

**MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION FOR MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION (MAMLE)
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

As amended on February 4, 1998

As amended on February 4, 2002

New amendments approved on February 8, 2004

As amended on January 23, 2009

New amendments approved on January 31, 2009

As amended on October 31, 2017

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Mississippi Association for Middle Level Education (MAMLE). Any activity or publication bearing the name Mississippi Middle School Association must receive approval of the Association's Executive Council.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSES**

The purpose of the Mississippi Association for Middle Level Education (MAMLE) shall be the general improvement of education for students of middle grades (ages 10-15) in the state of Mississippi. Specifically, the Association shall:

1. Help secure and maintain support of agencies and groups in the state interested in educational improvement for middle level schools;
2. Promote the middle school as a district entity, thereby insuring representation of the middle school in all educational decision-making settings within the state;
3. Assist the state in developing plans for evaluating middle level programs;
4. Develop and improve curriculum, staff development, school planning, and other phases of middle level education;
5. Serve as a clearinghouse for the exchange of ideas, materials, personnel, and research needed for the continued development of effective middle schools.
6. Adhere to the following states purposes:
 - This organization is organized exclusively for charitable purpose within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt

from Federal income tax as an organization described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code).

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Organizational/School membership in the Association shall be open to any educational institution which serves students between the ages of 10 and 15, and to any city, county, or state offices and colleges or departments of education interested in the improvement of education at the middle level.

Individual membership is open to school personnel in public and private schools serving students of the middle level ages. Individual membership is also open to parents of these students, higher education faculty and students, and to other interested individuals.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of an Executive Director, a President, an Immediate Past President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and 8 Trustees: 1 IHL (Institutions of Higher Learning) representative, and 1 MDE (Mississippi Department of Education) official and 6 at-large.

The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of the Executive Director, President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Treasurer.

- A. President. This office shall be a member in good standing and shall have served one year as Vice President. It shall be the duty of the President to assist the conference chair and the Executive Director. It shall be the duty of the President-Elect to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. The President shall serve as coordinator of the annual conference. The President shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and submitted to the membership for election at the annual conference.
- B. Immediate Past President. This office shall be a member in good standing. It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past President to preside in the absence of the President, to serve as the Parliamentarian of the Association and to assume responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Council.
- C. Vice President. The Vice President will assume the office of President immediately after serving one year as Vice President. It is the duty of the Vice President to serve as a member of the Board of Directors and to assume responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Council.
- D. Treasurer. This officer shall be a member in good standing. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the funds of the Association, and, together with the Board of Directors, to make any annual accounting of the Association's financial affairs

to the members of the Association. The treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The duties of this position may be assigned as a dual responsibility of an existing board member with the approval of the Board of Directors.

- E. Executive Director. This officer shall be a member in good standing. It shall be the duties of the Executive Director to act as Liaison for the Association between board members and with members of other agencies/organizations and work directly with the Executive Council. The Executive Directors shall call meetings, set the agendas and preside at all meetings and conferences of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to oversee contractual work assigned by the Association.
- F. Trustees. The trustees shall be charged with the solicitation of membership and conference attendance for their constituents and other duties as determined by the Executive Council.
- G. Student Representative. The Executive Director may appoint a college/graduate student representative(s) as needed to serve on the board of directors. These representatives may be reappointed on an annual basis.

Section 2

Terms of Office.

- A. The President, Immediate past President, and Vice President shall each serve one-year terms. No person shall succeed himself/herself during this three-year cycle without Board Approval.
- B. All Trustees shall serve three-year terms and may succeed themselves if so determined by the voting of the membership at the annual conference.
- C. The Executive Director shall serve a three-year term and may succeed himself/herself if so determined by the voting of the membership at the annual conference.
- D. Terms of office will end at the conclusion of the annual conference for which the term concludes the given years of service. Newly elected members will begin their position at the conclusion of the annual conference.

Section 3

Succession of Officers.

- A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the office for the unexpired term and continue in that office for the next full term.
- B. The Executive Board will appoint a successor in the event of a vacancy during their term in the offices of Treasurer or Executive Director.

Section 4

Trustee Vacancies.

Should a trustee position become vacant because of resignation, neglect of duty, unavailability, or other causes, the Executive Council shall have the authority to fill the vacancy either temporarily or until the end of the trustee's term.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1

The Association shall hold an annual conference at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2

The members of the Association shall hold an annual business meeting during the annual conference to transact the business of the Association.

- A. The membership shall be notified concerning the date of the annual business meetings not less than once calendar month preceding the meeting date.
- B. Members in good standing as of the date of the annual meeting shall be eligible to take part in this meeting and to vote on proposed Association policy.
- C. The order of business at the annual meeting shall include official Associations reports, proposal and adoption of resolutions, annual budget report, election of Association officers and transaction of other official business that the Board of Directors wishes to present.
- D. In the event that an annual conference is not held, the Board of Directors may transact the business of the Association at an official board meeting.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended upon approval by both a majority of the Board of Directors and two-thirds of the membership voting. Amendments to the Constitution shall be considered at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Details of the activities of the Association shall be regulated by the By-laws. These may be amended upon approval by both a majority of the Board of Directors and two-thirds of the membership voting. Amendments to the By-Laws shall be considered at the annual business meeting.


ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE

Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws shall be effective immediately upon certification by the Board of Directors and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership voting.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which has established its tax-exempt status under that section. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by appropriate courts of law in the state of Mississippi. The jurisdiction of the courts shall prevail in the disposition of the assets of the Association, with the guidance of the Board of Directors.

The undersigned certify that effective October 31, 2017, this is a true and correct copy of the constitution of MAMLE (formerly known as the Mississippi Middle School Association.)


LaQuanta Nelson, President


Nicole C. Miller, Executive Director