

THE MIDWEST MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

Constitution

I. NAME

The name of the association shall be THE MIDWEST MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of criticism and research in the modern languages and Literatures. The membership shall be drawn primarily from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person in the said states interested in the purposes of the Association may be admitted to membership by the payment of the annual membership fee, and he may be continued as a member by the payment of the annual dues.

2. Interested persons of other states and countries may be admitted on the same terms **[Delete]**

3. Especially deserving members of the Association and scholars or active patrons of languages and literature who are not members of the Association may be elected to honorary membership at the annual meeting on nomination by a committee on honorary membership, but the number of honorary members shall at no time exceed ten.

IV. OFFICERS

1. The Executive officers of the Association shall be: a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. **[The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and an Executive Secretary.]**

2. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily associated with their offices.

3. The President and the Vice-President shall be elected for a term of one year, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years. All officers shall be elected by the Association at the regular annual meeting. **[The President and Vice-President shall be elected for a term of one year, and the Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a term of five years. The President and the Vice-President shall be elected by the Association at the regular annual meeting.]**

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The administration of the association shall be conducted by an Executive Committee composed of the Executive officers, the retiring President and Vice-President, and four members elected by the association at the annual meeting. **[The administration of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Committee composed of the President and Vice President, the retiring President, and four members elected by the Association at the annual meeting. The Executive Secretary shall attend these meetings without a vote.]**

2. The four elected members of the Executive Committee provided for in Section 1 of this article shall serve for two years, two members to be elected each year.

3. The Executive Committee shall be selected so as to be as widely representative as possible of the cultural groups in the Association.

4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing a slate of nominees to the officers to be elected at the annual meeting.

5. A majority shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

6. The Executive Committee shall have particular responsibility for suggesting the means of keeping activities of the Association responsive to the needs of the membership. It shall make appropriate proposals from time to time to insure that the Association achieve and maintain a position of leadership. To carry out this end, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to use whatever resources may be at its command.

7. The Executive Committee shall make a report of its activities each annual meeting, and its policies and actions shall be subject to the direction and approval of the Association.

VI. MEETINGS

The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall determine.

VII. PROGRAMS

1. The Vice-President shall be responsible for the coordination of the programs for the annual meeting. **[The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the President and Vice President shall be responsible for the coordination of the programs for the annual meeting.]**

2. The program for each section shall be arranged by its chairman, who shall be elected by the section at the annual meeting. The section chairman shall submit his program to the Vice-President at least three months before the annual meeting. **[The program for each section shall be arranged by its chairman, who shall be elected by the section at the annual meeting. The section chairman shall submit his**

program to the Executive Secretary at least three months before the annual meeting. Section speakers shall be members of the Association.]

VIII. THE JOURNAL

1. As soon as practicable, the Association shall publish a journal which shall be the outlet for the best scholarship and criticism by members of the society.

2. The Journal shall be under the supervision of a board of five editors. The Chief Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a term of four years. The four associate editors shall be chosen by the Executive Committee for terms so four years. The terms of the four associate editors shall be arranged so that one editor shall be selected each year. **[Article VII reduced to: Subject to the approval of the membership at the annual meeting, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the publications of the Association.]**

IX. AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to this constitution shall first be approved by the Executive Committee. They shall then be submitted to the next annual meeting of the Association. A majority vote shall be required for ratification. Any proposed amendment having as many as ten signatures must be submitted to the Executive Committee for ratification. **[Proposed amendments to this constitution shall first be approved by the Executive Committee . They shall then be submitted to the next annual meeting of the association. A majority vote shall be required for ratification. Any proposed amendment having as many as ten signatures and submitted at least a month before the annual meeting must be presented by the Executive Committee to that meeting for action.]**