

**THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION  
OF STUDENT COUNCILS  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this association shall be the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils.

**ARTICLE II – SPONSORSHIP**

The Massachusetts Association of Student Councils is sponsored by the Massachusetts Secondary School Association.

**ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this association shall be:

1. To stimulate student council growth and development.
2. To promote the cause of student participation in the school community.
3. To promote unity among student councils by developing cooperation and communication.
4. To provide the opportunity for student expression through representation to the state organization.
5. To stimulate student awareness and involvement in relation to the issues of the times.

To assist all student councils to become more effective organizations within their schools.

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Secondary schools in Massachusetts which have student councils or similar organizations shall be eligible for membership in this organization upon payment of annual dues.
- B. Dues changes shall be recommended by the MASC Executive Board for approval by the MSSAA before being sent to the general membership.
- C. Regardless of delegation or school size, each member school shall have equal representation regarding any vote.

**ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

There shall be an Executive Board for the purpose of maintaining continuity from year to year and of most efficiently transacting the business of the association.

- A. The three (3) state officers and five (5) sectional presidents shall serve on the Executive Board. Should any sectional president become a state officer, another sectional officer may be designated by the sectional executive director as the official representative of that section.
- B. In addition to the above, the following shall serve on the Executive Board:
  1. A member from the MSSAA Standing Committee on Student Councils
  2. The Executive Director
  3. Assistant Executive Directors
  4. The Executive Director from each region
  5. Student delegates as determined by the Executive Board
  6. Advisor delegates as determined by the Executive Board
- C. Duties of the Executive Board are to be determined by the by-laws.

**ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS**

- A. The officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President and Secretary.
- B. Each candidate for office shall be a Student Council member in good standing of the freshman, sophomore, or junior class of a member school at the time of election.
- C. The duties of the President shall be:
  1. To preside over all meetings of the MASC Executive Board.
  2. To preside over all meetings of the MASC membership.
  3. Be an official representative of the MASC.
  4. Be an ex officio member of all MASC committees.
  5. Present an annual report at the Annual Spring Conference.
- D. The duties of the Vice-President shall be:
  1. To assume the duties of the president in the event that he/she is unable to carry them out.
  2. Serve on any committee as determined by the President.

- E. The Secretary shall:
  1. Keep all the official minutes of all MASC meetings.
  2. Send copies of the minutes of meetings to all members of the Executive Board.
  3. Keep an official list of membership.
  4. Conduct all correspondence for the MASC.
- F. Representation at the Annual Conference shall be open to all members of the association. A majority of the accredited delegates present at the annual conference shall decide any questions properly brought before such meeting, except amendments to this constitution.
- G. Notice of the annual meetings or conferences of the association shall be sent to all member schools at least one month prior to the date thereof.

***ARTICLE VII – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION***

- A. The Massachusetts Association of Student Councils shall be a member of the National Association of Student Councils.
- B. The Massachusetts Association of Student Councils shall be represented at all National Association of Student Councils annual conferences as well as other NASC meetings and workshops.
- C. The Executive Board of the MASC shall send the Executive Director and the president of the MASC to the annual NASC convention. In addition, the Board may designate additional delegates or alternate delegates to represent it at NASC conferences or any other meetings at which it is entitled to representation.
- D. The President and the Executive Director or their designees shall have expenses (funded by the MASC) for attendance meetings may be funded by the Executive Board.

***ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS***

- A. Regional Divisions-Member schools of the Association shall be divided by the Executive Board into five (5) regions to be known as the Western, Central, Eastern, Northeastern and Southeastern regions.
- B. The constitutions and by-laws of each region shall be subject to the approval of the MASC Executive Board.
- C. No regions shall have the power to take any action binding on the MASC.
- D. Regional Meetings should be held in each of the five (5) districts at least once yearly.

***ARTICLE IX – RULES OF ORDER***

All meetings of the association shall be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order. The assistant Executive Director shall serve as Parliamentarian.

***ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS***

- A. By-laws may be enacted by a majority vote of a delegation at the annual conference and must be approved by the MASC Executive Board.
- B. By-laws can be submitted by any member school in triplicate to the Executive Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

***ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS***

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the member schools at the annual conference of the association, provided that the subject matter of the proposed amendment shall be stated in writing to the member schools at least four (4) weeks before the meeting. An amendment to this constitution may be proposed by any two member schools or by the Executive Board of the Association.