



**Article I
Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Mississippi Art Education Association (MAEA).

**Article II
Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To promote aesthetic and creative visual arts education for the development of the individual at all levels in the state of Mississippi;
2. To assist teachers in improving the quality of visual arts education;
3. To organize and conduct panels, forums, lectures, and tours for visual arts educators and the general public on art and art instruction;
4. To keep the public informed of the visual arts through whatever means are available.

**Article III
Membership**

1. Visual arts educators and other interested persons are eligible for membership in the association which is professionally unified with the National Art Education Association or the NAEA (Re-affiliated Fall, 2003).
2. The categories of membership shall correspond with those of the NAEA.

**Article IV
Organization and Governance**

1. The officers of this association, also known as the Executive Committee, shall be President, President-Elect, a Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. Attendance at the Executive Meetings is open to all MAEA members.
2. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following officers of this association: President, President-Elect, a Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Division Directors: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Higher Education, Supervision/Administration and Museum Education, as well as other officers designated by the President.
3. All officers that are elected by MAEA members shall be in good standing. Their term of office shall be for two years, and they may succeed themselves. No officers may be re-elected for a third consecutive term for the same office but may hold office again after an interval of one year. They may be appointed by the President to chair a designated committee or appointed office.
4. All newly elected officers shall take over duties on the first day of May following their election. Officers specially elected or appointed to fill vacancies shall take over immediately.
5. The MAEA is divided into three geographic regions: Central, Northern, and Southern. Each region shall have an appointed representative who is a member of MAEA.
6. The MAEA Officers and Regional Representatives shall constitute the MAEA Board of Directors.
7. The Regional Representatives, as appointed by the President, shall act as nonvoting advisors to the MAEA Board of Directors.

**Article V
Elections**

1. Candidates for office in MAEA must be members in good standing. A majority of the votes cast is required for election.
2. Election procedures for officers shall be as follows:
 - At least six months prior to the election of new officers; the Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee. The nominating committee can be composed of one member from each of the three MAEA regions. The Past President shall serve as the chair of the committee. The nominating committee shall nominate two (2) candidates for each state level office. The slate of nominees shall be prepared by March 1.

3. In the event of vacancy in any office of the association, the President may appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, an interim officer to fill the vacancy until a special election can be held at the next annual business meeting, or until the next regular election, whichever comes first.
4. Voting for officers shall be conducted by a paper ballot or an electronic ballot. All members in good standing of MAEA may vote for MAEA President, President-Elect, and Division Directors: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Higher Education, Supervision/Administration, Museum Education.

Article VI

Duties of the Executive Committee and MAEA Board of Directors

1. The President shall perform the duties of this office, preside at the annual business meeting and any meeting of the Executive Committee, and be, ex officio, at all divisions and committees. The further duties of the President shall be as listed:
 - a. Opens any general session, conducts proper business procedures, maintains order, and proceeds with any function or responsibility necessary to carry on the business of the session.
 - b. Votes to break a tie in voice or roll call vote if necessary.
 - c. Votes as any other member in a ballot vote and cannot break a tie in a ballot vote.
 - d. Appoints any and all committees vital to the function and welfare of the organization.
 - e. Appoints a member, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to serve as, Advocacy-Legislative Liaison, Editor of the MAEA newsletter, Ex Officio, Historian, Independent Schools Representative, Membership, Regional Representatives, Secretary, Technology, Treasurer, Youth Art Month Coordinator, and any other designated office.
 - f. Serves as a MAEA delegate to the NAEA Delegates Assembly. If the President is unable to serve as delegate the Executive Board shall appoint a representative.
2. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President during the latter's absence. The President-Elect shall become President should the President vacate the office. The President-Elect shall act as Conference Chair. The President-Elect will be responsible for making a quarterly conference financial report to the Treasurer.
3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee and the general meetings of the MAEA. The Secretary shall be custodian of the records and papers, prepare or assist in preparing agendas for the meetings, call the roll and notify committees. The Secretary shall prepare and bring up to date imperative documents of MAEA to the Historian Chairperson and NAEA.
4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all money belonging to the MAEA and shall deposit same in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. The further duties of the Treasurer shall be as listed:
 - a. Keeps accurate records of receipts and disbursements,
 - b. Compiles fiscal reports,
 - c. Makes annual reports and such others as may be requested by the Executive Committee,
 - d. Files reports including any federal or state tax reports necessary for the years in office.
 - e. Supervises and coordinates the collection, documentation, and processing of all monies of state meetings. Books concerning all assets and debits shall be fully audited by a designate of the Executive Committee prior to being release to the newly appointed Treasurer.
5. The Following MAEA Board of Directors: Past President, Division Directors, Regional Representatives, and other appointed officers designated by the President, shall assist the President in coordinating MAEA activities and facilitate the members of their divisions, in addition to other duties as described in the MAEA board handbook.

Article VII

Time and Place of Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting held of the MAEA and such other meetings as seem best suited for the interests of the association. Special meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee may be called by the President.

Article VIII

Advisory Council

1. The following standing committees and chairs shall be appointed: Awards, Advocacy, College and High School Student Chapters, Hospitality, Long Range Planning, Membership, Art Exhibits, National Art Honor Society, Professional Development Conferences/Workshops, Research/Curriculum/Grants, Retired Educators, Scholarship Fund, Youth Art Month, and any other designated committee. Committee chairs

shall be appointed by the President and must be MAEA members. Committee Chairs so appointed shall serve for two years, concurrent with the President's term of office, or for a period specified with the appointment. They may be reappointed in whole or in part.

2. Ad hoc committees to further specific phases of the association's work and to carry on special projects as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the President for a term of office determined by duration of the project or the President's term of office. They may be reappointed in whole or in part.
3. The standing and ad hoc committee chairs, individually, shall administer activities within their appointed areas and bring relevant issues before the Executive Committee. It is their duty, collectively with the Division Directors, to act as an advisory council for the MAEA Executive Committee.
4. Committee members may incur no expense for the association unless funds have been allocated by the President or Executive Committee for such purposes.

Article IX Income and Benefits

The Corporation is hereby organized for the following purposes:

1. To represent the visual art teachers of Mississippi and , by doing so, to improve the conditions of teaching art, promote the study of teaching art, and encourage research and experimentation in art education;
2. To make charitable contributions and grants to nonprofit organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended or supplemented, as well as governmental units and other nonprofit organizations that promote and further the purposes of the Corporation; and
3. To exercise any other powers conferred upon corporations organized pursuant to the provisions of the Act; provided, however, that:
 - a. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC Section 501(c)(3) ; and
 - b. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3); or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under IRC Section 170(c)(2).

Other lawful provisions for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the Corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining or regulating the powers of the Corporation or its directors are as follows:

1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, employees, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of IRC Section 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
2. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, and after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, all assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one (1) or more of the Corporation's exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose, in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Article X Fiscal Year

The fiscal year will extend from May 1 to April 30.

Article XI By-Laws and Amendments

1. By-Laws consistent with the Constitution may be adopted, modified, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at any regular meeting of the association or conducted by a paper ballot or an electronic ballot by a two-thirds vote of ballots received from active members.
2. The Executive Committee shall review and consider proposals for amendments of the Constitution. After review and approval by the Executive Committee, the proposed amendments shall be published in the

MAEA Newsletter or posted on website at least one month prior to the annual meeting. The Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the active members present.

By-Laws

1. Dues for all classes of membership within the NAEA shall be determined by the NAEA Delegates Assembly with the advice and counsel of the NAEA Board of Directors.
2. Dues for all classes of membership within the MAEA shall be determined by the MAEA Executive Committee.

Organization Established: April 15, 1936

Adopted: 1936

Amended: November 13, 1965 (name changed)

Amended: January 21, 2006

Amended: November 1, 2010