

Gulf States Math Alliance Bylaws

Article I – General

Section 1 – Name

The name of this Organization shall be the Gulf States Math Alliance (GSMath)

Section 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Gulf States Math Alliance is to promote the study of mathematical sciences at the undergraduate and graduate level in the Gulf States region, particularly among the underrepresented groups within the region defined below in Article II.

Section 3 – Inurement of Income

No part of the net earnings of the Gulf States Math Alliance shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, the executive board or other private persons except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Section 4 – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Gulf States Math Alliance, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Gulf States Math Alliance, donate all remaining funds to the National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences.

Article II – Membership

The membership of the Gulf States Math Alliance shall consist of any faculty member or mathematics department that is or has been affiliated with the National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences who is willing to promote the mission and purpose of the Gulf States Math Alliance encompassing the states of Louisiana, Mississippi or Texas.

Article III – Executive Board

Section 1 – Executive Board

The Executive Board will consist of five members with the goal of at least one representative from each of the three states (TX, LA, and MS). These members will serve for a period of four years with elections held at the Gulf States Math Alliance Conference traditionally held in February. Each year shall begin in March and end in February. As long as an executive board member is duly elected, there is no limit to the number of consecutive terms that s/he can serve.

President – The President will be responsible for organizing dates and agendas for regular Executive Meetings. The President will maintain communication with National Alliance. Elections for President will take place in Year 1 of the election cycle.

Vice President/Communications Director – The Vice President will be responsible for documenting all meeting minutes and will coordinate webpage updates. The Vice President will be responsible for maintaining the list of active members and universities and communicating with the members. Elections for Vice President will take place in Year 3 of the election cycle.

Treasurer/Advancement Director – The Treasurer will coordinate existing accounts, donations, and funding applications. Treasurer will help with organizing all Gulf States Alliance conferences as well as any additional Alliance Business. Elections for Treasurer will take place in Year 2 of the election cycle.

At Large Members – The two At Large Members will help with organizing all Gulf States Alliance conferences as well as any additional Alliance Business. Elections of At Large Members will take place in Year 3 and Year 4 of the election cycle.

If the President is temporarily or permanently unable to perform the duties of the office the Vice President shall have and exercise the powers of the President. Or in his or her absence the Treasurer, or in the Treasurer's absence the longest serving At Large Member.

Section 2 – Nominations and Elections

Gulf States Alliance members who have been active in the Alliance for at least 2 years can be nominated to the Executive Board. Any Alliance member can nominate themselves or another Alliance member for an available position prior to January 1. Elections will take place at the annual Gulf States Alliance Conference, and arrangements will be made for members to vote who cannot attend the conference in person.

Section 3 – Conference Organizer

Faculty members from the University organizing the Gulf States Math Conference will be invited to attend Executive Board meetings for a two year period to include the year before the conference and the year of the conference.

Section 4 – Quorum

At least four members of the executive board shall constitute a quorum. This can be met in person, virtually or by email.

Section 5 – Adverse Interest

In the determination of a quorum of the executive board the adverse interest of an executive board member shall not disqualify the executive board member or invalidate his or her vote.

Section 6 – Meetings

The Gulf States Math Alliance will meet twice a year. The fall meeting of faculty members of the Gulf States Math Alliance will meet virtually during the Field of Dreams Conference traditionally held in November. The spring meeting will be held at the Gulf States Math Alliance Conference traditionally held in February. Special meetings can be scheduled as needed.

The Executive Board members will meet virtually no less than quarterly.

Section 7 – Removal/Vacancies

An executive board member shall be subject to removal, with or without cause, at any time by the executive board. An executive board member who is absent without cause from four consecutive regular meetings shall be considered resigned from his or her position. Any vacancy that occurs whether by death, resignation, removal or any other cause shall be filled by the executive board.

Section 8 – Committees

The executive board may appoint from its members a committee or committees, temporary or permanent, and designate the duties, powers and authorities of such committees.

Section 9 – Dues

Collection of dues will be at the discretion of the executive board when needed.

Article IV – Legal

Section 1 – Seal

The Gulf States Math Alliance shall have a seal that will be affixed to all instruments executed by the Gulf States Math Alliance.

Section 2 – Nondiscriminatory Policy

The Gulf States Math Alliance will consist of members of any gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin. The Gulf States Math Alliance does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its programs

Section 3 – Interpretation

The executive board and are the sole body of the Gulf States Math Alliance to interpret the bylaws.

Section 4 – Compliance of State and Federal Laws

In case of a conflict existing between the bylaws here and either the U.S. Federal laws or the State laws of Texas, Louisiana or Mississippi, the articles in conflict should comply with the Federal laws.

Article V – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the executive board. Proposed amendments shall be made available by the executive board to all members at least fifteen days prior to the time of voting.

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