

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – ST. LOUIS  
RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION**

**Article I – NAME**

The name of this organization is “The University of Missouri-St. Louis Retirees Association”.

**Article II – PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this Association to support the educational programs of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and promote the welfare of its retired staff and faculty. It shall also strive to enhance the image of UM-St. Louis in the local and state communities.

**Article III – MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Regular Member:** Any retired employee of UM-St. Louis may become a member of the Association by paying the yearly or lifetime dues. A member is eligible to vote, to hold office, to participate in the affairs of the Association and to receive all communications of the Association.
2. **Associate Member:** Any of the following persons may become an Associate Member of the Association by paying the yearly dues. An associate member may participate in the activities of the Association, serve on committees and receive all communications of the Association. Persons eligible for Associate Membership are:
  - (a) The spouse of a regular member.
  - (b) The surviving spouse of a regular member.
  - (c) Any other person who expresses interest in joining the Association and receives the approval of the Board of Directors.

**Article IV – INCORPORATION**

The Association is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Missouri.

**Article V – OFFICERS**

There will be four officers of the Association as described below. Each officer must be a regular member of the Association. Each officer serves a two-year term and may be reelected at the pleasure of the membership. Terms should be staggered so that two officers are elected each year.

- (a) **President.** The president is the presiding officer of the Association and of the Board of Directors (see article VI) and is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The president appoints members of all committees subject to the approval of the Board of Directors unless otherwise provided for.

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- (b) **Vice President.** The Vice-president shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the president. The Vice President shall be responsible for membership recruitment.
- (c) **Secretary.** The secretary shall be responsible for the records of the Association and shall maintain records of all official meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors.
- (d) **Treasurer.** The treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of all financial records of the Association, prepare an annual financial report and prepare other financial reports as directed by the Board of Directors.

## **Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors consists of the officers of the Association, the immediate past president of the Association and six additional regular members of the Association elected by the regular members in attendance at the annual spring meeting. Each director shall serve a two-year term. Terms should be staggered so that three directors are elected each year. Each board member may be reelected at the pleasure of the membership.

The Board of Directors' duties and responsibilities are as follows:

- (a) To formulate and recommend policies of the Association;
- (b) To direct the activities of the Association between annual meetings;
- (c) To recommend for the approval of the membership the assessment of dues that are necessary to finance the activities of the Association;
- (d) To approve the appointment of members of all committees.

## **Article VII – MEETINGS/ELECTIONS/VACANCIES**

There will be an annual meeting of the Association held in the spring at which time officers and board members of the Association will be elected and other business of the Association will be conducted. Any vacancies which occur between annual meetings, other than that of president (see Article V, b), shall be filled by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors. Such appointments will run until the next regular annual meeting.

## **Article VIII – AMENDMENTS**

The constitution may be amended by a majority of those regular members attending a duly called meeting, provided all regular members have been notified of the proposed amendment at least 21 days in advance of the vote.

## **Article IV – DISSOLUTION**

In the case of the dissolution of the Association, all funds must be transferred to the general scholarship fund of UM-St. Louis.