

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.

Article II - Membership

Section 1. Active membership in this Association shall include those persons who are teachers in direct charge of courses in chemistry as regular faculty members in the several colleges included within the definition of Art. I, Sect. 2. Persons not directly engaged in the teaching of chemistry in such colleges but definitely interested in their program may be elected by a majority vote of the Council to associate membership.

Section 2. Both active and associate members shall have equal privilege of participation in the general meetings of the Association, except that the voting and holding of office shall be limited to the active members.

Article III - Officers

Section 1. The general officers of the Association shall consist of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. In addition each state shall have one representative chosen by its own membership. These state representatives together with the three general officers shall constitute the Council.

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 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 at least one annual meeting of the Association, held on the campus of a college where at least one member resides. This locale shall be set one year in advance upon invitation from the host school and with due regard for a good spread of geographical location 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 an 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 shall elect its representative by nomination and vote of its own group of members present at the annual meeting. *And also*

Section 4. All officers and members of the Council shall assume office at the end of the annual meeting at which they are elected and shall hold office until their successors are elected. *members 4 council members are to be elected, one odd-numbered year 3 council members are to be elected (passed 10-54).*

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.

BY - LAWS

1. Annual Dues. Annual dues shall be one dollar for each member. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.
2. Membership. The active and associate members shall be those whose dues are not more than one year in arrears.
3. Quorum. Twenty percent of the active members shall constitute a quorum at any business meeting.
4. Amendments. Amendments ^{and addition} to these By-Laws may be adopted by a majority vote at any annual meeting at which a quorum is present.