

Constitution of the Mid-Atlantic Christian Schools Association
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ARTICLE I: Organization

This organization shall be known as the Mid-Atlantic Christian Schools Association.

ARTICLE II: Fundamental Principles

We commit ourselves to these fundamental principles:

1. That the instruction and education of children in our schools must be in accord with the Word of God.
2. That education is primarily the responsibility of parents.

We believe:

1. In the divine inspiration, infallibility and final authority of the Bible as the only Word of God.
2. In one God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In the uniqueness of man, by virtue of his special creation in God's image, and his responsibility to understand and master the world to the glory of God.
4. In the unique Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate, virgin-born Son of God.
5. In the representative and substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ as the necessary atonement for our sins.
6. In the power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration and His continuing work in the heart of the believer.
7. In the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord and that blessed hope, His personal return.
8. In the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and everlasting punishment of the lost.

ARTICLE III: Purposes

The purposes of the Association are:

1. To promote the highest standards of Christian Education
2. To foster discussion of the problems faced by Christian school personnel.
3. To further professional growth by sectionals, workshops and discussion groups.
4. To strengthen the work of each local school by mutual encouragement and fellowship.
5. To provide challenging speakers on relevant issues in education and other pertinent topics.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Membership is open to Christian schools which can subscribe to Article II who apply for admission to the Association. Applications should be directed to the MACSA office and processed by the Executive Committee. Each member school shall have one vote. Individuals may join as associate, non-voting members.

Each member school shall pay in September a yearly membership fee as determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V: Activities

The Association shall sponsor an annual teachers' convention. Other activities will be sponsored as decided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: Officers

Article VI, Officers. Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, Communications Director and Convention Program Chairman. The officers shall serve three year staggered terms. The President and Vice-President shall serve one three-year term. The Treasurer may serve two consecutive terms, after which he or she must take at least one term off. Appointed officers may serve any number of terms at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected. The Vice-President serves as President immediately following his term as Vice-President. All other officers shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President may not succeed himself.

Officers shall be elected by ballot. The ballot shall be mailed to all member schools on or before May 15. Ballots must be received by June 15 to be counted. Election shall be by a majority of votes cast (one per school) with the new term of office beginning July 1 (made retroactive to July 1, 2004). Appointed officers shall also serve terms starting on July 1. Vacancies occurring before the completion of a term shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII: Duties of Officers

The **President** shall preside at the business session at each meeting and perform the usual duties of said office.

The **Vice-President** shall preside in the absence of the President.

The **Secretary** (services may be contracted) shall record all minutes of each meeting, keep a file of all printed programs, shall send notices of all meetings, prepare an annual directory, and handle all necessary correspondence..

The **Treasurer** shall handle all monies incidental to the work of the Association.

The **Convention Program Chairperson** shall direct the annual teachers' convention in conjunction with the program committee and the President of MACSA.

The **Student Activities Coordinator** shall arrange all activities in consultation with the Executive Committee and host school.

The **Communications Director** shall supervise general public relations with the member schools and with the general public on behalf of the association.

ARTICLE VIII: Executive Committee

Executive Committee. An Executive Committee, consisting of all officers and the Convention Program Chairperson, shall administer all business which properly falls within its jurisdiction and make recommendations to the Association. It shall meet on call of the President or at the request of three members of the committee. It shall establish an Advisory Committee and determine its membership and meetings.

ARTICLE IX: Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee shall supplement the Executive Committee with needed expertise and experience. It will provide independent assistance in the formulation of long-term objective, goals, and strategy, identify and evaluate alternative courses of action not foreseen by the Executive Committee; assist the Executive Committee in resolving or reconciling serious internal differences of opinion by providing an objective judgment; provide a potential pool of officers or personnel to serve on the Executive Committee and any attending committees; and carry out other responsibilities determined by the Executive Committee. It will meet two times a year at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The Advisory Committee shall act as the Nominating Committee for Officers at its Spring meeting.

ARTICLE X: Amendment Process

This constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of those present at the annual fall administrators meeting of the organization, provided that the amendments have been presented to each member school, postmarked at least four weeks prior to the meeting.

Amendments to Article II and III shall be proposed at the annual administrators fall meeting, and then approved by vote of three-fourths of the Administrators voting at the annual Teachers' Convention, the amendments having been presented to member schools, postmarked at least four weeks prior to the Convention.