

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (1983)

MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTRY TEACHERS IN LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name and Object

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be "Midwestern Association of Chemistry Teachers in Liberal Arts Colleges."

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to bring together teachers of chemistry in the non-tax supported liberal arts colleges of the North Central region of the United States (Midwest) for exchange of ideas and for general mutual helpfulness in their profession. This region shall be defined as including the states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri, together with areas reasonably adjacent to the borders of the above seven states, not otherwise served by a similar association or agency. These additional areas represent the eastern sections of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.

Article II - Membership

Section 1. Active membership in this association shall include those persons directly associated with the several colleges included within the definition of Article I, Section 2, who have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Executive Council their interest in chemistry teaching and in the purposes and worth of this association. Membership in this association may be retained by the individual at his or her discretion in the event he or she becomes associated with an institution not defined in Article I, Section 2.

Section 2. Honorary membership shall be granted only by a unanimous vote of the Executive Council, and shall be reserved for those persons who have rendered extraordinary service to this Association or who have made especially noteworthy contributions to the improvement of chemistry teaching in the member colleges. Election to honorary membership shall be recognized by the presentation of a specially prepared and individualized scroll. Honorary members may also be Emeritus members as described in Section 3.

Section 3. Any person who has been an active member for 10 years may, upon retirement, request status as an "Emeritus Member" and be excused from further payment of dues but retains all other rights of membership. Such status will be recognized by the presentation of a printed certificate. Such membership does not exclude the person from consideration for honorary membership.

Article III - Officers

Section 1. The general officers of the Association shall consist of the president, president-elect, and secretary-treasurer. The immediate past president shall continue for one year as a member of the Council.

In addition, each state shall have one representative chosen from its own membership. These state representatives together with the three general officers shall constitute the Executive Council. A representative of the host institution for the next annual meeting shall have the privilege of attending Council meetings as a non-voting member.

Section 2. These general officers shall have the responsibilities and duties usually assigned to their respective offices including the arrangement of the annual program, etc. The president shall have the responsibility of appointing committees required for the various activities of the Association.

Section 3. Vacancies in the membership of the Council caused by resignation or death shall be filled by a majority vote of the Council.

Section 4. All matters of general policy must be considered and passed upon by a majority vote of the Council.

Article IV - Meetings

Section 1. There shall be one annual meeting of the Association held on the campus of a college where at least one member resides. The locale of future meetings shall be set at least one year in advance, two years in advance if possible, upon invitation of the host schools. In making the selections, the Executive Council will act with due regard for a good spread of geographical locations from year to year.

Section 2. There shall be at least one session of the Council during the annual meeting period.

Article V - Elections

Section 1. The state representatives shall constitute a nominating committee for a slate of the three general officers to be elected at a final business session of the annual meeting.

Section 2. Opportunity for nomination from the floor shall always be given by the presiding officer at the final business session. In case of a single slate of officers the vote shall be by acclamation. Where competing names are presented for a given office, the vote shall be by written ballot.

Section 3. Each state representative shall be elected for a three year period. The state representatives shall be nominated and elected by a caucus of the state's delegation at the annual meetings, in groupings as specified below.

The grouping of states for election are: Group I: Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Group II: Iowa, Indiana; Group III: Illinois, Michigan.

Article VI - Amendments

Section 1. Suggested amendments shall be submitted in writing to the secretary-treasurer of the Association at least ninety days before an annual meeting. Suggested amendments must be signed by at least five members.

Section 2. The secretary-treasurer will circulate the proposed amendments to all members along with the notices of the annual meeting. Members may file written objections to the amendments with the secretary-treasurer at least ten days before the annual meeting.

Section 3. If no more than ten percent of the members file written objections and if a majority of those present at the annual meeting approve, the amendments shall be adopted.

Section 4. By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of either the Executive Council or the Association.

BY-LAWS

1. Annual Dues. Annual dues shall be two dollars for each member. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Honorary members shall not pay dues. Annual dues may be paid in advance to cover a period of time of no longer than five years.
2. Membership. The active members shall be those whose dues are paid up to date. A member who becomes more than three years in arrears for dues shall be removed from the membership list. Reinstatement with full membership privileges shall require payment of back and current dues, but the assessment for back dues shall not exceed five years' dues.
3. Nominations for state representatives. The secretary in his fall mailing, shall call for nominations for state representatives from those states due to elect state representatives at the annual meeting. Such nominations shall not abridge the right of nominations from the floor.
4. Quorum. Twenty percent of the active members shall constitute a quorum at any business meeting.
5. Guests. At the annual meeting of this Association, members may sponsor a limited number of guests. Invitations to such guests are to be issued only by or with the approval of either the president or a member from the host institution.
6. Registration Fee. A \$4.00 registration fee for annual meetings shall be charged in addition to \$2.00 annual dues. The registration fee for non-members shall be \$6.00. The host institution is authorized to spend up to \$600, excluding postage which will be paid by MACTLAC.
7. Amendments. Amendments to these By-Laws may be adopted by a majority vote at any annual meeting at which a quorum is present.