

PRESENT CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTRY TEACHERS IN LIBERAL ARTS
COLLEGES

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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 1, Section 2 who have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Executive Council their interest in chemistry teaching and in the purposes and work of this Association.

Section 2. Honorary membership shall be granted only by 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.

Article III - Officers

Section 1. The general officers of the Association shall consist of the president, president-elect, and 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 Executive 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 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. In making the selection, the Executive Council will act 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 on its own group of members at the annual meeting. On even numbered years, four new Council members are to be elected and on odd numbered years, three new Council members are to be elected.

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 per cent 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 one dollar for each member. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Honorary members shall not pay dues.
2. Membership. The active members shall be those whose dues are not more than one year in arrears. A member who becomes more than one year 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 two years dues.
3. Quorum. Twenty percent of the active members shall constitute a quorum at any business meeting.
4. 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.
5. Registration Fee. A \$1.00 registration fee for annual meetings shall be charged in addition to \$1.00 annual dues. The registration fee for non-members shall be \$2.00. The host institution is authorized to spend up to \$200 for travel expenses and possible honoraria of speakers.
6. Amendments. Amendments to these By-Laws may be adopted by a majority vote at any annual meeting at which a quorum is present.