

CONSTITUTION OF THE MIDWEST ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I. Name and Purposes

1. The name of the organization is the Midwest Economics Association.
2. The purposes of the Association are the advancement of economic knowledge and the economics profession.
3. The Association as such shall not express views on issues of public policy.
4. The Midwest Economics Association is a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II. Membership

1. Any person who is or has been engaged in full-time or part-time teaching, research, or study in the fields of economics and business administration, or who has worked as an applied economist, shall be eligible for membership in this Association.
2. Although it is expected that most of the members have or have had some connection with the Middle West, there is no geographical restriction on membership.
3. Membership is contingent on the payment of annual dues as determined by vote at Annual Business Meetings. If no action on dues is taken the prevailing rate will continue. Payment of dues entitles members to receive all mailings of the Association.
4. Only members and invited guests of the Executive Committee may participate in the Annual Meeting. A registration fee may be prescribed by the Executive Committee, if necessary to assure covering the costs of the Annual Meeting.
5. Annual dues and/or the registration fee may be paid in the ways prescribed by the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE III. Officers and Executive Committee

1. The Association shall have the following officers: President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Each shall have a term of one year, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall have a three-year (renewable) term.
2. In the event of the resignation, inability to serve, or death of the President, the order of succession to the Presidency shall be to the First Vice-President to the Second Vice-President to the most recent available Past-President.
3. If the President-Elect does not assume the office of President, the First Vice-President elected at the same time shall become the President.
4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-Treasurer, the President-Elect, and the immediate Past-President.

ARTICLE IV. Election Procedures

1. Prior to December 1st of each year the President shall name a Nominating Committee for the following year consisting of five Association members. The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the First Vice President and shall include one member of the past year's Nominating Committee and one Past President. By March 1 the Nominating Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee a list of proposed nominees for President-Elect, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. The list must contain more than two proposed nominees for President-Elect, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President.
2. Candidates for President-Elect, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President may also be nominated by petition of at least twenty-five (25) members, the petition to be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by January 1st.
3. From the nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee and by petition of members, the Executive Committee shall select a President-Elect, two nominees for First Vice-President, and two nominees for Second Vice-President. The selection shall be made by the Executive Committee when it meets during the Annual Meeting.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send ballots to the members at least three months before the subsequent Annual Meeting.
5. The completed ballots shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall certify the election results and report them at the Annual Business Meeting. The nominee for each office receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected to that office. Ties are to be resolved by the Executive Committee. The nominees and the Executive Committee shall be notified of the election outcome as soon as possible.
6. The terms of the newly elected officers begin at the end of the Annual Business Meeting of the Association. The term of the Secretary-Treasurer shall begin July 1.

7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee every three years when it meets during the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers

1. The President shall preside at the Annual Business Meeting and the meetings of the Executive Committee. The President shall prepare the program for the Annual Meeting, shall appoint such committees as will facilitate the purposes of the Association, and shall at all times act in consultation with the Executive Committee.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Association, collect and have custody of the funds of the Association, and render a report to the Annual Business Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record of Procedures for the Conduct of the Association (Article V, section 3) and send to each President-Elect, First Vice-President, and Second-Vice President, at the time of his or her nomination, a letter detailing the duties and responsibilities of the office, including supporting materials and dates by which various responsibilities must be carried out. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the Annual Business Meeting, the Executive Committee, and the President shall assign. These duties shall be incorporated in the Procedures for the Conduct of the Association.
3. The Executive Committee shall (a) adopt written Procedures for the Conduct of the Association that are consistent with the Constitution, (b) determine the time and place of Association meetings, (c) be responsible for the use of the Association's funds, and (d) perform such other duties as the members at the Annual Meeting or by mail ballot shall assign to it.
4. The Association may reimburse members of the Executive Committee for the expenses of their attendance at only one meeting of the Executive Committee each year.
5. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of four members.

ARTICLE VI. Annual Meetings

1. The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee. A first notice of the time and place shall appear in the program of the prior Annual Meeting. A preliminary program of the Annual Meeting will be made available to members at least three months before the meeting. A copy of the final program will be distributed to those registered members at that meeting.
2. The Annual Business Meeting of the Association shall be a part of the program of the Annual Meeting. The members present at the Annual Business Meeting shall constitute a quorum.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet during each Annual Meeting at some time before the Annual Business Meeting. The newly elected First Vice-President and Second Vice President shall be invited to attend this meeting ex officio.
4. The Executive Committee shall convene one additional meeting during the Fall of each year.

ARTICLE VII. Meeting Procedures

The conduct of all Annual Business Meetings and of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be governed by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED, except as otherwise specified in this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII. Dissolution

Should the Midwest Economics Association ever be dissolved, all remaining assets shall be turned over to the American Economic Association, a non-profit organization. The Executive Committee, at its discretion, may stipulate the use of these funds by the American Economic Association.

ARTICLE IX. Amendments

The Constitution may be amended only in the following way. The proposed amendment shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer at least one month before the Annual Business Meeting which will vote on it. If a majority of members present and voting at the Business Meeting favor the amendment, it shall be submitted to the entire membership for voting by a mail ballot. If a majority of the members voting by mail approve the amendment, it shall become a part of the Constitution.