



University of Missouri-St. Louis
The Student Electronic Media Professionals' Association
Constitution



Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the University of Missouri-St. Louis Student Electronic Media Professionals' Association (SEMPA).

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Student Electronic Media Professionals' Association shall be to provide a forum by which students who are interested in broadcasting can share goals, expertise, and talent in an academic atmosphere that facilitates the enhancement of their knowledge, skill and experience with respect to the broadcast profession.

Article III. Membership

- A. Membership is open to all students and faculty and staff engaged in teaching, enrolled or employed by the University of Missouri-St. Louis who are interested in developing their knowledge and skills in the use and exploitation of electronic media.
- B. Membership is maintained by support of the goals and objectives of the Association, attending at least 70% of the organization's meetings and formal functions, and by paying membership dues as established by a majority vote of the membership.

Article IV. Officers

The president of the organization shall be elected from the student membership in attendance at the first formal meeting in the Fall, not later than September 30, by a majority vote and serve for a one-year term. An individual may not serve as president for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

The vice president is a student in good standing elected by a majority vote of the membership in attendance and will serve for a one-year term.

The treasurer is a student in good standing elected by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at the first meeting of the fall semester and may serve up to three (3) one-year consecutive terms.

The secretary is a student in good standing elected by a majority vote of the membership in attendance and serves for a one-year term from the time of election.

Article V. Meetings

- A. The Association shall hold regularly scheduled meetings to conduct business pertinent to the mission of the organization and to provide seminars, workshops, field trips and other activities to further the professional and social development of its membership.
- B. General meetings shall be called each month during the academic year except for December and May. Additional meetings for specific objectives may be called as needed to conduct business or provide services for the membership.
- C. Meetings may be called by any member of the Executive Board which consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary provided that at least two full weeks notice is given to the members. Two or more general members may request that the Executive Board call a special meeting for specified business. The Executive Board may meet as need dictates.
- D. A quorum shall be defined as 30% of the membership in good standing.

Article VI. Advisors

- A. Advisors to the Association must be an employed faculty or staff member under contract with the University of Missouri-St. Louis that includes teaching.
- B. The advisors have continuous terms as long as they are duly employed by the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Advisors may be terminated by a 70% vote of the Association members in good standing.
- C. Advisors may be selected by nomination from the membership and a 75% confirmation vote by the members in good standing and/or appointed by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- D. Advisors may apply for a non-voting membership in the Association.

Article VII. Ratification and Amendments

- A. This constitution is ratified by a two-thirds majority of the founding membership.
- B. Amendments may be made to the constitution by a two-thirds majority vote provided the amendments are distributed to the membership at least four weeks prior to discussion and action. A one-time call to table may be made to extend deliberation for 30 days.



The Student Electronic Media Professionals' Association By-Laws



I. Membership

Membership is open to students, faculty, and staff of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and who meet the requirements specified by the Constitution. Interested individuals may apply by completing an application form specifying interest, identifying mechanisms of contact and pledging to foster the purposes and goals of the Association. A 70% attendance of all formal meetings is required. Members may resign at any time but with no remuneration or return of dues or other contributions, physical, cognitive, creative, monetary or in-kind.

A member may be expelled from the Association with no compensation of any nature based on incongruencies between the member's actions and the purposes and objectives of the Association by a vote of 70% of the membership.

II. Dues

Membership dues shall be in the amount of \$15.00 per academic year to be paid annually and due by the second Monday in November.

III. Officers

- A. The President shall call meetings to order and preside as prescribed by the Constitution and By-laws. The President shall provide leadership that facilitates the goals and purpose of the Association and represent the Association in a professional and positive manner in interacting with other administrators, leaders, groups, agents, and media.
- B. The Vice-president shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- C. The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Association and shall make disbursements as required in the affairs and business of the Association as approved by the Executive Board and shall keep a detailed record of such disbursements.
- D. The Secretary shall keep a written record of the history of activities and business of the Association.

IV. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of elected officers with the President presiding. It shall approve financial transactions and shall assume responsible for business accredited to it by the general membership.

V. Committees

Committees will be formed as needs arise and may be initiated by the President, Executive Board and/or at business meetings by the general membership.

VI. Order of Business

1. Call to Order by the President
2. Introductions of Members and Guests
3. Consideration of Minutes of Past Meetings by the Secretary
4. Announcements by the President
5. Committee Reports
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

VII. Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, will be the procedural guidelines. The rules may be suspended by a unanimous vote of a quorum.

VIII. Amendment Procedures

Amendments to the Constitution can be made by a two-thirds vote of the membership for adoption. The By-Laws can be changed by a simple majority for passage unless specifically stated differently elsewhere.

Notices of proposed changes for the Constitution and By-Laws must be made to all members at least 30 days prior to discussion and action. Voting on amendments may be tabled once for a maximum of 30 days to be taken on proposed By-Law changes. A two-week notice must be given to the membership for action prior to action.