

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
MISSOURI BROADCAST EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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Believing that broadcast educators are a unique and important resource to help meet growing and complex educational and institutional needs on all levels; that broadcast educators stimulate meaningful educational, intellectual, and applied learning experiences; and that broadcast educators serve various institutional and industry interest in the state of Missouri.

We do, therefore, hereby establish the Missouri Broadcast Educators Association to encourage and coordinate educational and instructional activities related to broadcast education to the end that the benefits therefrom may have the greatest possible effect on broadcast education in Missouri.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Missouri Broadcast Educators Association.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a focus and forum for encouraging excellence in broadcast education among the many academic institutions engaged therein in the state of Missouri, and to help broadcast educators achieve the highest standards of quality and excellence.

The aims and objectives of this organization shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To promote broadcast education in the state of Missouri.
2. To serve as a liaison or coordinating unit among member faculty and institutions, related organizations, state and federal organizations and agencies.
3. To provide assistance and evaluation of work for promotion and tenure decisions.
4. To assist faculty members in their development as media professionals and educators.

In striving to accomplish these objectives, the Association shall in no way interfere with the local autonomy and flexibility of its member institutions.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classification and Voting Privileges of Membership:

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| Institutional Members | 1 vote |
| Individual Members | 1 vote |
| Honorary or Associate Members | no vote |

Section 2. Revocation of Membership:

Membership of any institutional or individual member in the Association may be revoked by 75 percent of the total voting membership.

ARTICLE IV

ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. This Association shall be administered by elected officers as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Officers: The officers of the Association shall be those duly authorized and elected in accordance with the By-Laws. The duties of the Association officers shall be those usually pertaining to such offices and such additional duties as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

BY-LAWS

The Association, through its voting membership, may enact By-Laws for its own governance not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Association shall be guided by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised on all points not expressly provided for in this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as designated in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS

This Constitution and any By-Laws promulgated thereunder are to be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the state of Missouri.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of voting members of the Association at any Association meeting.

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit all such proposed amendments in writing to the membership of the Association at least 30 days prior to the date of balloting.

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

The classes of membership shall be:

Institutional Member: limited to public and private accredited schools of higher education in the state of Missouri which offer a regular course of study in broadcasting and/or the electronic media. Evidence of such course of study shall consist of degree requirements and/or catalog descriptions as regularly published by the institution.

Individual Member: limited to faculty members who teach on a full-time basis for an institution which would otherwise qualify for institutional membership.

Associate Member: available to equipment manufacturers, providers of services to the broadcasting industry, commercial and noncommercial broadcasters, cable system operators, and other similar groups.

Honorary Member: awarded to individuals who might make outstanding contributions to broadcast education, who might retire from an individual or institutional membership, or whom the Association might wish to honor for some reason.

ARTICLE II
ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Classification, Number and Election of Officers:

No person shall be qualified to serve as an officer of this Association unless such person is the authorized representative of an institutional Member or be a duly qualified individual Member of the Association. The Officers shall consist of three persons, each of whom is elected from an at large slate. Officers shall serve for a term of two years. The Members shall elect the Officers, including a President who shall serve as chairperson, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms. The President of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Broadcasters Association may appoint a liaison to the MBEA.

Section 2. General Power:

The Members shall determine the policies of the Association, and the Officers shall have power to manage, operate, and direct the affairs of the Association, do all things necessary to carry out its policies, pursuant to majority ratification of the membership in attendance at a regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 3. Membership Meetings:

The Association shall meet two times per year. Special meetings may be called by the Officers or by three members of the Association.

Section 4. Quorum:

One-third of the voting members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Officer Vacancies:

Officer Vacancies that may occur for any cause shall be filled by an interim appointment by the remaining officers for the remainder of the appointed term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities of the President.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. Election of Officers:

The election of officers shall be at the Fall meeting in even numbered years. Newly elected officers assume their office at the close of said meeting.

Section 2. President:

The President shall be elected by majority vote of the Members. The President shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Association and for carrying out the policies directed by the Constitution and the Association Membership.

Section 3. Vice President:

The Vice-President shall be elected by majority vote of the Association's Membership and shall perform such duties as may be required by the Constitution, or the President of the Association.

Section 4. Secretary-Treasurer:

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by majority vote of the Association Membership and shall perform such duties as may be required by the Constitution or the President of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

Committees shall be appointed at the need and discretion of the Association pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

DUES

Section 1. *The annual dues shall be set by the Association Membership.*

Section 2. Dues must be paid before the first meeting of the new fiscal year to maintain current membership status.

ARTICLE VI

SEAL

The Association shall have a seal of such design as the Membership may adopt.

ARTICLE VII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for the Association shall be July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE VIII

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting shall be held in the Fall Semester of each year at a time and place to be determined by the Membership

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The By-Laws of this Association may be amended by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of voting members in attendance at any meeting of the Association.

Section 2. All proposed By-Laws amendments must be submitted in writing to the membership at least 30 days prior to the date of balloting.