

Constitution of the Muscatine Area Retired School Personnel Association

Amended 2022

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Muscatine Area Retired School Personnel Association” also known as MARSPA.

Article II – Purposes

1. The promotion of the social, educational, and economic welfare of the members. 2. Cooperation with the National Retired School Personnel Association (N.R.S.P.A.) by promoting membership, legislation, national projects, and programs of the national organization. 3. Cooperation with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association (I.R.S.P.A.) and affiliation with the N.R.S.P.A.

Article III – Membership and Dues

1. Any retired school personnel formerly employed in the nation’s schools shall be eligible for membership upon the payment of dues.
2. Shall provide equal opportunity for all Retired School Personnel without regard to race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.
3. State dues are \$15 and set by IRSPA. Local dues are \$10 and set by MARSPA. 4. MARSPA may grant HONORARY MEMBERSHIP to a local MARSPA member releasing them from paying local dues.

Article IV – Officers

1. Officers of this organization shall be:
A. President or Co-Presidents
B. Vice President or Co-Vice Presidents
C. Recording Secretary or Co-Secretaries
D. Treasurer or Co-Treasurers
2. All officers shall be elected for a two-year term.
3. Officers are limited to two consecutive terms.
4. The terms of the officers shall begin on July 1 following their elections to office.

Article V – Duties of the Officers

A. President or Co-Presidents

1. Presides at all meetings.
2. Acts as spokesperson for the association.
3. Serves as the liaison to the IRSPA.
4. Will be cosigner of all checks

B. Vice President or Co-Vice Presidents

1. Presides at all meetings when the president is absent.
2. Performs other duties as prescribed by the organization or requested by the president.

C. Secretary

1. Shall be responsible for providing a permanent record and account of the proceedings of the Central Committee.
2. Shall provide administrative support to M.A.R.S.P.A.

D. Treasurer

1. Be one of the required signatures on financial transactions and be provided all financial statements.
2. Prepare a Treasurer's Report for each meeting.
3. Maintain permanent records of monies received and disbursed.
4. Maintain and present a statement of the current financial condition of MARSPA.

Article VI – Meetings

1. The minimum number of regular meetings of this organization is six. Meeting months are September, October, November, April, May, and June.
2. Special meetings may be called as the President or Executive Board deems necessary. 3. Informal social gatherings may take place during January, February, March, July, and August.

Article VII – Amendments

1. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the active members present at a regular or special meeting, provided a written notice of the proposed amendment has been given along with the notice of the meeting.

Article VIII – Nominations and Election

1. Nominations for office shall be made by the Nomination Committee at the April Meeting.
2. Election of officers shall take place at that time.,

Article IX – Scholarship / Awards

1. MARSPA will establish a Scholarship Award to be awarded to a qualified recipient. 2. MARSPA will establish a committee to review scholarship applications, and they shall select the recipient.
3. The name of the recipient will be forwarded to the appropriate school official to be awarded during the Senior Awards Ceremony.
4. Payment of the scholarship will be made when requested by the scholarship's recipient.

Article X – Indemnification

1. Directors, officers, and other authorized volunteers, employees, or agents shall be indemnified against claims for personal and individual liability arising in connection with their positions or service on behalf of the association to the full extent permitted by law.

Article XI – Dissolution

1. Upon dissolution of the MARSPA organization all bills and claims must be paid. Any remaining funds shall be distributed to any recognized non-profit organization.