

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. The name of the Association shall be The Michigan Association of Medical Examiners (MAME).

ARTICLE II. The object of this association shall be to foster the highest professional standards in the performance of the duties of the county medical examiners of Michigan. To this end, the Association will produce educational materials and hold scientific meetings, provide a forum for the discussion of professional and managerial issues, and provide information concerning the medical examiners to county and state administrators and legislators and to the general public.

ARTICLE III. Since the function of the county medical examiner is the practice of medicine, and since the law requires that the county medical examiners be licensed in Medicine or Osteopathy, The Principles of Ethics of these professions shall apply. In addition, every member shall strive for strict scientific accuracy in reports and testimony.

ARTICLE IV. *MEMBERSHIP.*

Section 1: Professional Membership in this organization shall be open to physician pathologists, county medical examiners, non-pathologist county medical examiners, and pathologists who perform autopsies for county medical examiners or who are active in other areas of forensic pathology.

Professional Membership will be extended to persons holding a Doctorate Degree in an allied field related to medico-legal investigation and with an established relationship to a medical examiner system, such as toxicology, forensic dentistry, or forensic anthropology.

All Professional members are eligible to vote and to hold office.

Section 2: Associate Membership shall be open to physicians, dentists or anthropologists who are in accredited post-graduate training programs (e.g., residency, fellowship). Professional Members who are no longer affiliated with a medical examiner system may also apply for associate member status. Associate Members may attend all scientific, social and business sessions of the organization, but are not eligible to vote or hold office.

Section 3: Student Membership is open to anyone who is currently enrolled in a variety of programs. This includes, but not limited to: medical school, forensics, criminal justice, pathologists' assistant/pathology, nursing, physician assistant, and police academy. Student members are eligible to attend all scientific, social and business sessions of the organization, but are not eligible to vote or hold office.

Section 4: Persons seeking membership in any category shall submit a written application, provided by MAME, indicating their official titles and/or their involvement in the activities of the county medical examiner.

ARTICLE V. *AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION.*

Section 1: Affiliate membership will be open to individuals within the medical examiner system who are not otherwise eligible for membership under Article IV.

Section 2: Affiliate members of MAME must be recommended for membership by the Medical Examiner responsible for their professional activities.

Section 3: Affiliate members are eligible to attend all scientific and social sessions of the organization. They may also attend organization business meetings and are eligible to vote, with the exception of By-laws changes.

ARTICLE VI. *OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.*

Section 1: The management of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee consisting of eight to ten (8-10) members. Two of the positions will be filled by Affiliate Members as described in Article V, with the remainder being filled by Professional Members.

Section 2: Executive Committee members are selected by MAME members, with elections to fill Executive Committee vacancies occurring at the annual meeting, and each Executive Committee member serving a term of 3 years, to commence on January 1 of the new year. Nominations can be submitted by members of any category in advance of the meeting to the Secretary, or can be made from the floor.

Section 3: No members of the Executive Committee may serve more than 3 consecutive 3-year terms.

Section 4: The President of the affiliates (Michigan Society of Death Investigators) and an additional affiliate member at large will serve on the executive committee and have voting rights, to include By-laws changes.

Section 5: At the time of each annual meeting, the Executive Committee will elect one of its members to serve as its Chairperson and President of the Association, who will serve for one year, to commence on January 1 of the new year. The Chairperson\President will serve one-year terms but may repeat in office if so elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 6: The Executive Committee will elect one of its members, or another member of the Association, to serve as Treasurer/Secretary and membership chairperson. The Treasurer/Secretary shall keep the membership rolls, minutes, and the financial records of the Association and serve as the corresponding secretary. The Treasurer/Secretary shall serve one-year terms but may repeat in office if so elected by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer/Secretary shall give a report of the financial status of the Association to the general membership at each annual meeting.

Section 7: The Executive committee will select one of its members, or another member or affiliate member of the Association, to serve as Editor of the Newsletter, if deemed appropriate to have such a publication, and\or Webmaster of the MAME website.

Section 8: The Executive Committee shall act as the credentials committee.

Section 9: The President and the Secretary will serve as delegates to the House of Delegates of the Michigan State Medical Society. In the event that both are unable to fulfill this duty, an alternate will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII. *COMMITTEES.* The President shall appoint such committees as may be advisable to conduct the affairs of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII. *MEETINGS.*

Section 1:

A. An Annual Fall meeting will be planned at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall direct, preferably during the months of September, October or November.

B. The annual meeting will consist of a program of professional and/or managerial topics presented by members or invited speakers. The President of the Association will designate a program chairperson for the annual meeting.

C. The annual general business meeting with elections, reports, discussions and actions on topics presented by the Executive Committee and by the general membership is to take place during the Annual Fall Meeting.

Section 2: After the general business meeting, the Executive Committee shall meet to select its officers and committees.

ARTICLE IX. *FINANCES.*

Section 1: Each year the annual dues will be established by recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: Expenditures will be approved by the Executive Committee and will include such items as meeting expense, communication with members, professional management expenses, and managing the MAME website, and distributing a newsletter if so desired.

ARTICLE X. *VOTING.*

Section 1: Quorum For the purposes of voting at the annual business meeting, a quorum is defined as members eligible to vote and present at the annual business meeting.

Section 2: Vote to Pass.

A. When a quorum is present at an annual business meeting, a majority of votes cast is sufficient for the adoption of any motion.

B. If voting outside of the context of the annual meeting, including voting that occurs by electronic means, a majority of votes cast is sufficient for the adoption of any motion.

ARTICLE XI *AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.*

Section 1: Any Member eligible to vote may request a change to these By-laws by submitting such proposal to the Executive Committee at least 3 months prior to the annual business meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer must notify the membership of the proposed change by written communication at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting. At the next annual business meeting the amendment may be adopted by simple majority vote of Members eligible to vote and present. Affiliate Members are not eligible to vote on By-law change amendments.

ARTICLE XII *DUES.*

Section 1: Annual dues are due each January with an additional 6-month grace period, through the end of August. Any member whose dues are in arrears may keep active membership by paying within that calendar year. Membership will be considered lapsed in January after the year of non-payment of dues. Lapsed membership will be reinstated simply with payment of dues for the current year. But after three consecutive years of lapsed membership, membership will be reinstated with reapplication and dues payment for the year of this reapplication.

ARTICLE XIII *REVIEW AND ADOPTION.*

These By-Laws amendment will be presented in writing to the membership at least 45 days before the annual meeting. At the annual business meeting, they can be adopted by simple majority vote of the Professional Members and Executive Committee present, to take effect immediately.

ARTICLE XIV *PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.*

In all matters not covered by its constitution, bylaws, and standing rules, this organization shall be governed by the current edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarian Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

Amended

October, 1988

October, 1993

October, 1994

September, 1996

October, 2001

November, 2016

November, 2021

November, 2022

October, 2023