scholarships as directed by the Executive Board.

- b) Contests: The contest committee is responsible for coordinating MEGSL support and sponsorship of relevant mathematics contests.
- c) Elections: The elections committee shall be chaired by the Past-President and include the President and President-Elect. They are responsible for preparing a slate of officers to be approved by the Executive Board.
- d) History: The history committee is responsible for maintaining historical records of the organization.
- e) Journal: The Journal committee is responsible for developing, publishing, and mailing the official journal of the organization.
- f) Membership: The membership committee shall be responsible for accepting, recording, and updating a current list of members. Members of that committee are responsible for maintaining a membership table at all

meetings.

- g) Newsletter: The Newsletter committee is responsible for developing, publishing, and mailing the official newsletter of the organization.
- h) Pi-Day: The Pi-Day committee is responsible for preparing, producing, and gathering activities for Pi-Day.

Publicity: The publicity committee is responsible for developing and maintaining effective communication regarding MEGSL programs and activities with schools, school districts, and the public at large.

Article III—Dues

Section 1.

Annual dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and fixed by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the organization.

Article IV—Rules of Order

Section 1.

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised) shall govern the organization in all parliamentary procedures in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of the organization.

Section 2.

For issues that require immediate action from the Executive Board, the use of electronic motions, discussions, and voting shall be permitted.